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Photography Book Highlights Humanity of 22 Jesuits at Loyola Marymount University

Emmaus: The Nature of the Way

LOS ANGELES, CA — February 10, 2017 — Announcing the launch of *Emmaus: The Nature of the Way*, a photography book featuring 22 Jesuit priests who live on the campus of Loyola Marymount University. The book, created by LMU alumni Chris Yates '16 and photographed by Robert Macaaisa '14, was begun in 2015 with the goal of highlighting the humanity of the priests, as their human distinctiveness is all too often lost in the eyes of society.

The idea originated with Yates, director of the project, who befriended many of the LMU Jesuits when he was an undergraduate student at LMU. To him, the Jesuits were more than just priests — they came to take on the roles of mentors, spiritual directors and friends. “This project grew out of a passion for photography and a desire to tell the stories of not only the LMU Jesuits but of what I experienced in getting to know these great men,” Yates explained. “Their stories are experiences that anyone can relate to, which may be unexpected to others. Their stories are what make this project so special.”

William Fulco, S.J., a participant and member of the Jesuit community, said, “Usually the members of the Jesuit Community are seen for what they do rather than who they are, a perspective corrected by this book: *Emmaus*.”

“The authors made us willing to share what is intimate to us, our hopes, faith, world-views. The photography is so revealing that even those of us in the Jesuit community learned something about one another by viewing their portraits, things we had never noticed before.”

The book is being published by Tsehai Publishers and The Marymount Press Institute with a release date of May 13, 2017. For further information, please visit natureoftheway.org.

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About Chris Yates: Chris Yates is a recent alumnus of Loyola Marymount University. He graduated in 2016 with a B.A. in screenwriting with a minor in archaeology. As an LMU student, he was deeply involved in LMU’s Campus Ministry program, through which he developed close relationships with the Jesuits on campus. Originally from Highlands Ranch, Colorado, he is currently participating in a year of postgraduate service in Chicago with Amate House, serving the poor and marginalized. He is passionate about photography and giving voices to those who are on the margins of society.

About Robert Macaaisa: Robert is an alumni of Loyola Marymount University, where he graduated with a B.A. in Film and Television Production. He is currently working in Los Angeles, CA as a professional portrait photographer, serving clients throughout the state.