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**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Loyola Marymount University (LMU) Weekend Retreat at The Midnight Mission**

**WHO:** 28 students and staff members from Loyola Marymount University (LMU) with Student Leaders Matt Parsons, Joe Coleman and Haley Fletcher

**WHAT:** 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat on Skid Row

This 2 day retreat includes sleeping on the floor of TMM's gymnasium, rising early to serve our guests each morning, spending time with residents at the Cardinal Manning Center and the Catholic Worker, touring Skid Row with LAPD's Senior Lead Officer Deon Joseph and attending TMM panels on careers in human services and personal recovery stories.

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 to Saturday, October 14, 2017

**WHERE:** The Midnight Mission, 601 S. San Pedro St., LA, CA 90014

**WHY:** Service to others is an essential element of LMU's mission, and every year members of the university's student body, faculty and alumni volunteer hundreds of thousands of hours to nonprofit organizations around Los Angeles. LMU students actively engage with the community as part of the university's mission to encourage learning, educate the whole person, and engage in the service of faith and the promotion of justice.

The student body has embraced, supported and advocated for TMM for many years. We have had students serve meals and tutor at our after school programs. We are regular guests at LMU campus events that raise awareness of homelessness and poverty. We welcome LMU as part of our family and cherish being part of theirs.

**About Loyola Marymount University (LMU):** Located between the Pacific Ocean and downtown Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University is a comprehensive university offering 56 major programs, 38 master's degrees and a doctoral degree in education from four colleges, two schools and Loyola Law School. Founded in 1911, LMU is ranked fourth in "Best Regional Universities/West" by U.S. News & World Report. LMU is the largest Catholic university for undergraduates on the West Coast with nearly 5,800 undergraduate students and more than 3,000 graduate and law students. For more LMU news and events, please visit [www.lmu.edu/news](http://www.lmu.edu/news)

**About The Midnight Mission:** Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission offers paths to self-sufficiency to men, women and children who have lost direction. Our emergency services and 12-step recovery, family living, job training, education and workforce development programs offer a compassionate bridge to achieve and maintain healthy, productive lives. We remove obstacles and provide the accountability and structure that people who are experiencing homelessness need to be productive in their communities. Our conviction and commitment to their success define us. For additional information, please visit [www.midnightmission.org](http://www.midnightmission.org).