



# Congratulations

CATHOLIC  SCHOOL

# Graduates of 2019

Top, Cardinal Hayes High School senior Dennis Bujan Jr. beams with excitement as he accepts his diploma and congratulations from Cardinal Dolan at St. Patrick's Cathedral June 1. Principal William Lessa is at left.

Left, the senior class of St. Barnabas High School in the Bronx joins the cardinal on the steps of the parish rectory May 31.

# XAVIER

## HIGH SCHOOL

## CONGRATULATIONS

TO *the*

## CLASS OF 2019

Joshua Dylan Abella  
Dylan Thomas Abernethy  
Matthew Christopher Accardo  
Robbie Akleh  
Dylan Harley Alexander  
Matthew Alongi  
Luke Ancona  
Conor Anderson  
Nikolas Gerard Angilletta  
Jonathan D. Angle  
Joseph Thomas Anicich  
Anthony Joseph Annunziato Jr.  
Emmanuel Antonio Aquino  
Gregory Paul Auteri  
Marc A. Awikeh  
Christian Bachez  
Christopher James Barker  
Anthony Michael Barone  
John Spiro Baroudos  
John Kirke Bartley  
Kevin T. Bartnett  
Julian Francis Bastianello  
James Francis Beaudette  
Giovanni Bernie  
Jack Henry Berquist  
Brandon K. Bishunauth  
Harry Blakeley  
Bryan Matthew Gerard Bostwick  
Connor Francis Bradwisch  
Brendan Thomas Buckley  
Robert Ian Buckley  
Vincent Anthony Buono  
Jack Gerald Byrne  
James Christopher Byrne  
Sean Carlos Cabrera  
Joshua A. Campoverde  
James George Capetanakis  
Marco Myller Caramanico  
David Miguel Carames  
John Kenneth Casey  
Sean P. Caulfield  
Henry Ceffalio  
Jeremi William Chylinski  
Luca Bernard Cioffi  
Alfred John Cirelli  
Ariel Cobena  
Anthony B. Coccimiglio  
Benjamin Jason Coco  
Declan Owen Coles  
Kevin Francis Connelly

George Oliver Cooke  
Patrick Ryan Cooney  
Dillon James Cortez  
Joseph Cosenza  
Brendan Christopher Cottingham  
Ioan Catalin Cozma  
Jakub Czaplicki  
Neil Angus De Jesus  
Christian Patrick Deem  
Matthew Gerald DeFalco  
Nicoló S. Del Negro  
Demetrios Demetriades  
Christian T. De Riggs  
Anthony Joseph DeTorfini  
Kiga D. Dewatshang  
Donovan Joseph DiDonato  
Donato DiGiacomo  
Rocco Giuseppe Dioguardi  
Christopher Carmine DiSomma  
Elijah Ian Dove  
Conor Henry Downing  
Matthew Patrick DuBois  
Nelson Elgue  
Kevin Joseph Erhard  
Nicholas Ciro Fadelici  
Marcus J. Faigelman  
Marti C. Farre-Regincos  
Devin James Farrugia  
Alexander D. Faust  
Andrew Nicholas Faust  
Eugenio Fiorindo  
Ryan Francis Fitzgerald  
Anthony James Flynn  
Richard John Fodera  
Matthew S. Frankel  
Victor Fucci  
Salvatore J. Fusco  
Christopher M. Gallagher  
Arthur Robert Gange  
Elias Ethan Garcia  
Shi Yuan Ge  
Philip V. Gerena  
Charles Anthony Ghossein  
Dylan M. Glowski  
Charles Davis Goell  
Robert Alexander Gonzalez  
Parker J. Gooden  
Nasser Aaron Grant  
Jerzy Andrzej Gregorczyk  
Milton Enrique Guzman

Valery Gwardyak  
Aidan Halstead  
Ryan Edward Hastings  
Stephen A. Hoey  
Robert Edward Hollywood  
Thomas William Horrigan  
Liam Fitzpatrick Hulbert  
Adriel C. Jeffery  
Joshua Anthony Jimenez  
Nicholas Oate Keolamphu  
John Paul Keyes  
S. Thomas Knoff Jr.  
Christian Matthew Korchma  
Peter L. Kujawski  
Ares Jakob Lacugna  
Alexander LaForest  
Michael LaForte III  
Daniel La Morte  
Nunzio Samuele Lanza  
John H. Lavelle  
Jason James Lee  
Trevor McEvoy Lee  
Daniel J. Lehmann  
Leander J. Letizia  
Raphael J. Litwin  
Raul E. Lorenzo  
Ian Joseph Lui  
Matthew Shanahan Lynch  
Quinn N. Lynch  
Joseph John Macchiarola  
Lucas Spencer MacDonald  
Jack Carter Maes  
Matthew J. Maher  
Martino Fidelis Malielegaoi  
Joseph Anthony Maratea  
Ptryk Markowski  
Cristian O. Martinez-Aguirre  
Jack Martorano  
Maximilian Vincent Matassov  
Liam Donovan McAllister  
Brendan Bernard McCaffrey  
Matthew Anthony McCarthy  
Thomas Joseph McCusker  
Oisin Patrick McDonagh  
Travis A. McKenzie  
Joseph Colby Medina  
Brandon Thomas Melio  
Julian A. Memmo  
Ryan Jack Messer  
Gregory Anthony Mills

Claudio M. Mirasoli  
Thomas William Monahan  
Terence Vito Moriarty  
Nikola Angelo Morović  
John Joseph Mullally  
John Stephen Mullen  
Timothy Joseph Murnan  
Christopher James Murphy  
Evan M. Murphy  
Ryan Murphy  
Patrick J. Murtagh II  
Giancarlo Nastasi  
Julian Rey Navarro  
Marius C. N'Diaye  
Matthew Gabriel Nemeh  
Peter Richard Nemeh  
Kerry Brogan Neville  
Patrick James Nilan  
Jason Niola  
Michael Martin O'Brien  
Michael Robert O'Brien  
Aldayr Ochoa  
Michael Luis O'Hagan  
Nicholas P. Orsini  
James Mitchell Owen  
William James Palazzolo  
Kevin M. Pape  
John Joseph Pasquerella  
Craig Michael Pazarecki  
Drew D. Pearlstein  
Mario H. Pedernera  
Matthew J. L. Pegno  
Ramses Peña  
Michael Petrosino  
Lucky R. Plath  
Prisco J. Pocius  
Anthony Ralph Pollari  
Joseph Fortunato Prestigiacomo  
John Salvatore Prestipino  
Brandon A. Prete  
John Patrick Quigley  
Thomas W. Quirk  
Anthony Raneri  
Faris Sanguil Rassac  
Sean P. Reilly  
Julian Avery Reiss  
Esteban Santiago Rivera  
Mitchell Benjamin Robinson  
Eric Rodriguez  
Andrew Joseph Rogers

Marcello G. Roselli  
William Robert Rugai  
Christian James Ruiz  
Stephen Michael Ryan  
Nathan Salter  
Patrick John Scariano  
Joseph Martin Schlafer  
Michael Francisco Schuy  
Nicholas Joseph Sudo Sclafani  
Paul Sheehan  
Ridley Mozart Shehata  
William R. Shelton  
Michael P. Sison  
Aidan Conlin Smith  
Matthew James Sorace  
Jordan R. Sosa  
Terence Robert Strehle  
Alexander Reilly Stuhr  
Jake N. Swenson  
Giovanni Mario Tafuri  
Gaetano Anthony Tagliaferro  
Jonathan Tavarez-Vega  
Lucas W. Tavoulaareas  
Peter N. Tedesco  
Francis Joseph Thomas  
Mykola Pawlo Tkachenko  
Max Ian Tobin  
Gabriel Torres  
Joseph Scott Cavada Trocio  
Daniel F. Tumminello  
Patrick Joseph Tunney  
Dermot Edward Tuohy  
Vito G. Vaccaro  
Christian Tyler Venditti  
Nicholas V. Vennitti  
Jose Ventura Jr.  
Daniel Drew Vittiburga  
Luke C. Vogrin  
Brion L. Wade  
Cavan Waldron  
James Michael Walsh  
John Francis Walsh  
Andrew Oskar Weaver  
Langston Kee Williams  
Nevada David Williams  
Justin P. Wilson  
Jonathan Matthew Wong  
Seymour A. Yarovoy  
Cole J. Zamora  
Jacob Alexander Zayas



## The Tradition of Jesuit Excellence Continues



A PARTIAL LISTING OF THE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2019 HAVE BEEN ADMITTED

American University · U. of Arizona · Baruch College · Bentley University · Binghamton University · Boston College · Boston University · Brandeis University · Bucknell University · U. of Buffalo  
U. of California, Berkeley · U. of California, Los Angeles · Canisius College · Carleton College · Carnegie Mellon University · Case Western Reserve U. · Catholic University · College of Charleston  
Clarkson University · Clemson University · Colgate University · U. of Colorado, Boulder · U. of Connecticut · Connecticut College · The Cooper Union School · Cornell University · Creighton University  
U. of Dayton · U. of Delaware · Dickinson College · U. C. Dublin · Drexel University · Elon University · Emory University · Fairfield University · Fordham University · Georgetown University  
George Washington University · Gonzaga University · Hamilton College · Hawaii Pacific University · Hamilton College · Hobart & William Smith C. · College of the Holy Cross · Indiana University · Iona College · Ithaca College ·  
James Madison University · John Carroll University · Johns Hopkins University · John Jay College · University of Kentucky · Kenyon College · Lafayette University · Le Moyne College · Lehigh University · Long Island University · Post · Loyola Marymount  
University · Loyola University Chicago · Loyola University Maryland · Loyola University New Orleans · Macalester College · Macaulay Honors Program · Manhattan College · Marist College · Marquette University  
U. of Maryland, College Park · U. of Massachusetts, Amherst · McGill University · U. of Miami · Miami University (Ohio) · U. of Michigan · Michigan State University · Middlebury College · U. of Minnesota · U. of Mississippi  
College of Mount Saint Vincent · Muhlenberg College · U. of New Hampshire · U. of New Haven · College of New Jersey · New Jersey Inst. of Tech. · New York University · Northeastern University · U. of Notre Dame  
Nova Southeastern University · Oberlin College · The Ohio State University · U. of Oregon · Pace University · Pennsylvania State University · Providence College · Purdue University · Quinnipiac University Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.  
U. of Rhode Island · U. of Richmond · Rochester Inst. of Tech. · Rutgers University · Sacred Heart University · U. of San Diego · U. of San Francisco · Santa Clara University · Savannah College of Art & Design · School of Visual Arts  
U. of Scranton · Seton Hall University · Siena College · Skidmore College · U. of South Carolina · U. of Southern California · Southern Connecticut State · St. Bonaventure University · St. John's University · St. Joseph's University · St. Louis University  
St. Peter's University · Stevens Inst. of Technology · Stony Brook University · SUNY Albany · SUNY Buffalo State · SUNY Cortland · SUNY Geneseo · SUNY Maritime · SUNY New Paltz · SUNY Oswego · Syracuse University · U. of Tampa  
Temple University · Texas A & M University · Texas Christian University · Tufts University · Tulane University · Union College · Universita Bocconi · University College Dublin · U.S. Air Force Academy Prep · U.S. Military Academy  
U.S. Naval Academy · Utica College · U. of Vermont · Villanova University · U. of Virginia · Virginia Tech · Wagner College · West Virginia University · College of William and Mary · U. of Wisconsin, Madison  
College of Wooster · Worcester Polytechnic Institute · Xavier University · York College

# Class of 2019

## Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Each year, Catholic New York salutes the hard work and dedication of seniors graduating from Catholic high schools in the archdiocese. The valedictorians and salutatorians of each school are recognized for their academic achievements in the listings below. If a school does not use those designations, and instead has student speakers, they are noted. Also listed is the number of graduates of each high school.

### Academy of Mount St. Ursula, the Bronx

St. Philip Neri Church, 3025 Grand Concourse, the Bronx  
Saturday, June 8, at 10 a.m., 66 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Konstantina Sgolombis  
**Salutatorian:** Rosemary Perez

### Albertus Magnus High School, Bardonia

Tom Collins Gymnasium (on campus)  
May 30, 117 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Mary Rose O'Connor  
**Salutatorian:** Nicholas Anthony Fisher

### All Hallows High School, the Bronx

St. Patrick's Cathedral  
June 1, 126 graduates  
**Valedictorians:** Elijah Diaz and Andres Valenzuela  
**Salutatorian:** Steven Contreras Torres

### Aquinas High School, the Bronx

Fordham Preparatory School Theater, the Bronx  
May 31, 75 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Martina Amate Perez  
**Salutatorian:** Amelia Maria Quezada

### Archbishop Stepinac High School, White Plains

Archbishop Stepinac High School  
May 23, 204 graduates  
**Valedictorians:** Patrick Austin III and Jiayan Liang  
**Salutatorians:** Matthew Alamon and Mario Colon

### Cardinal Hayes High School, the Bronx

St. Patrick's Cathedral  
June 1, 228 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Andy Lin  
**Salutatorian:** Laert Sallaku

### Cardinal Spellman High School, the Bronx

Lehman College Performing Arts Center, the Bronx  
June 1, 332 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Walter Ohams  
**Salutatorian:** Massiel Javier

### Cathedral High School, Manhattan

St. Patrick's Cathedral  
June 5, 140 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Rossena Peteva  
**Salutatorian:** Kayla Valentin

### Convent of the Sacred Heart, Manhattan

Brick Church, Manhattan  
Tuesday, June 11, at 4 p.m., 52 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Fiona Calcagnini  
**Salutatorian:** Isabella Cruz

### Cristo Rey High School, Manhattan

St. Cecilia's Church, East Harlem,  
Friday, June 7, at 4:30 p.m., 82 graduates



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**DYNAMIC DUO**—Valedictorian Abraham Castillo and salutatorian Jason Williams led the 135 graduates in the Class of 2019 at St. Raymond High School for Boys in the Bronx.

**Gold Award:** Rashaun Edwards

**Silver Award:** Joelis Paula

### Dominican Academy, Manhattan

St. Vincent Ferrer Church, Manhattan  
May 31, 34 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Veronica Mimi Lee  
**Salutatorian:** Kayla Ellena Thomsen

### Fordham Preparatory School, the Bronx

Fordham University Lombardi Fieldhouse  
May 29, 238 graduates  
**Student Speaker:** Jackson C. Goodman

### Iona Preparatory School, New Rochelle

Iona College, New Rochelle  
May 23, 158 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Matthew Hono  
**Salutatorian:** John Curanaj

### John A. Coleman Catholic High School, Hurley

School auditorium  
Saturday, June 8, at 11 a.m., 35 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Michelle Moughan  
**Salutatorian:** Jonathan Wright

### John S. Burke Catholic High School, Goshen

Mount St. Mary College, Newburgh  
June 1, 100 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Anna Henderson  
**Salutatorian:** Jennifer Lawless

### LaSalle Academy, Manhattan

St. Patrick's Cathedral  
Thursday, June 6, 7 p.m., 73 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Kristian Olvera  
**Salutatorian:** Christopher Sanchez

### John F. Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers

St. Joseph's Church, Somers  
June 1, 144 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Eileen Cooney  
**Salutatorian:** Patricia Curtin  
**Invocation:** Anthony Sanseverino

### Loyola School, Manhattan

St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, Manhattan  
May 31, 52 graduates  
**Student speakers:** Chandler Naylor and Mary Elizabeth Nacion

### Maria Regina High School, Hartsdale

Maria Regina High School  
May 30, 138 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Margaret Chiara  
**Salutatorian:** Emily Cioppa

### Marymount School of New York, Manhattan

St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Manhattan  
June 4, 61 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Aubrienne Krysiewicz-Bell  
**Salutatorian:** Gwyneth Bernier

### Msgr. Farrell High School, Staten Island

Msgr. Farrell gymnasium  
May 25, 174 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Erik Kaiser  
**Salutatorian:** Joseph Broghe

### Msgr. Scanlan High School, the Bronx

St. Helena's Church, the Bronx  
May 31, 120 Graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Matthew Dela Cruz  
**Salutatorian:** Ama Achampong

### Moore Catholic High School, Staten Island

International Christian Center, Staten Island  
June 1, 113 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Lea Delacruz  
**Salutatorian:** Alexis Percia

### Mount St. Michael Academy, the Bronx

Richard J. Tricario Sports Center (on campus)  
June 1, 143 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Stephen Crespo  
**Salutatorian:** Antonio Corrado



# CARDINAL SPELLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Where boys and girls with dreams become men and women of vision

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019!

Vincenzo Antonio Agovino, Jr.	Brianna Lyn Brown	Joseph N. DelGrosso	Camilla Anjelica Graham	Angela Marie Lando	Francesca Muccio	Anissa M. Rivera	Mark Williams Tejada
Joy Agyemang	Paul Brown	Daniel Vincent DeMartis	Nalima Gramboute	Njoba Laye	Matthew John Muñoz	Madison Rivera	Anyah Chanel Thomas
Andrew Thomas Alessandro	Joshua S. Burnett	Alexa Marie Cajigas	Akili L. Greene	Hannah Reanna Legister	Dominique Vincent Murphy	Sabil C. Robinson	Ryan Russell Thomas
Amer F. Ali	Lucas J. Cala	Brianna Lisette Diaz	Gabrielle Andrea Gregory	Gabrielle Danisha Lennard	Thomas J. Nguyen	Janiece Ariana Robles	Alexis Julianno Tigua
Amanda Alicka	Wayne George Anthony Callender	Courtian Brianna Dixon	Kaitlyn Ninoska Guity	Brianna Marie Levy	Vincent Nguyen	Caitlin Rodriguez	Gabriella Nicole Tinelli
Allan A. Alvarez	Jodiann Abby-Gail Campbell	Konstantina Douvris	Melissa Nisa Gunraj	Shengbin Li	Shirley K. Nicasio	Elizabeth Rodriguez	Giovanna Tolbert
Kristian E. Alvarez	Taina G. Edmond	Joachim Vryan I. Elegado	Johnny Ha	Natalia Liccese	Serenidy Sierra Nieves-Rios	Marco Anthony Rodriguez	Kamryn Jayda Tommy
Bridgett T. Amoateng	Rohanna Peyton Sanaa Campbell	Jadé-Ann Dominique Ennis	Mawiyah Akilah Hacker	Isaura E. Linares	Laila Gianna Nuñez	Jada Brianna Rogers	Joshua Michael Toohey
Yosvanny Andreu	Vanessa Capistran	Jevonnii S. Escoffery-Pothemont	Chelsea Monica Hall	Rosemary Antonia Llauger	Adetayo Oduyayo	Fabian Romano	Tiffany N. Toro
Magdalene Enyonam	Christopher O'Neil Cardenas-Benavides	Hilary M. Espinal	Allana Ashley Hamilton	Josmeyri Lora	Walter Ohams	Alex Khai Rosa, III	Phoenix Torres
Alora Anumah	Nichole K. Carillo	Jessica R. Facey	Gregory P. Hamilton, II	Alanah Alexis Lorenzo	David E. Okeke	Zoe G. Russell	Gabriel E. Trinidad
Briana M. Aponte	Zoilo A. Carmona	Tyler Zachary Fairclough	Kemar Perez Hernandez	Rebecca Makenzie Lubelli	James Olivares	Nicolas M. Sacco	Ghavindra S. Tulshi
Letizia Marie Apruzzese	Nicholas T. Carrasquillo	Tatiana Aixa Falu	Alyssa M. Hill	Cesar Jaron Lugo	Rebecca Lyn Olmedo	Rudy Daniel Salcedo	Kevin Ukaj
Mia Marie Aquino-Márquez	Breanna B. Carty	Caitlin H. Faughnan	Niki Hormovas	Salvatore G. Maida	Emmanuel Olugbeko	Matthew D. Saldana	Oscar A. Uribe
Justin Arce	Melanie Marie Casado	Christian David Felix	Denzel Jordan Howden	Eric Anthony Martinez	Madison C. Onate	Nadia D.Chandaneer	Emily Lelani Valerio
Aziel Arias	Alex Casamassima	David Feliz	Meki T. Howell-Browne	Albert B. Mason	Natalia Opoku	Samaroo	Marques Cameron Van Dwayne
Mercy Oluwafunmise Arijesudade	Camille A. Casanas	Maxine Elizabeth Figueroa	Ran Hu	Melissa Matamoros	Chelsea M. Ortiz	Sydney Ciara Sampson	Scarlet Rae Vargas
Amani-Janae Arkorful	Reina V. Castané	Joshlyn Zoe Fleischer	Miyoshi Huicochea	Kayana A. Maynard	Noel L. Ortiz	Triston Elvin Sandy	Madyson Alexandra
Reginald Asiamah	Nya J. Castro	Dhamar N. Flores	Shanoy Sashawna Hylton	Kyle D. Maysonet	Rachel Osei	Kiara H. Sanichara	Vasquetelles
Omar Calvin Awartey	Julian Jose Centeno	Madison Elizabeth Fonseca	Brianna Rae Iglesias	Rahul Mazarally	Ryan Matthew O'Sullivan	Erwin Santos	Alanah Gabriella Vasquez
Jesmely Baez	David Gerard Cerbone	Alina Forbes	Rhianna R. Iglesias	Jasmine Leia-Alexandria McCook	Nicholas G. Payne	Nicole Ann Sassone	Justin I. Veith
Joeseoph Angelo Baez	Belen Chavez	Matthew Hector Forti	Gabriella Domenica Ignarra	Zaria L. McCroskey	Megan M. Pecora	Jya M. Sears	Jaylee Velazquez
Rafael Enrique Baez	Nicholas V. Chevere	Raquel M. Francis	Tiana Kailey James	Kenedi Noelle McLane	Christy Nicole Peguero	Angeles Sequeira	Albert Ryan Villalobos
Imani Alexis Bailey	Gabriela Sabrina Chinga	Ann Tonya Jade Jennings	Guicella Jaramillo	Melanie R. McQueen	Trent M. Pennicooke	Johan Severin	Ardi Volaj
Alina Arielle Baksh	Anny Elizabeth Cid	Aliscia Rosemarie Johns	Josaine I. Jarvis	Jason Joshua McWillis	Chelsea Peralta	Azeem M. Shameer	Rasheda A. Wallace
Suanu Gift Barima	Jasmin Iris Colon	David Shawn Johnson	Massiel Javier	Jason A.R. Mendez	Ruchama G. Petit-Frere	Jahajah T. Shaw	Bilyin J. Washington
Taylor Pheonix Barnes	Elijah L. Colón	Jalen Aaron Johnson	Sydney Nyah Jenkins	Emily I. Menendez	Amaris Daniella Pimienta	Leann Shawna Shaw	Christine M. Whelan
Desireè Benee Bell	Nathaniel Maximus Colón	Nyel Xhadu Johnson	AnnTonya Jade Jennings	Frank John Mennona	Nyah Mia Pineda	Lauren Nina Sheehan	Elena Green Wilkins
Justin Vincent Bellantese	Kiani M. Copeland	Jada Marie Jolly	Aliscia Rosemarie Johns	Kasey Maya Middleton	Abigail Brianna Placeres	Juliette Sierra Rojas	Jordan M. Williams
Michael Angelo Ben	Ryan Corniel	Novell D. Jordan	David Shawn Johnson	Priscilla Sirena Mieses	Jayden Amaya Pow	Michael Simoni	Shemar Christian Williams
Rashaun A. Bent	William F. Crean, III	Kutemwa Kasonde	Jalen Aaron Johnson	Josee Katherine Molina	Alissa I. Powell	Dylan Singh	Trinity Reneé Williams
Ardian Berisha	Devonne Steven Croll	Arunroat Keo	Nyel Xhadu Johnson	Miguel A. Molina, III	Lance Troy Powell	D'Andre Sirkissoon	Tiffany T. Wilson
Angela J. Bernard	Amaya Ashli DaCosta	Tianna K. Khourie	Jada Marie Jolly	Nicole Montella	Shyna Quadras	Ciera Queen Smith	Camere S. Wollery
Kevin C. Blades	Roxy Y. Dacosta	Diana Marie Kilgallen	Novell D. Jordan	Cayden Michael Montoya	Arielle Marie Ramirez	Kathleen M. Smith	Mikayla Janae Wray
Mauricia Joanna Blake	Camille K. Davis	Travis D. King	Kutemwa Kasonde	Naomi E. Moore	Jason B. Ramos	Silas A. Smith	Megan M. Wright
Cornell Boakye-Ansah	Kaitlyn Penelope De La Rosa	Mark Anthony Kocaj	Arunroat Keo	Andrew Moreira-Acosta	Katelyn P. Reid	Ylianna M. Soriano	Sualée Cherry Wright
Michael O. Bolaji	Gustavo B. de Souza	Kira Lyric Kurmemaj	Tianna K. Khourie	Arianna Elizabeth Morrison	Gianni Caridad Reyes	Alaisia K Spence	Zaria Michaela Wright
Ariel Brian Bonifacio	Jeremy Delerme	Gabriel Lamboy	Diana Marie Kilgallen	Sereena K. Morrison	Madison Lyn Reyes	Lillian Georgianna Spence	Susagi Naomy Zambrano
Kaitlyn Lee Brandstetter	Nicholas Daniel Delgado		Travis D. King	Caleb Lawrence Mouzon	Tiffany Michele Reyes	Ashley Stor	Gabriel Zanetti
Angelina E. Briggs			Mark Anthony Kocaj		Jada Sidney Richardson	Emma Isabel Sukhoo	Sidorela Zefi
			Kira Lyric Kurmemaj		Melissa E. Richmond	Angel Tafoya	Xin yuan Zhai
			Gabriel Lamboy		Britney R. Rivas	Denene C. Taylor	Michael X. Zheng

## Prayers and blessings on your graduation and for your future!

Class of 2019 Accomplishments:

- \*Awarded over \$42 million in college scholarships
- \*Acceptance into top-tier colleges and universities
- \*Led the Pilots to numerous athletic championships
- \*Completed over 38,000 hours of community service

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## Valedictorians and Salutatorians...

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### **Notre Dame Academy High School, Staten Island**

Notre Dame Academy High School  
Friday, June 7, at 5 p.m., 103 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Julianna Meyer  
**Salutatorian:** Ciara Marro-Wilson

### **Notre Dame School, Manhattan**

The Great Hall at Cooper Union,  
Manhattan  
June 4, 79 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Sarah Trieu  
**Farewell address:** Sarah Delaney

### **Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Poughkeepsie**

Our Lady of Lourdes High School  
June 1, 176 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Albert YuQing Zhu  
**Salutatorian:** Tara Petronio

### **Preston High School, the Bronx**

Preston High School  
June 1, 118 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Ariana Pizzo  
**Salutatorian:** Zenaida Marie Perez

### **Regis High School, Manhattan**

St. Ignatius Loyola Church,  
Manhattan  
June 1, 127 graduates  
**Student speaker:** Jacob Kaiserman

### **Sacred Heart High School, Yonkers**

College of Mount St. Vincent, the Bronx  
May 31, 80 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Liana Acevedo  
**Salutatorian:** Karl Muller

### **Salesian High School, New Rochelle**

Wiegand Center (on campus)  
June 1, 113 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Antonio Ferrer  
**Salutatorian:** Justin Le

### **School of the Holy Child, Rye**

School of the Holy Child

Saturday, June 8, at 3 p.m.,  
54 graduates  
**Student speakers:** Student  
Government President Elizabeth  
Hasfal and Senior Class President  
Grace Gardella.

### **St. Barnabas High School, the Bronx**

School auditorium  
May 31, **Graduation Mass celebrant:**  
Cardinal Dolan, 52 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Briana Allen  
**Salutatorian:** Elizabeth Sheehy

### **St. Catharine Academy, the Bronx**

Salesian High School gymnasium,  
New Rochelle  
May 30, 104 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Leeana Mullamphy  
**Salutatorian:** Amber Rivera

### **St. George Academy, Manhattan**

St. George Ukrainian  
Catholic Church  
Saturday, June 15, at noon  
8 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Yevheniya Solomyana  
**Salutatorian:** Karina Solomyana

### **St. Jean Baptiste High School, Manhattan**

St. Jean Baptiste Church, Manhattan  
May 31, 84 graduates  
**Valedictorians:** Jessica Figueroa and  
Elizabeth Pinos  
**Salutatorian:** Melanie Paquiyauri

### **St. Joseph Hill Academy High School, Staten Island**

On campus grounds.  
Friday evening, June 7, 121 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Kasey Ann Shashaty  
**Salutatorian:** Alexandra Rose  
Matarazzo

### **St. Joseph by-the-Sea, Staten Island**

School gymnasium

June 1, 295 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Kayla Lafferty  
**Salutatorian:** Gianna Ungaro

### **St. Peter's Boys High School, Staten Island**

St. Peter's Boys High School  
Friday, June 7, 7:30 p.m., 127 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Daniel Elkik  
**Salutatorian:** Matthew Verardi

### **St. Raymond Academy for Girls, the Bronx**

St. Raymond Church, the Bronx  
May 31, 51 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Amanda Perez  
**Salutatorian:** Kasey Cambren

### **St. Raymond High School for Boys, the Bronx**

Msgr. Tierney Auditorium, the Bronx  
May 18, 135 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Abraham Castillo  
**Salutatorian:** Jason Williams

### **St. Vincent Ferrer High School, Manhattan**

St. Vincent Ferrer Church, Manhattan  
June 1, 110 graduates

**Valedictorian:** Aldona Chorzepa  
**Co-Salutatorians:** Sophia Harris and  
Kristina Stenstrom

### **The Ursuline School, New Rochelle**

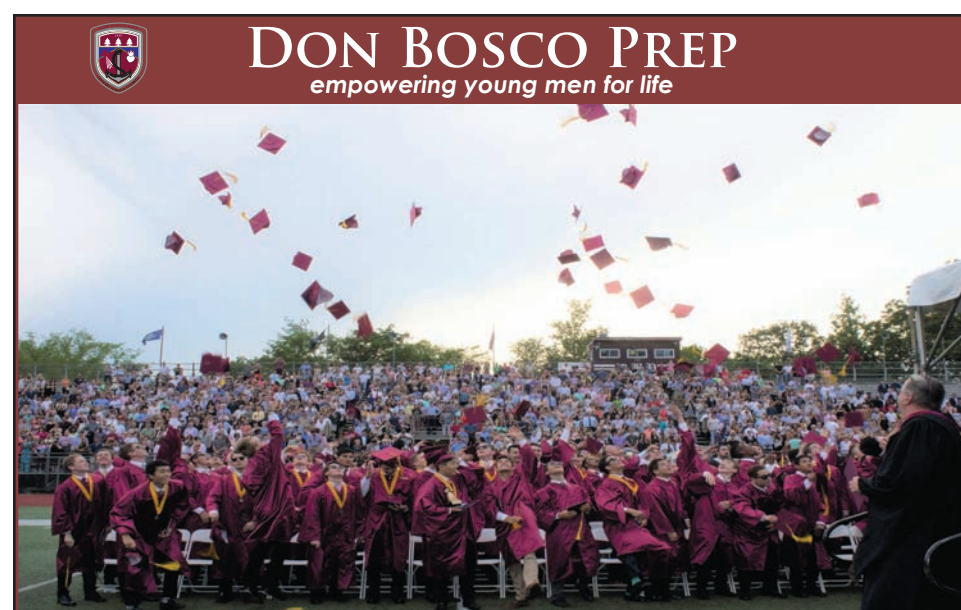
The Ursuline School  
May 24, 180 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Naomi Caiola Koh.  
**Salutatorian:** Jillian Elizabeth  
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### **The Montfort Academy, Mount Vernon**

The Montfort Academy chapel  
Friday, June 7, at 6 p.m., 40 graduates  
**Valedictorian:** Alyssa Seonarin,  
Valedictory address  
**Salutatorians:** Thomas Curro, Joel  
E. Shin Memorial Latin Oration, and  
Stephanie Karam, Salutation  
Greek Oration: Makayla Josiah

### **Xavier High School, Manhattan**

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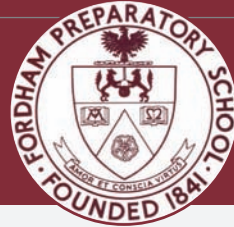


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**CARDINAL HAYES COMMENCEMENT**—Above, Cardinal Hayes High School seniors throw their hats in the air outside St. Patrick's Cathedral June 1 after graduation ceremony inside with Cardinal Dolan. Top right, a student shouts an encouraging word to a classmate. Bottom right, students stand for the national anthem. The Class of 2019 had 228 graduates.

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**ST. BARNABAS GRADUATION**—Far left, seniors enter St. Barnabas High School chapel in the Bronx for the start of the Baccalaureate Mass May 31. Top left, Cardinal Dolan talks to the 52 graduates during Mass. Bottom left, students smile to welcome Cardinal Dolan during the opening procession.





# High School Students Devote Hours to Dorothy Day's Cause



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**SAINTLY ASSIGNMENT**—Father Richard Welch, C.Ss.R., judicial vicar of the archdiocese's Metropolitan Tribunal, discusses decrees and oaths before administering them to, from back right, senior Kayla Irizarry, instructor Aulina Presendieu and senior Christine Llano, all of St. Jean Baptiste High School, Manhattan. The three were each named typist/copyist of the diocesan inquiry of New York's Dorothy Day. At far left is Maria Luisa Rivera, a notary in the tribunal.

By **CHRISTIE L. CHICOINE**

As student transcribers in the diocesan inquiry of Servant of God Dorothy Day, two seniors at St. Jean Baptiste High School in Manhattan have made history.

Christine Llano and Kayla Irizarry were each named typist/copyist of the diocesan inquiry of New York's Ms. Day, as was Aulina Presendieu, sophomore religion instructor and director of library and media resources at St. Jean Baptiste.

Father Richard Welch, C.Ss.R., judicial vicar of the archdiocese's Metropolitan Tribunal who is also Cardinal Dolan's episcopal delegate, signed the decrees (as did a notary) that named the three typists/copyists, and administered oaths of the same, which included a confidentiality component, May 3 at St. Jean Baptiste.

"It was obvious talking to them that they are on fire with the example of Dorothy Day and what they've learned," Father Welch said of Christine and Kayla. "They're transcribing Dorothy Day's own handwritten diaries and letters" and other materials, he said.

"And they are a part of history. What they're transcribing is very important," Father Welch said, "because it becomes

what we call the acts of the cause."

Christine, a 2015 alumna of Sacred Heart School, the Bronx, said she is proud to have been chosen for the endeavor. "Knowing the (canonization) process and how difficult it is, to be a part of it is very surreal. To see a glimpse of everything was very, very interesting. As I learned more about her, I just felt very privileged to be able to do something like this."

Kayla, who graduated from St. Luke's School, the Bronx, in 2015, said she is "very grateful to be a part of this project. It was very exciting. I feel like I learned a lot about her, and the canonization process. I feel very accomplished in a way because...I have done my part."

When the work in New York is complete, it will be transmitted directly to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican in Rome. "That becomes part of the permanent record that will then establish the cause moving forward," declaring Ms. Day venerable, followed by her beatification and sainthood, Father Welch said.

"Like I was kidding with the young girls, this takes many years, but they're young enough that they'll probably be around for the canonization."

He also told them that they should

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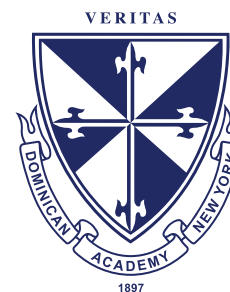


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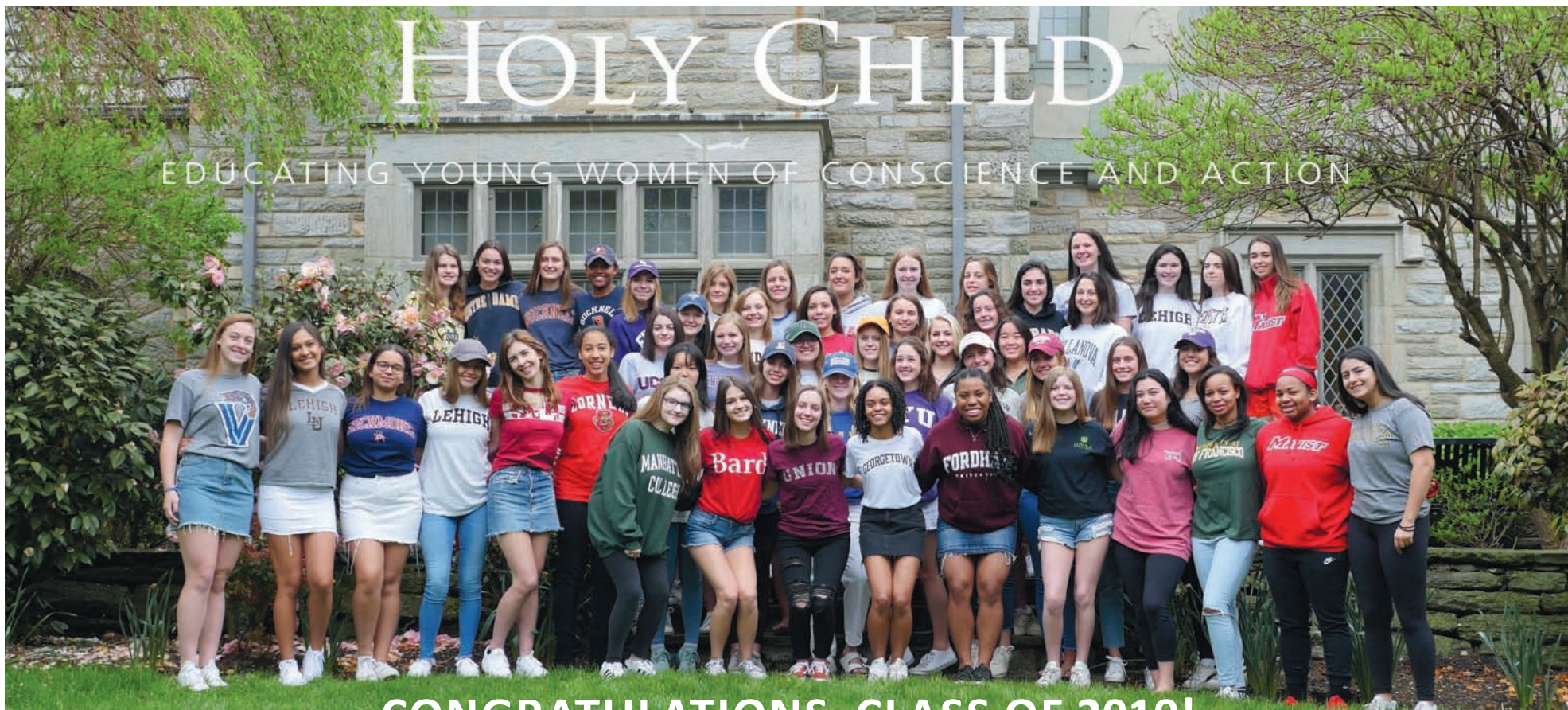
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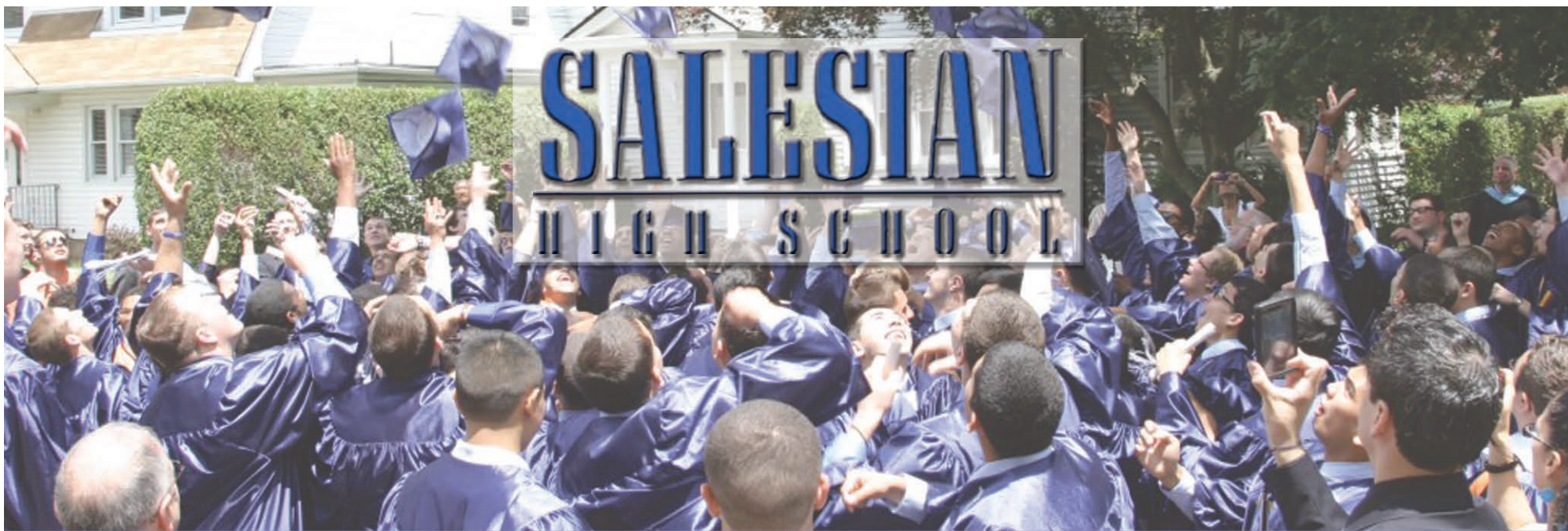
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# Bronx Eighth-Grade Graduates Called to Be Witnesses for Christ



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**GRADUATION MASS**—Cardinal Dolan, left, greets a student after he celebrated a graduation Mass for eighth-graders from Catholic elementary schools in the Northeast/East Bronx region. The May 30 liturgy was offered at St. Theresa's Church. During the Mass, students sing, above, and pray, below. "And now you are part of that legacy," the cardinal told the students about joining the proud multitudes who have graduated from archdiocesan elementary schools.

By **ARMANDO MACHADO**

At St. Theresa Church in the Bronx, Cardinal Dolan told eighth grade students, "Class of 2019, congratulations—you've done a great job." The graduation Mass was for 660 students graduating from 19 Catholic elementary schools in the Northeast/East Bronx region.

"It's especially appropriate that as you approach your graduation from grade school you would say, 'Well, one great thing I learned in my Catholic school was to thank God—to thank God every day for all His graces and mercy—and for all the blessings that He's given me,'" the cardinal said in his homily at the Mass offered on Ascension Thursday, May 30.

"So how appropriate it is that you come to gather now for the greatest act of thanksgiving we have, the holy sacrifice of the Mass, to thank Him for the gift of your Catholic education. We're very proud of you."

Speaking about the hard work it takes to keep Catholic schools strong and successful, Cardinal Dolan told the students, "You make it all worthwhile. And for you—the Class of 2019—and with you, we thank Almighty God." He expressed gratitude for the hard work and support of administrators and teachers in the schools, of parents and grandparents, and of pastors and staff of the region's parishes.

"They sacrificed to get you to this spot," said the cardinal, who noted he often meets people who gratefully tell him they attended a Catholic school in the Bronx or elsewhere in the archdiocese.

"And now you all are part of that legacy. So congratulations," he said, his words greeted with applause.

Cardinal Dolan told the students that it was Ascen-




sion Thursday, and that as Jesus sent off his apostles to spread the Good News to the world after preparing them with his teachings for three years, so does he as cardinal, and their pastors and their educators send them forth to be witnesses for Christ.

"He's the best teacher ever. We call Jesus the Divine Teacher," the cardinal said, noting the importance of trusting in the Lord in times of joy and sadness during high school, college and beyond.


Jacob Opare, 13, was one of the eighth-graders attending the Mass. He is graduating from Our Lady of Grace School on Bronxwood Avenue. "I could take words from (the homily) to become a better person and follow in the apostles' footsteps," Jacob told Catholic New York after the liturgy. "I'm very grateful that the cardinal came here for the eighth-grade (graduation) Mass." Jacob said he was also thankful

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# Gala Raises \$1.2 Million for Inner-City Scholarship Fund

Amaya Rojas is thankful the Inner-City Scholarship has given her the opportunity to take a step toward achieving her goal.

The seventh-grader at Santa Maria School in the Bronx shared her story with the more than 400 guests who raised \$1.2 million at the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Inner-City Scholarship Fund Friends Gala at the Cipriani 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in Manhattan May 21.

“This program has given me the opportunity to be able to take the first steps to achieve my dreams,” said Ms. Rojas in her gala speech. “My dreams when I was younger were a little imaginative to say the least—I was sure I was going to be a unicorn or working with unicorns.

“Now that I am older, my hopes and dreams have become more realistic. My goal now is to help people. I hope to grow up to become a doctor or a teacher, to spread my own knowledge to other people, and to be in a position where I can share the wisdom and support that I have been given with others.”

Ms. Rojas mentioned the impact of her Catholic school education, and how her teachers used creative teaching methods to educate and guide her.

“I love going to Santa Maria because I am very passionate about learning everything I can, and I know my school is helping me achieve my full potential and reach my dreams for the future,” Ms. Rojas said.

“Without Inner-City, I would not have had the opportunity to become the confident, compassionate and dedicated person that I am. This program has helped both me and my family. My mom is an amazing woman and I love her with all my heart. She chose to put me into a Catholic school, so I can have access to many opportunities and so that God can be in my life all the time.”

Founded in 1971 by Cardinal Terence Cooke and a group of executives from many religious backgrounds, the Inner-City Scholarship Fund assists some 8,000 Catholic school students each year in the archdiocese by providing more than \$13 million in tuition assistance. Ninety-nine percent of the



**GALA EVENING**—Left, St. Raymond Elementary School students perform the “Sky is the Limit” at the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Inner-City Scholarship Fund Friends Gala at the Cipriani 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in Manhattan May 21. Bottom left, Cardinal Dolan gives his remarks. Below, Amaya Rojas, a seventh-grader at Santa Maria School in the Bronx, delivers her speech on behalf of the students who receive tuition assistance from the scholarship fund.



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seniors attending inner-city Catholic high schools graduate, and 98 percent pursue a college education.

This year’s gala included a “Sky is the Limit” performance by students from St. Raymond Elementary School, the Bronx; Notre Dame School, Manhattan; and Mount St. Michael Academy, the Bronx.

“As the school year comes to a close, we are con-

stantly reminded of the importance of a quality education,” said Susan George, executive director of the Inner-City Scholarship Fund, in a statement.

“I’m amazed by the generosity of the people in this room, especially (gala chairs) Margaret Crotty and Rory Riggs, who are so dedicated to supporting Catholic education for future generations.”



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# Sister Margaret Fitzpatrick, President of St. Thomas Aquinas College, to Retire in 2020

Sister Margaret Fitzpatrick, S.C., who has served as president of St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkill since 1995, has announced she will retire at the end of June 2020 after completing 25 years as the college's president.

"I feel I am so fortunate to have been the president and to have been able to work with you," Sister Margaret told college employees via video May 10 after the college's 62<sup>nd</sup> commencement ceremony.

"The best part of being president has been to serve the college's students alongside you; thank you for this privilege."



Sister Margaret Fitzpatrick, S.C.

She noted how proud she was of everything she and the employees of St. Thomas Aquinas College have accomplished. After retiring, she said, she would take a one-year sabbatical and then plans to return to the college to teach for several years.

Peter Skae, chairman of the college's board of trustees, in a statement, said, "Dr. Fitzpatrick has been an exceptional leader, amazing visionary and true friend to St. Thomas Aquinas College."

Skae will lead the search committee that has been formed to hire the next president, who will begin July 1, 2020. A college news

release stated Sister Margaret's service as president includes "being the chief executive officer and academic leader."

Sister Margaret led the college in strategic planning and assessment, and advancing institutional, internal and external relations. She is also a tenured professor teaching in the fields of education, mathematics, science and religion.

Sister Margaret's accomplishments and contributions to the college's growth and success include reorganizing the college into three schools—School of Arts and Sciences, School of Business and School of Education; creating the National Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at St. Aquinas College; and recruiting faculty members who strengthen core academic programs and create the academic programs of the future.

Sister Margaret, a Sister of Charity-Halifax, holds a doctorate in higher education from Columbia University. She has master's degrees from Columbia and Fordham University, and a bachelor's degree from Boston State College.

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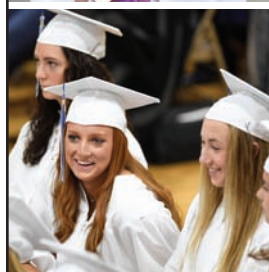


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## Billionaire Helped Toussaint Scholars Before Morehouse Gift

**B**illionaire Robert F. Smith capped off the May 19 commencement ceremony at Atlanta’s Morehouse College with a surprise announcement—he pledged to pay off the graduates’ student loans.

Smith, who is the founder, chairman and CEO of the private equity firm Vista Equity Partners, said he and his family would set up a fund that would clear the student loan debts of the class of nearly 400.

Smith was the 2015 recipient of the Pierre Toussaint medallion in the archdiocese, which was presented by Cardinal Dolan in Harlem that November in recognition of his global philanthropic work. During that time, Smith made an individual donation of \$100,000 to the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program.

Administered by the archdiocesan Office of Black Ministry, the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors of diverse backgrounds from public, private and parochial schools throughout the archdiocese to assist them with the educational fees and expenses associated with their college studies. Additionally, the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program provides mentorship and support to student leaders who attend colleges and universities throughout the country. Pierre Toussaint scholars major in various fields of study, including engineering, education, international relations, nursing, economics, pre-med, pre-law, film and marketing.

**SECURING FUTURES**—Robert F. Smith, founder, chairman and CEO of the private equity firm Vista Equity Partners, poses with Pierre Toussaint scholars at the Pierre Toussaint Awards Dinner in November 2015 in Harlem.



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**SALUTING THE GRADUATES**—Left, Mount St. Mary College recognized the recipients of 120 master’s degrees and 480 bachelor’s degrees at its 56<sup>th</sup> annual Commencement Ceremony at Dominican Center Field on campus in Newburgh May 18. Above, Dr. Jason N. Adsit, president of Mount St. Mary College, welcomes the graduates.

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## Eighth-Grade Graduates...

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to the educators in his school and to his parents for helping and supporting his academic pursuits.

In September, Jacob will attend St. Raymond High School for Boys in the Bronx, where he plans to play basketball as he did for Our Lady of Grace.

Another eighth-grader at the Mass was Angela Acosta, 14, from St. Theresa School. Angela said it was clear from the homily that the cardinal “appreciates everything” the schools, parishes and families of the students have done to help the young scholars reach this educational milestone.

“He helped us understand what everybody is doing for us, and how we’re going to make an impression in the world because of where we went to

school, and how we should be proud of that,” Angela said. She participated in St. Theresa’s theater program, and in September she will attend Talent Unlimited High School, a performing arts school in Manhattan, where she will focus on dance.

Josephine Fanelli, principal of St. Theresa School, said the cardinal’s message “was enlightening... hopefully the students will go out into the world and be witnesses of our faith for all to see...I’ve told the eighth grade that it’s like going on a vacation now. We’ve packed their bags—we’ve given them everything that they need to go out into the world and succeed, and to be witnesses of Christ.”

Cardinal Dolan, toward the end of liturgy, thanked

the students and others at the Mass, including the 14 concelebrating priests, most from the region’s parishes. Also attending were Michael Deegan, interim superintendent of schools in the archdiocese, and Linda Dougherty, regional schools superintendent for the Northeast/East Bronx.

Msgr. Thomas Derivan, pastor of St. Theresa parish, in closing remarks, told Cardinal Dolan, “Your Eminence, I know they all want to thank you.”

“You’re welcome,” the cardinal quickly said.

“So, we’re going to do it together,” the pastor continued, leading all into a loud round of applause.

Father John Figueroa, who was ordained by Cardinal Dolan the weekend before, gave the closing blessing.



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Attorneys who appear before me often say with surprise that when they approach the bench, they can read my trial notes upside down. In law school when we worked in study groups, my handwritten outlines stood out for their clear, concise print. “Guess I didn’t go to Catholic school!” is the rueful refrain I often hear when an attorney’s scrawl is indecipherable.

**HON. LIZBETH GONZALES**

Penmanship was prized when I attended St. Brigid School on the Lower East Side, where the Sisters of Charity taught us. After lunch and robust play in the schoolyard, we practiced the art of beautiful writing while listening to classical music. The small hands that grasped pencils to trace the alphabet eventually held ballpoints, quill pens and fountain pens to practice cursive writing and calligraphy. Our educational foundation was outstanding. I still use fountain pens—and diagram sentences in my head—when I write.

Art was also an important part of our curriculum. When we visited the Met and other museums with Mom, my younger sister Betty and I marveled at how large the masterpieces were in comparison to the replicas we pasted into notebooks at school. The simple essays we wrote next to each picture card helped us understand color, perspective, symmetry, symbolism and context. When Betty became a public school principal in the South Bronx, she made sure that an arts curriculum was available for her students, too.

Our school reflected the diversity so typical of the Lower East Side: We were Italian, Irish, Puerto Rican, African-American, Polish, German, Portuguese and more. One of my classmates was Buddhist, traveling from Chinatown each day. Mom walked us to and from Lillian Wald Houses, the public housing project on Avenue D where we lived. Our little sister Josie eventually joined us in her stroller and became an artist when she grew up. Back then, the

## Cathedral Student to Attend Harvard Summer Program

Katya Hybran, a freshman at Cathedral High School in Manhattan, has been accepted into the Academies at Harvard. The Academies are intensive, five-day academic enrichment programs for high-achieving high school students, offering lessons in coding, business, politics and pre-med.

Katya will attend the Summer Politics Academy in July. The SP Academy will cover topics such as American news media, free speech, constitutional law and American education policy. The goal is for students to learn how political science addresses important issues of our time, and how public officials implement policy in response.

Cynthia Garcia, Katya’s guidance counselor, said Katya is an honor roll student who hopes to attend Yale University and become a lawyer. “When I came across the program, I thought it would be a great opportunity for Katya, and I nominated her for it,” Ms. Garcia said.

Lower East Side was anachronistic: Avenue C was a marvelous hodgepodge of family-owned small shops and outdoor stands. There were even two horses that pulled wagons full of fruits and vegetables. The bustling bakery at the corner of Seventh Street and Avenue C sold Italian bread, onion bread, bialys, éclairs, rugelach and hamentashen. Yiddish, English and Spanish were freely spoken and, in the spring, merchants sold fragrant lilac branches. Our classrooms smelled very good, indeed.

Throughout the years, I’ve thought often about the small oasis where we learned about social justice, Martin Luther King and our responsibility to help others. Some of us lived in the projects and others in

walk-up tenements. We knew about drugs and crime and many of us were poor. Some of our parents were illiterate; our dad only finished third grade. At school, we were taught that just like the art masterpieces we studied, we were each unique and beautiful.

I recently read with heart-wrenching sadness that St. Brigid School will be closing its doors in June. I don’t know where you are, or whether you’re even alive, but to all the teachers and staff and my classmates, I want to simply say “Thanks.”

*Lizbeth González is an associate justice of the Appellate Term (1st Dept.) and a Supreme Court justice in Bronx County.*



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LISA BENNETT

**OFF TO CAMP**—Alex Santos, center, joins his Mount St. Michael Academy teammates after being presented his jersey and cap for the inaugural Prospect Development Pipeline League in a ceremony May 16 at the Bronx school.

## Mount St. Michael Pitcher To Play in Elite League

By DAN PIETRAFESA

Mount St. Michael Academy's Alex Santos is one of 80 high school juniors in the Class of 2020 Major League Baseball draft eligible players invited to participate in the inaugural Prospect Development Pipeline League at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

The 17 year old is one of two players from New York state and the only one from New York City participating at the invitation-only camp running from June 13 to July 4 and sponsored by Major League Baseball and USA Baseball.

"Being able to show my talents with other players with the same amount of talent and play in front of the (professional and college) coaches, it's going to be a great experience and I can't wait to get there," Santos told CNY.

The 6-foot-3, 185-pound right-handed pitcher, who has verbally committed to attend the University of Maryland, has a 94-mph fastball and changes speeds to keep hitters off-balance.

"Kids like Alex don't come around very often," said Mount St. Michael coach Walter Stampfel. "When he came into our school, we knew he had tons of potential and we moved him up to varsity right away. The second half of this season, he really started to blossom, and he has gotten a lot tougher on the mound."

The camp will offer instruction on and off the field from individuals representing the 30 Major League Baseball teams and college baseball coaches. A classroom setting will give players the opportunity to learn from guest speakers and receive tips on topics such as nutrition, leadership skills, training, life beyond baseball, character development, and proper usage of social media

Four teams of 20 players will be selected for games, with former MLB greats Chipper Jones, Ryan Howard, Barry Larkin and Derek Jeter serving as coaches. Teams will have the opportunity to play at Tropicana Field, home of the Tampa Bay Rays.

The top PDP League players will be given the chance to compete in the High School Home Run Derby and the inaugural high school showcase game in Cleveland during Major League Baseball's All-Star Week.

Forty PDP League players will be invited to the 2019 18U National Team Trials in Los Angeles in August. A 20-man roster will be chosen for the World Baseball Softball Confederation U-18 Baseball World Cup in Busan, South Korea, Aug. 30-Sept. 8.

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# Two Presidents, Principal Appointed at High Schools

Two presidents are right at home and a principal is making history as three appointments were recently announced at Catholic high schools in the archdiocese.

Lou Tobacco is the president and CEO of Msgr. Farrell High School, effective June 17, and Kathryn Jaenicke was named president of Notre Dame Academy, effective July 1. Both are graduates of the schools they now lead on Staten Island.

Susan Natale will be principal of All Hallows High School in the Bronx for the 2019-2020 school year, becoming the first woman principal at the 110-year-old boys' high school.

Tobacco, who was student council president as a senior at Msgr. Farrell, is a graduate of the University at Albany and served three terms as a New York State Assemblyman, representing the 62<sup>nd</sup> district on Staten Island.

His appointment completes the school's new leadership team. In January, Larry Musanti, a longtime

teacher and assistant principal at the school, was named principal. They succeed Msgr. Edmund Whalen, who served as principal since 2010 before becoming vicar for clergy in the archdiocese in January.

"I look forward to all of us—administration, faculty, staff, coaches, students, parents and alumni—working together as one team to bring Farrell, in an exciting way, to new heights," said Tobacco in a statement.

Ms. Jaenicke, who began her teaching career at Notre Dame Academy in 1991 and has served as principal of the school since 2011, will succeed Sister Patricia Corley, C.N.D., who served as president of Notre Dame Academy for 11 years.

Ms. Jaenicke, who has chaired the Staten Island Catholic High School Principals Council, received a bachelor's degree in English education from the University at Albany, a master's in literacy from St. John's University, Queens, and a master's in administration and supervision from Fordham University, the Bronx.

Ms. Natale, the dean of academics at Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle since 2006, will succeed Sean Sullivan, who has served the school for 50 years and will be principal emeritus.

Ms. Natale, who taught for 10 years at The Ursuline School in New Rochelle, earned a bachelor's degree in math from Manhattan College and a master's in teaching and educational leadership from Iona College. She has supervised the faculty and overseen the curriculum evaluation and enhancements as academic dean of Iona Prep.

All Hallows and Iona Prep were both founded by the Congregation of Christian Brothers.

"In a changing educational landscape, my philosophy is to make certain that students and their teachers have all the tools needed to continue to produce graduates who, in the Christian Brothers tradition, are critical thinkers and ethical leaders," said Ms. Natale in a statement.



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## Iona Prep Captures State Lacrosse Championship

Goaltender Stephen Krug stopped 10 shots to earn the game's most valuable player award for leading Iona Preparatory School to the New York State Catholic High Schools AA boys' lacrosse championship with an 11-8 victory over St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute of Buffalo in New Rochelle May 28.

Sophomore John Mitchell scored his fifth goal of the match with a minute remaining to seal Iona Prep's first state title since 2015 and fourth overall. Senior All-American John Schreiber contributed three goals.

The Gaels finished with a 17-4 overall record.

"I'm extremely proud of this team, the way they

battled through injuries all year long and stuck together," Iona Prep coach Rick Trizano told CNY. "Being a young team, with 10 underclassmen playing meaningful minutes, it is a tribute to the seniors for guiding them through this journey. Senior leadership really came through in the playoffs on both offense and defense.

"We emphasized effort as the key to victory, and they gave us all they had."

The Gaels earned a berth in the state final May 24 by beating Kellenberg Memorial High School in New Rochelle for the 10<sup>th</sup> Downstate CHSAA championship.

"We will have a lifetime of great memories from this season," Trizano said.

## Student Transcribers...

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try to attend the canonization. "Be present, because you were part of making this wonderful person for our age, this laywoman who still to this day is a shining example of heroic virtue."

Father Welch said of Christine and Kayla: "You can see it in their faces, how inspired they are and privileged to be part of this process, which is quite technical and involved...They are personally being enriched by their work and, at the same time, they are making a significant contribution to the cause."

Father Welch said he is "just so happy to have young people, a whole new generation—we'll be bringing in more next year—getting involved in the cause."

Ms. Presendieu, who has overseen the graduating seniors' recently completed work—as will others, as is customary—estimated they collectively transcribed between 300 to 400 pages of Ms. Day's writings in a corner of the school library since September on Wednesdays during the school's Christian service day. Father Welch anticipated the transcribing task, likely to be resumed by other students, would be completed within the next year.

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## Alumnus Elected President Of Franciscan University

Franciscan Father David Pivonka, the newly elected president of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, has assumed his leadership duties immediately, and his formal inauguration will take place later this year.

The friar, who graduated from the university in 1989, is a nationally known preacher and evangelist who for seven years has been director of Franciscan Pathways, an evangelistic outreach of his Franciscan community. He has senior-level administrative experience from holding various posts at the university, 1996-2008.

Ordained a priest in 1996, he is a solemnly professed member of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Province of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Penance, which founded and operates the university.

"It's both humbling and an honor to be chosen to lead Franciscan University of Steubenville," Father Pivonka said in a statement. "Over 30 years ago, I first arrived at Franciscan as an undergrad and received an outstanding education as well as life-changing spiritual formation as part of a dynamic, Catholic intellectual and faith community.

"A lot has changed in our culture in the last 30 years, but Franciscan University continues its mission to provide a superior education in a vibrant faith community where students and parents alike can be confident in their choice of Franciscan University," he said.

In a unanimous decision May 21, the university's board of trustees elected Father Pivonka to succeed Franciscan Father Sean O. Sheridan, who served as president since 2013. He resigned in April but stayed on as president until his successor was named.

A native of Durango, Colo., Father Pivonka received a bachelor's degree in theology from Franciscan University and went on to earn a master of divinity degree and a master of arts degree in theology from Washington Theological Union in 1996. He wrote his master of arts thesis on the indissolubility of Christian marriage.

He earned a doctorate in education from the Graduate Theological Foundation in 2005, with a doctoral project focused on Catholic education in a post-modern world. He also earned an executive juris doctorate from Concord University School of Law of Purdue University Global in 2011.

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