



Joy Viceroy

Graduated: 2017

Degree(s): MLM



Alumni Profile

Career Timeline (before and after MLM)

Aug 2009 - July 2014:
Various Roles of
Leadership - St Mary's
College, Notre Dame

June 2013 - June 2015
House Director, House
of Brigid, University of
Notre Dame

Aug 2017 - May 2020
Music and Choral
Director & co-ordinator
of Liturgy - Church of
the Resurrection,
Rochester Minnesota

What do you currently do?

I most recently was the Music and Choral Director and Coordinator for a Parish in Rochester, Minnesota. I was in charge of all the musical aspects of the liturgy as well as the other liturgical aspects. In addition to planning music, scheduling rehearsals, cantor training etc. I was also responsible for the training and formation of lectors, Eucharistic ministers and I worked very closely with both priests of the Parish in planning this. However, as of May 2020, I decided to move back to Ireland to get married. I am open to many different opportunities either at the Diocesan level, a school, or even another area of Church life. I think St Patrick's College has really prepared me for this.

How do you think a degree from SPCM prepared you for today's modern world?

For me, Globalisation is a buzz word out there, especially in universities in the United States. It's the idea that you have to go away and you have to experience more of the world. I would say in the last twenty years with the rise of social media and the rise of technology the world has gotten smaller. We have access to the world in ways we didn't

use to before. The idea of formally studying at an Irish University formally, was logically the next step for me in terms of globalisation. I had to learn how to adapt to new cultural and social ideas. Not only was I receiving this first class education, but I was also honing skills to adapt myself to wherever life would lead me.

What do you remember most from your time at St Patrick's College, Maynooth?

I was a member and section leader of the Maynooth University Chamber Choir and therefore I was very lucky to experience the best of both worlds. This experience gave me the opportunity to go on a trans-world tour of America and China, as well as allowed me to meet a lot of people from different walks of life. In terms of SPCM itself, it would be the lecturers who stand out for me, particularly my two primary lecturers, Dr John O'Keeffe and Prof Liam Tracey. Each lecturer really took the time to get to know me, to understand what I was studying and wanted to research, and helped me to achieve my goals. They never told me 'no' or discouraged me in any way.

What advice would you give to someone who is considering a degree at SPCM?

I would absolutely say don't worry too much about, 'Where will this lead me?', but more, 'How will this prepare me for where I am going? For me, yes I was doing a Master's degree and I was pretty focussed on what I wanted to do with my life. My journey to St Patrick's was very special. It helped me with my personal growth. But, just because you're studying theology, it doesn't have to restrict you. It can prepare you in other ways to be in a field that uses those same values and skills. If you enjoy intellectual discussion and learning philosophies, a degree at St Patrick's will prepare you in so many areas that you might not even realise.

And lastly, if you could describe your time at SPCM in a phrase or a few words, what would they be?

Happiness, Laughter and Growth.



Above: Joy pictured with friends from the Maynooth University Chamber Choir in San Francisco during their trans world tour.

Below: Joy pictured at her graduation November 2017

