

MEDIA ALERT

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Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D., to be Inaugurated as Georgian Court University President

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY INVESTITURE CEREMONY AND INAUGURAL WEEK: OCTOBER 16-22, 2015

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Reporters and photographers are invited to the following events. Questions can be directed to Tara Strickland, at 732-987-229 or tstrickland@georgian.edu.

WHAT:

Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D. will be inaugurated as the ninth president of Georgian Court University on October 16. Events scheduled throughout the week will celebrate the inauguration and explore the theme, "Answering the Call: Transformation Through Catholic Education."

WHO/WHEN/WHERE:

<u>Inaugural Mass, 12 p.m., led by The Rev. David M. O'Connell, Bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, Friday, Oct. 16; GCU campus</u>

<u>Ceremony & Investiture, 2:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m., Wellness Center Arena, Friday, Oct. 16;</u> <u>GCU campus</u>

- Joseph R. Marbach, Ph.D., president, will be inaugurated;
- The Most Reverend Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., bishop of the Diocese of Trenton, will deliver greetings and invocation;
- Louesa M. Lardieri-Wright '75, chair of the GCU Board of Trustees will lead the ceremony.
- Three Sisters of Mercy who are former presidents, S. Maria Cordis Richey, S. Barbara Williams and S. Rosemary E. Jeffries, Ph.D., will offer remarks & advice.
- Invited guests, presidents of other universities throughout the region, and the GCU community will attend.

Food & Children's Books Collection, daily through October 22

• GCU students, faculty and staff will drop off donations throughout the week.

Breakfast for Dinner with the President, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Raymond Hall Dining Room, Wednesday, October 21.

• Dr. Marbach and his family and members of the Cabinet will cook and serve breakfast for dinner to students, faculty and staff.

RESOURCES:

- Schedule of the week's events: http://georgian.edu/inauguration/
- Hi-res still photos will be available at https://brandfolder.com/marbach
- Streaming video link made available the day of the event, 10/16

SOCIAL:

- Fun facts See GCU on Facebook/GeorgianCourtU
- Follow Dr. Marbach @DrJosephMarbach on Twitter
- Follow inaugural events @GeorgianCourt on Twitter

Founded in 1908 and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, Georgian Court University is Central and South Jersey's only Catholic university. GCU is a comprehensive, coeducational university with a strong liberal arts core and an historic, special concern for women. As a forward-thinking university that supports diversity and academic excellence, Georgian Court expands possibility for more than 2,200 students of all faiths and backgrounds in 31 undergraduate majors and more than 10 graduate programs. The main campus is located at 900 Lakewood Avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey, on the picturesque former George Jay Gould estate, a National Historic Landmark. Georgian Court also serves students at New Jersey Coastal Communiversity in Wall and through multiple online certificate and degree programs.

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