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# Nursing Pledge Ceremony



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## Class of 2026

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6 p.m. | Marillac Auditorium

# PROGRAM

## Nursing Pledge Ceremony

The Nursing Pledge Ceremony is a symbolic event that represents the students' transition into their clinical rotations. During this ceremony, students will receive their clinical stethoscopes and commitment pins and recite the nursing pledge to dedicate themselves to provide compassionate, humanistic care for their patients as they continue their educational journey to becoming registered professional nurses.

## Student Nurse Pledge

As a St. John's University student nurse dedicated to providing the highest quality care and services, I solemnly pledge that I will

- Act in a compassionate and trustworthy manner in all aspects of my care.
- Apply my knowledge, life experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure the best outcomes for all persons.
- Exercise sound professional judgment while abiding by legal, moral, and ethical standards.
- Aspire to be a lifelong learner to continue a spirit of inquiry and achieve optimal competence.
- Promote, advocate, and strive to provide safe, equitable, and respectful person-centered nursing care to all.
- Provide innovative and evidenced-based care to the diverse communities we serve.
- With this pledge, I accept the duties and responsibilities that embody the nursing profession.
- I take this pledge voluntarily, with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

## Blessing of the Hands

- Blessed be these hands that touch life.
- Blessed be these hands that feel pain.
- Blessed be these hands that embrace with compassion.
- Blessed be these hands that uphold the dignity of the vulnerable.
- Blessed be these hands that labor without recognition.
- Blessed be these hands that support the work of others.
- Blessed be these hands that create, comfort, and caress.
- Blessed be these hands that make a difference while making a living.
- Blessed be these hands that are connected to the heart and spirit.
- Blessed be these hands that serve in the journey toward health and wholeness.

*Vocation:* From the Latin, *vocare*, meaning "to call."

*"Your vocation in life is where your greatest joy meets the world's greatest need."*

—Frederick Buechner (1926–2022), writer and Presbyterian minister

## Welcoming Remarks

**Francine Laterza, Ed.D., R.N., PNP, CNE**

*Chair, Department of Nursing  
Associate Professor/Industry Professional  
St. John's University*

## Invocation

**Rev. Hugo Medellín, C.M. '05C**

*University Chaplain  
St. John's University*

## Keynote Speaker

**Joanna Villamayor, D.N.P., R.N., NEA-BC, CCRN**

*Director of Nursing  
Nursing Professional Development, Academic Partnerships  
NewYork-Presbyterian Queens*

## Presentation of Stethoscopes and Pins

**Regina Cardaci, Ph.D., R.N., CNM**

*Associate Professor  
Department of Nursing  
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**Margaret Hickey, M.S.N., R.N.**

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## Nursing Pledge

**Carolyn Moglia**

*Student, Class of 2026  
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## Closing Remarks

**Cathleen Murphy, D.C.**

*Associate Dean, Health Sciences Programs  
St. John's University*