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*Graduation Address
delivered by*

Major Deborah Robinson

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THE CEREMONY of conferring degrees and awarding diplomas and certificates is a time-honoured ritual performed at universities throughout the world. It is the moment when awards are formally made, and is a celebration of the achievements of the graduands.

Graduation ceremonies at the University of Divinity celebrate the academic excellence of our students, honour our collegiate structure and reveal the richness of the many Christian traditions which shape our identity.

THE UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY promotes the highest standards of scholarship in theology, philosophy and ministry. Through scholarship, the University aims to address the issues of the contemporary world. Founded in 1910 as the Melbourne College of Divinity, the University has a long history of pursuing and achieving these aims.

All students and staff join the University through one of its Colleges. Based in the Australian cities of Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney, each College is a unique learning community that contributes to a theologically diverse and rich culture of scholarship at the University.

Through the Colleges, the University is supported by thirty partners in the churches and religious orders. These include the Anglican, Baptist, Churches of Christ, Coptic Orthodox, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Salvation Army and Uniting Church traditions.

The University's work is further resourced by the Office of the Vice-Chancellor, which provides support to the Colleges and the University's Council and Academic Board.



The University Mace, dedicated 2017



WELCOME.

TONIGHT WE GATHER AT THE PLATFORM, PERTH,
TO WITNESS THE GRADUATION OF 17 STUDENTS.

On behalf of the Council of the University, I am delighted to welcome each graduand to tonight's ceremony. We honour your academic achievements in theology, education, and ministry.

At this ceremony, each of you becomes a member of the alumni community of the University of Divinity. Our alumni are found in every corner of the globe, serving their churches and communities in extraordinary ways. As you join them, I trust that you will draw more on your attributes as a graduate of the University, as you continue to learn, articulate, communicate, engage and serve.

I thank all who have come tonight in support of our graduands, including family, friends, colleagues, and members of the University Council and the staff of its Colleges. Your support is invaluable to our graduands and to the University as a whole as it seeks to address the issues of our contemporary world through critical engagement with Christian theological traditions.

Dr Graeme Blackman AO FTSE FAICD

BD 1993, MTheol 2006

Chancellor





OUR VISION

Together we empower our learning community to address the issues of the contemporary world through critical engagement with Christian theological traditions.

OUR MISSION

We fulfil our vision through:

- excellence in learning, teaching, and research;
- growth of our resources and capacity; and
- engagement with the churches and community in Australia and internationally.

OUR GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

1. LEARN

Graduates are equipped for critical study, especially of Christian texts and traditions.

2. ARTICULATE

Graduates articulate theological insight and reflection.

3. COMMUNICATE

Graduates communicate informed views through structured argument.

4. ENGAGE

Graduates engage with diverse views, contexts and traditions.

5. SERVE

Graduates are prepared for the service of others.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Major Deborah Robinson is the Corps Officer at The Salvation Army Corps in Perth, Western Australia.

A passionate Christian leader, Deborah is acknowledged within The Salvation Army as one who is committed to the empowerment and encouragement of others.

Deborah is committed to the power of community and journeying together, as well as having a fervent desire to help people find the skills and knowledge they desire to make a difference in the world around them.

Deborah has held various leadership roles within the Salvation Army, with her most recently being Principal of Eva Burrows College. She is currently studying a Master of Leadership with Asbury Seminary in Kentucky, USA.

Major Deborah Robinson

BTh, DipTheol

Corps Officer, The Salvation Army, Western Australia

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Please stand for the procession

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS AND WELCOME

Reverend Dr Andrew Menzies

Deputy Chancellor

OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Dr Andrew Menzies

SCRIPTURE READING

Ingeburg Monica Dell'Antonio

Master of Education and Theology 2020

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8, 11-13

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

Response: **Thanks be to God**

PRAYERS

The prayers are led by graduands from Catholic Theological College, St Athanasius College and Stirling Theological College.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



GRADUATION ADDRESS

Major Deborah Robinson

MUSIC

Psalm 100 (Enter In)

People and Songs, Joshua Sherman, Charity Gayle and Steven Musso

GRADUATION

The Vice-Chancellor, **Professor Peter Sherlock**, certifies to the Deputy Chancellor that all graduands have completed the requirements of their awards.

FOLLOWING THE GRADUATION

CAMPOLO AWARD

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Mikaela Grace Stewart

Diploma in Theology 2020

CONCLUSION AND FINAL PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

Reverend Dr Andrew Menzies

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Please stand for the procession

AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Presenter **Professor Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor**

Ingeburg Monica Dell'Antonio *Master of Education and Theology*

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Presenter **Professor Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor**

Luke Richard van der Mark *Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry*

Jun David Zem Datiles Diaz *Bachelor of Theology*

Daniel James Meers *Graduate Diploma in Theology*

ST ATHANASIUS COLLEGE

Presenter **Professor Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor**

Barakat Bishir Wassef Kelid *Diploma in Theology*

STIRLING THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Presenter **Professor Peter Sherlock, Vice-Chancellor**

Megan Raelenne Ashman *Diploma in Theology*

Cleon Terry Baker *Diploma in Theology*

Suzanne Patricia Bell *Diploma in Theology*

Lauren Faith McLean *Diploma in Theology*

Mikaela Grace Stewart *Diploma in Theology*

Sandra Chien Yee Lim *Graduate Certificate in Theology*

Caroline Flint *Master of Counselling*

Anne-Marie Petrus Y Roelandt *Master of Counselling*

Janice Mei Jiuang Yeo-Marsh *Master of Counselling*

TRINITY COLLEGE THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL

Presenter **Professor Peter Sherlock**, *Vice-Chancellor*

John Deng Geu *Diploma in Theology*

Galal Angalo Bashir *Bachelor of Theology*

WHITLEY COLLEGE

Presenter **Professor Peter Sherlock**, *Vice-Chancellor*

Andrew Thuan-Heng Lee *Master of Theology (Coursework)*





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