Student Lasallian Commencement Address December 2013 Presented by: JoEllen Steinberg

Good afternoon, members of the Board of Trustees, Brother James, honored guests, faculty, staff, fellow graduates, parents, family and friends.

Christmas is right around the corner, and since I did graduate from the Culinary Institute of America in 1995, I believe it is appropriate for me to share a recipe with you. Let's say we are going to bake a gingerbread house from scratch instead of buying one of those pre-made kits. Think about this. This gingerbread house needs a strong foundation, and the walls and roof need a strong support so that the house does not topple over. If the walls and the roof are too weak, they might crack. And if the frosting that binds everything is too thin, it will not hold the pieces together. Now to make this gingerbread house look professional we need to be careful how we decorate it, not too simple, not too gaudy. You see, the careful preparation and thought th

heart and provided valuable advice and assistance to help me make my transition as an adult student. Thanks to faculty like Br. Armand, Bob Bergman, Dr. Frank Rose, Dr. Christie Billups, Dr. Dave Anderson and Lisa O'Toole, I stayed inspired, motivated, and on track to graduate.

In one of my first classes, "Introduction to Radio Broadcasting," our instructor, John Carey, threw out the challenge to break the current standing record on our radio shows to stay on air for longer than 72