

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

# Catholic School

GRADUATES OF 2017

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It's graduation season for Catholic elementary schools, high schools and colleges across the archdiocese. There is cause for celebration as graduates reflect on their academic successes and ongoing formation in the faith. This pullout section highlights their accomplishments at work and play as well as the beginning of a new chapter as Catholic disciples on a lifelong journey toward heaven.



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## HIGH SCHOOL

## CONGRATULATIONS

TO *the*

## CLASS OF 2017

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Alejandro Betancur  
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Isaiah Immanuel Blake  
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Roy Bowler  
Donovan Duff Brady  
Connor Michael Buckley  
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Bartek Bzura  
Justin Michael Caloni  
Dylan Patrick Campbell  
Alexander Cantave  
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Dylan T. Carey  
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David A. Carrington  
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Andrew M. Duran  
Dylan Ebanks  
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Nicolas Gonzales  
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Branden J. Gual  
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Rodney Elyas Guerra  
Robert Harding  
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Patrick Hille  
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Khalil C. Hyde  
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Peter Kadzielawski  
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## The Tradition of Jesuit Excellence Continues

A PARTIAL LISTING OF THE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017 HAVE BEEN ADMITTED



U. of Alabama · American University · U. of Arizona · Baruch College · Bentley University · Berklee College of Music · Binghamton University · U. Bocconi · Boston College · Boston University · Brandeis University  
Bucknell University · Butler University · U. of California, Berkeley · Carnegie Mellon University · Case Western Reserve U. · Catholic University · University of Chicago · Clemson University · Colgate University  
U. of Colorado, Boulder · College of Charleston · U. of Connecticut · Cornell University · College of the Holy Cross · CUNY Colleges (various) · U. of Dayton · U. of Delaware · U. C. Dublin · Drew University  
Drexel University · Elon University · Emerson College · Emory University · Fairfield University · Florida State University · Fordham University · Franklin & Marshall College · Georgetown University · George Washington University  
Gettysburg College · Gonzaga University · Grinnell College · Hamilton College · Hawaii Pacific University · High Point University · Indiana University · Iona College · Ithaca College · James Madison University  
Johns Hopkins University · Lafayette University · Le Moyne College · Lehigh University · Loyola Marymount University · Loyola University Chicago · Loyola University Maryland · Loyola University New Orleans  
Macaulay Honors Program · Manhattan College · Marist College · Marquette University · U. of Maryland, College Park · Marymount · Manhattan College · U. of Massachusetts, Amherst · U. of Miami · Miami University (Ohio)  
U. of Michigan · Michigan State University · Middlebury College · Mount Saint Mary's University · College of Mount Saint Vincent · Muhlenberg College · U. of New Haven · The New School · New York Inst. of Tech.  
New York University · Northeastern University · Northwestern University · U. of Notre Dame · The Ohio State University · Occidental College · University of Pennsylvania · Pennsylvania State University · Providence College Purdue  
University · Quinnipiac University · Regis University · Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. · U. of Rhode Island · U. of Richmond · Rochester Inst. of Tech. · Rutgers University · Sacred Heart University · U. of San Francisco  
Santa Clara University · U. of Scranton · Seton Hall University · Sienna College · Skidmore College · Sophie Davis · U. of South Carolina · U. of St. Andrews · 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 Geneseo · SUNY Maritime · SUNY Oswego · Syracuse University · U. of Tampa · Temple University  
Texas Christian University · Towson University · Tufts University · Tulane University · U.S. Military Academy · U.S. Naval Academy · Vanderbilt University · Vassar College · U. of Vermont · Villanova University · U. of Virginia  
Virginia Polytechnic Inst. · Wagner College · Wake Forest University · U. of Washington · Washington College · Washington U. St. Louis · Wheaton College (MA) · Wheeling Jesuit University · College of William & Mary  
Williams College · U. of Wisconsin · Xavier University · York College



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## CLASS OF 2017

# 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 in the list below. If a school does not use those terms, but has student speakers, that is noted. Also listed is the number of graduates at each school.

### ACADEMY OF MOUNT ST. URSULA, THE BRONX:

Valedictorian: Nia Sabriné Javier; Salutatorian: Mcckayla Elsie Menyah; 81 graduates.  
St. Philip Neri Church, the Bronx, Saturday, June 10, 11 a.m.

### ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL, BARDONIA:

Valedictorian: Chloe Martinez; Salutatorian: Philip Cipollina; 115 graduates.  
Albertus Magnus High School, June 2.

### ALL HALLOWS HIGH SCHOOL, THE BRONX:

Valedictorian: Chriss Agramonte; Salutatorians: Omar Gonzalez and Melvin Ortega; 131 graduates.  
St. Patrick's Cathedral, June 3.

### AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL, THE BRONX:

Valedictorian: Valentina Amate Perez; Salutatorian: Michelle Ng Perez; 113 graduates.  
Fordham Preparatory High School, the Bronx, June 2

### ARCHBISHOP STEPINAC HIGH SCHOOL, WHITE PLAINS:

Valedictorian: Nicolas Tabio; Salutatorian: Julio Lazo; 173 graduates.  
Archbishop Stepinac High School, May 25.

### CARDINAL HAYES HIGH SCHOOL, THE BRONX:

Valedictorian: Julius Opoku Boateng; Salutatorian: Jorge Andres Reyes-Fonseca; 201 graduates.  
St. Patrick's Cathedral, June 3.

### CARDINAL SPELLMAN HIGH SCHOOL: THE BRONX:

Valedictorian: Antonio Jimenez; Salutatorian: Gianni Ferrera; 301 graduates.

Lehman College, the Bronx, June 3.

### CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL, MANHATTAN

Valedictorian: Kaley Nhu; Salutatorian: Siara Maldonado; 144 graduates.  
St. Patrick's Cathedral, June 7.

### CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, MANHATTAN:

Valedictorian: Paris Calcagnini, who will speak at ceremony; Salutatorian: Paloma Castillo; 50 graduates.  
The Brick Presbyterian Church, Manhattan, Tuesday, June 13, 4 p.m.

### CRISTO REY, MANHATTAN:

Gold Medal Winner: Charline Castillo; Silver Medal Winner: Candy Ruiz; Student Speaker: Jennifer Matos; 89 graduates.  
St. Cecilia's Church, East Harlem, Friday, June 9, 4:30 p.m.

### DOMINICAN ACADEMY, MANHATTAN:

Valedictorian: Claire Anastasia Potter; Salutatorian: Jane Katherine Sniffin; 53 graduates  
St. Vincent Ferrer Church, Manhattan, May 26.

### FORDHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL, THE BRONX:

Student Speaker: Rey J. Williams-Pedro. 214 graduates.  
Fordham University, Rose Hill Gymnasium, the Bronx, May 31.

### IONA PREPARATORY SCHOOL, NEW ROCHELLE:

Valedictorian: Iain Pile; Salutatorian: Terence Burke; 167 graduates.  
Iona College, Hynes Athletic Center, New Rochelle, May 25.

### JOHN A. COLEMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, HURLEY:

Valedictorian: Mackenzie Prosser; Salutatorian: Evan

Banbury; 34 graduates.  
John A. Coleman High School, June 3.

### JOHN F. KENNEDY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, SOMERS:

Valedictorian: Juliet Hoinkis; Salutatorian: Nicholas Quartironi; 140 graduates.  
St. Joseph Church, Somers, June 3.

### JOHN S. BURKE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, GOSHEN:

Valedictorian: Yunji Shi; Salutatorian: Eva Henderson; 121 graduates.  
Mount St. Mary College, Aquinas Hall, Newburgh, June 3.

### LA SALLE ACADEMY, MANHATTAN:

Valedictorian: Wilson Alexei; Salutatorian: Joshua Mediavilla; 74 graduates.  
St. Patrick's Cathedral, June 1.

### LOYOLA SCHOOL, MANHATTAN:

Valedictorian: Francesca Marini Fichera; Salutatorian: Alexander Parson; 53 graduates.  
St. Ignatius Loyola Church, Manhattan, June 2.

### MARIA REGINA HIGH SCHOOL, HARTSDALE:

Valedictorian: Sanjana Varma; Salutatorian: Natalie Rodriguez; 137 graduates.  
Manhattan College Chapel of De La Salle and His Brothers, the Bronx, Friday, June 9, 6:30 p.m.

### MARYMOUNT SCHOOL OF NEW YORK, MANHATTAN:

Valedictorian: Alida Monaco; Salutatorian: Lisette Fischer; 55 graduates.  
St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, Manhattan, Tuesday, June 13, 1:30 p.m.

### MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL, STATEN ISLAND:

Valedictorian: Daniel Cesare; Salutatorian: James Durkin; 179 graduates.  
Msgr. Farrell High School, May 20.

### MSGR. SCANLAN HIGH SCHOOL, THE BRONX:

Valedictorian: Natasha Lopez; Salutatorian: Adriana Murillo; 99 graduates.  
St. Helena's Church, the Bronx, June 2.

### MOORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, STATEN ISLAND:

Valedictorian: Samantha Gavin; Salutatorian: Alex R. Cuba; 77 graduates.  
International Christian Center, Staten Island, June 3.

### MOUNT ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY, THE BRONX:

Valedictorian: Destyn Harding; Salutatorian: Kevin Jaipersaud; 168 graduates.  
Mount St. Michael Academy, Richard Tricario Sports Center, June 3.

### NOTRE DAME ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL, STATEN ISLAND:

Valedictorian: Kristen Fontana; Salutatorian: Allison Porzio; 91 graduates.  
Notre Dame Academy, June 2.

### NOTRE DAME SCHOOL OF MANHATTAN:

Student speakers: Julia Pesola and Dezpynee Rivera; 82 graduates.  
Cooper Union, Great Hall, Manhattan, June 6.

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL, POUGHKEEPSIE:

Valedictorian: Andrew Philip Lam, Salutatorian: Emily Rose Mantaro, 167 graduates.  
Our Lady of Lourdes High School, June 3.

## Valedictorians and Salutatorians...

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### PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL, THE BRONX:

Valedictorian: Jasmine A. Valera; Salutatorian: Sarah E. McCarthy, 143 seniors.  
Preston High School, June 3.

### REGIS HIGH SCHOOL, MANHATTAN:

Student Speaker: Henry Deteskey, 132 graduates.  
St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, Manhattan, June 3.

### SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL, YONKERS:

Valedictorian: Dante Scarnati; Salutatorians: Tereze Nika and JoAnne St. Clair. 62 graduates.  
College of Mount St. Vincent, the Bronx, June 2.

### ST. BARNABAS HIGH SCHOOL, THE BRONX:

Valedictorian: Leyla Valerio; Salutatorian: Karina Luna; 50 graduates.  
St. Barnabas High School Chapel, May 26.

### ST. CATHARINE ACADEMY, THE BRONX:

Valedictorian: Samantha Juncaj; Salutatorian: Jessica Tran; 83 graduates.  
Our Lady of the Assumption Church, the Bronx, June 3.

### ST. GEORGE ACADEMY, MANHATTAN:

Valedictorian: Han Jun Zhao; Salutatorian: Tamar Ioseliani; 11 graduates.  
St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church, Manhattan, Saturday, June 10, 2 p.m.

### ST. JEAN BAPTISTE HIGH SCHOOL, MANHATTAN:

Valedictorian: Jennifer Adjivon; Salutatorian: Karen Cruz; Student Speakers: Dionne Regis, welcome; Konstantina Kalliontzis, farewell, 78 graduates.  
St. Jean Baptiste Church, Manhattan, June 2.

### ST. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY, STATEN ISLAND:

Valedictorian: Nicole Fitzpatrick; Salutatorian: Julia Selleck; 108 graduates  
St. John Villa Academy gymnasium, June 3.

### ST. JOSEPH-BY-THE-SEA HIGH SCHOOL, STATEN ISLAND:

Valedictorian: Anthony J. Insinga; Salutatorian: Alexis A. Trevino; 286 graduates.  
St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School gymnasium, June 3.

### ST. JOSEPH HILL ACADEMY, STATEN ISLAND:

Valedictorian: Nicole Anna Ruggiero; Salutatorian: Rose Louise O'Neill; 109 graduates.  
St. Joseph Hill Academy, June 2.

### ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL, STATEN ISLAND:

Valedictorian: Patrick Lilley; Salutatorian: Patrick Lynch; 130 graduates.  
St. Peter's Boys' High School, June 2.

### ST. RAYMOND ACADEMY FOR GIRLS, THE BRONX:

Valedictorian: Liliana Tran; Salutatorian: Shannon Livingstone; 80 graduates.  
St. Raymond Church, the Bronx, June 2.

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### ST. RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS, THE BRONX:

Valedictorian: William Reynon; Salutatorian: Gabriel Matos, 134 graduates.

Msgr. Tierney Auditorium, the Bronx, May 20.

### ST. VINCENT FERRER HIGH SCHOOL, MANHATTAN:

Valedictorian: Lauren Murry; Salutatorian: Fiona Crisp, 128 graduates.

St. Vincent Ferrer Church, Manhattan, June 3.

### SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL, NEW ROCHELLE:

Valedictorian: Patrick Cremin; Salutatorian: Savva Dobronravov; 130 graduates.

Brother James Wiegand Athletic Center, Salesian High School, June 3.

### SCHOOL OF THE HOLY CHILD, RYE:

Student speakers: Grace Doern, president of Student Government, and Sami Drew, president of the senior class. 46 graduates.

School of the Holy Child, Sunday, June 11, at 3 p.m.

### THE MONTFORT ACADEMY

Valedictorians: Joseph Petrillo and Catherine Rex; 27 graduates.

SS. Peter and Paul-St. Ursula Church, Mount Vernon, Friday, June 9, 6 p.m.

### THE URSULINE SCHOOL, NEW ROCHELLE:

Valedictorian: Theresa Sol Cho; Salutatorian: Zoe Elizabeth Anderson, 160 graduates.

The Ursuline School, New Rochelle, May 19.

### XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL, MANHATTAN:

Valedictorian: Eric Krebs, Salutatorian: Christian Polydor, 278 graduates.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m.

## John Starks Speaks to La Salle Seniors

John Starks addressed graduating seniors, alumni, faculty and staff at La Salle Academy in Manhattan May 30.

The 1994 NBA All Star and the 1997 winner of the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year played eight of his 13 NBA seasons for the New York Knicks, helping the team to the 1994 NBA final. He works for the Knicks as alumni and fan development adviser and oversees the John Starks Foundation.

"Each and every one of you will have the opportunity to push yourselves," Starks said. "Take what you learned here at La Salle Academy and apply that to the next step in your life. You don't know who you're sitting next to that will be the next Bill Gates, the next Barack Obama...you never know. Keep pushing yourselves and don't let anyone deter you from what you have in life."



# ST. RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS *Congratulates the Class of 2017!*

## The Class of 2017 Boasts:

- 100% of seniors earned a NYS Regents diploma.
- Total aggregate of scholarship and aide exceeded \$2,300,000.
- College acceptances to top tier colleges and universities including Colgate University; Cornell University; Fordham University; Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Manhattan College; Fairfield University; DePauw University New York University; LaSalle University; SUNY Binghamton; SUNY Albany; SUNY Maritime; CUNY Hunter College and CUNY City College of New York.
- For the first time, two St. Raymond seniors were semi-finalists in the prestigious *New York Times* scholarship competition.



## ST RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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## Three Bronx Students Win Pro-Life Oratory Prizes

Three Bronx high school students recently captured prizes in the annual Bronx Pro-Life Oratory Contest recently held at St. Margaret of Cortona Church rectory meeting room.

Kathryn Destin of The Academy of Mount St. Ursula won the \$300 first prize with schoolmate Thahia Ahmed taking the \$100 second prize, and De Witt Clinton High School's Tania Magendren winning the \$50 third prize.

This year's contest slogan was "Use Your Voice to Wake Up a Sleeping World to LIFE."

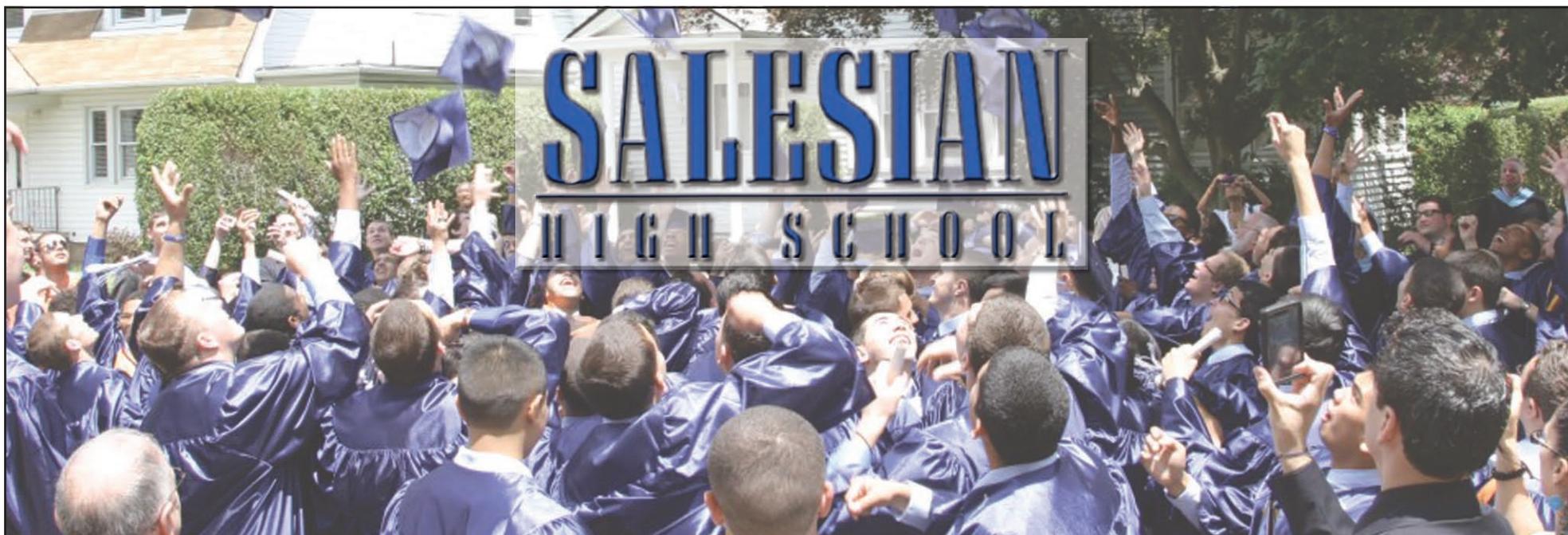
## Archbishop Molloy to Honor The Life of Slain Graduate

Archbishop Molloy High School in Briarwood, Queens, will honor the life of 2004 graduate Karina Vetrano by raising money for a scholarship bearing her name.

The memorial event, which starts at 8 p.m. on June 23, begins with a walk/run vigil overnight, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass, breakfast and dedication of a permanent memorial at the Marist Brothers school the next morning. Proceeds from the fundraiser are helping establish the Karina Vetrano Memorial Scholarship at Molloy.

Ms. Vetrano was killed while jogging in Howard Beach, Queens, last August.

Information: (718) 441-9210 or visit [www.molloyhs.org/karina](http://www.molloyhs.org/karina)



*Salesian High School congratulates  
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**Congratulations to the  
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# Eighth-Graders Happy About Graduation, Ready for Next ‘Big Step’

By DAN PIETRAFESA

Angelo Rogers is thrilled about closing one chapter and starting a new one in September. “I’m pretty excited because it’s a big step,” said the eighth-grader at St. Joseph School in Kingston of attending John A. Coleman Catholic High School in Hurley in September.

“I do well academically but high school is a lot more work. I need to get on the right track and need to be a lot more serious than I have been.”

His enthusiasm was shared by 300 eighth-graders at Sacred Heart Church in Monroe to participate in a May 22 Mass offered by Cardinal Dolan for the graduating classes from 13 Catholic elementary schools in Rockland, Orange and Ulster counties.

“I think (my Catholic education) helped very much because the teachers are great and I learned a lot from them,” said Travis Curti of St. Gregory Barbarigo School in Garnerville, who will attend Albertus Magnus High School in Bardonia.

“I would like to meet new friends in high school and my teachers will bring me more knowledge in high school for better success in life.”

Cardinal Dolan, in his homily, told the students that the goal of Catholic schools is to help them get into college, find good jobs and, most importantly, point them toward everlasting life in heaven.

The cardinal also spoke about the life of St. Rita of Cascia, whose feast day is May 22. St. Rita was



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**TRIBUTE TO GRADUATES**—Cardinal Dolan congratulates eighth-graders from Catholic schools in Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties during his homily at a May 22 Mass he offered at Sacred Heart Church in Monroe. The students will graduate from elementary school this month.

the mother of two sons in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Her husband was killed and her boys vowed to get revenge by killing the person who took their father away from them. St. Rita urged her sons not to kill the person, but they were determined to do so. St. Rita asked God to take her sons before they committed

the sin or were killed attempting to do so. Within a few days, her sons developed fevers and died.

“Beloved eighth-graders, cherish your years in Catholic schools, relish the lessons you’ve learned. The same St. Rita taught that the Gospel is true, that

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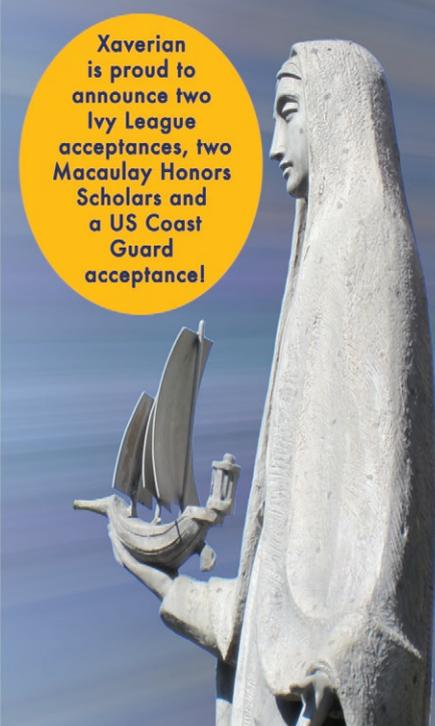
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**CATHOLIC SCHOOL EXPERIENCE**—Left, student Jasmine Beauvillair of Sacred Heart School in Newburgh reads a petition during a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dolan for eighth-graders in Catholic schools in Orange, Rockland and Ulster counties at Sacred Heart Church in Monroe May 22. Right, Cardinal Dolan visits a science class at Sacred Heart School in Monroe and speaks with students Layla Luciano, left, and Emily Grippo. The cardinal toured the school after celebrating Mass.

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violence and revenge and getting back at people as retribution doesn't work, that sin is a great horror and that heaven is our real goal," Cardinal Dolan said.

"Congratulations eighth-graders. Now, you're ready to move on to the next stage of our education."

Kingston Catholic's Colin Leahy reflected on Cardinal Dolan's message.

"In today's world, we need forgiveness, and we need to accept everybody," said Leahy, who will attend Coleman Catholic. "There are a lot of bad things happening in the world. I want to fix that.

This class wants to fix that. The only way to do that is to accept and forgive everyone."

Cardinal Dolan celebrates two Masses at St. Patrick's Cathedral for graduating high school seniors each spring and visits one region of the archdiocese each year to offer a Mass for graduating eighth-graders.

"I want to tell them it's a joy, not only a joy for me to see the harvest of our wonderful Catholic schools, that the sweat and sacrifice and commitment is worth it, but also that the Mass is an occasion of joy," Cardinal Dolan told CNY.

"How could we be happier when we're so close to

the Lord, listening to His word, being in the company of people who share our beliefs and getting ready to receive His very Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist?"



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## This Valedictorian's Story Is Worth Listening To

I won't soon forget my first experience with John Evans, and I sincerely doubt that it will be the last time I hear his name. In fact, we all may be hearing from the young man quite a bit in the future.

For the uninitiated, Evans received the Carty Valedictory Medal and spoke on behalf of the class of 2017 at Manhattan College's undergraduate commencement May 19.



**JOHN WOODS**

*Editor's Report*

The English major, with a double minor in history and medieval studies, compiled a 3.94 GPA at Manhattan. He also has published numerous literary works, including two poetry collections, and has been known to perform at open mic nights with his folk rock band.

You should also know that he is visually impaired, having lost his sight except for an ability to distinguish light and shadow and, occasionally, the outlines of objects.

I wanted to note his accomplishments before his blindness, not because it isn't significant but because John has a lot more to his story than his disability.

He was only 5 when he lost his sight. For more than a decade, he believed the cause was a rare genetic disorder, which was his official diagnosis. About two and a half years ago, he learned that his blindness was caused by a brain tumor that presses upon his optic nerves.

You might imagine that his new diagnosis raised questions of his mortality, his place in the world and the immortality of his soul. Those aren't my words. They were the way this very devout Catholic expressed his response during our phone conversation late last week.

He can cover a lot of theological ground in a short period of time, telling how he steeped himself in the Old and New Testament and read St. Teresa of Avila's spiritual masterpiece, "Interior Castle," while preparing for his surgery.

He said he spent a number of post-surgery hours in total darkness before light finally began "seeping in."

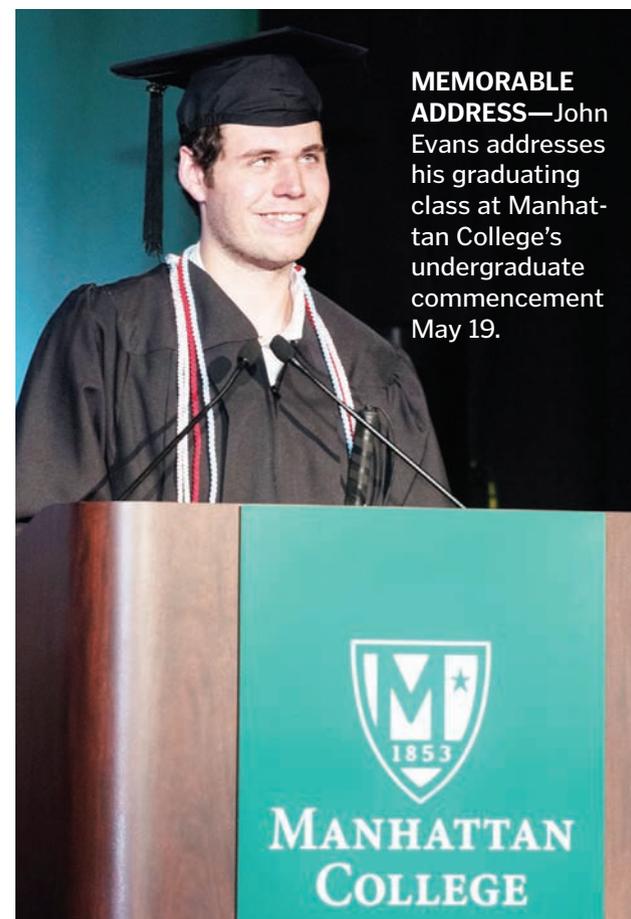
"My first thought was, will I ever see something as simple as light again?"

He knew that his goal of becoming a professor of medieval literature would be possible only if he could resume his classes amid the trials of his medical exams and testing as he endured the recovery period after surgery.

As Evans explained in his valedictory address, he was not able to accomplish the great things he did by himself. At the crux of his speech, he said, was a theological lesson based on the definition of the Greek word for church, or *ecclesia*.

"We are all called out to help one another, as people helped me for the past four years," he said. "From the students who held a door for me, to students who guided me to class, they proved they

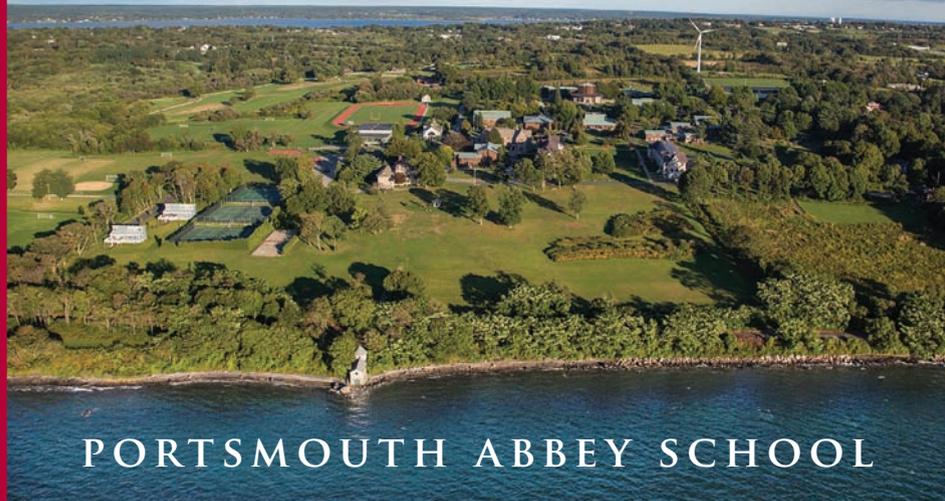
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**MEMORABLE ADDRESS**—John Evans addresses his graduating class at Manhattan College's undergraduate commencement May 19.

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**NEW VIEW**—Students from Catholic high schools in the archdiocese participate in a May 19 Engineering Tomorrow field trip to the new Tappan Zee Bridge along the Hudson River. After a presentation about the project at the Tarrytown Senior Center on Main Street, bottom left, the students and their adult chaperones walked to the nearby bridge-viewing platform to observe the work in progress. In center of top left photo is Brother Robert Chiulli, O. Carm., science chair at Cardinal Hayes High School, the Bronx, and near him are Hayes students.



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## New Leaders at Four High Schools

**F**our Catholic high schools in the archdiocese have recently announced leadership changes.

The schools are St. Barnabas High School in the Bronx, where Theresa Napoli has been named principal, effective July 1; Aquinas High School in the Bronx, where Anna E. Parra has been appointed president, effective July 3, succeeding Sister Margaret Ryan, O.P., who is retiring after a 50-year tenure as president, principal and teacher at the school; Iona Preparatory School in New Rochelle, where Kieran Daly, who had served as dean of students, has been appointed principal of the Upper School, effective July 1, succeeding Edward O'Neill, who is retiring; and Maria Regina High School in Hartsdale, where Valerie Reidy, the current principal, has been appointed to the newly created

position of president, and Rosemarie Decker, the current assistant principal, has been named principal, both effective in September.

Ms. Napoli, the new principal at St. Barnabas, is a lifelong Catholic school educator. For the past 12 years, she has served as assistant principal for academics and student life at Fordham Preparatory School in the Bronx, where she has helped to strengthen curriculum programs and develop a senior internship program for college courses with Fordham University. She is the first woman to hold an academic administrative position in Fordham Prep's 175-year history.

She holds a master's degree in administration and supervision from Fordham University.

Ms. Parra, the new president at Aquinas, which is sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, will be responsible for the school's overall operation, with primary responsibility for institutional advancement, finances and strategic planning. She formerly served as executive director of development at the Academy of Mount St. Ursula in the Bronx. Earlier, she was acting and assistant director of the archdiocese's annual Cardinal's Appeal campaign.

She holds a master's degree in communications studies from the College of New Rochelle.

Daly, the new president at Iona Prep, has served there for more than 30 years. He has been director of facilities, assistant dean of discipline, science chairman, dean of freshmen and teacher.

Daly holds a master's degree in educational psychology from Fordham University and is pursuing a master's in educational



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# Yonkers Teen Constructs Living Rosary for Eagle Scout Project

By DAN PIETRAFESA

Attending a Living Rosary service at neighboring Christ the King parish inspired Colin Nowak to create a similar evening for his home parish, St. Anthony's in Yonkers.

Nowak, 14, took the leadership role in constructing a Living Rosary for his Eagle Scout project, which was first used at a Rosary prayer service at his parish on the eve of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima May 12.

**Youth** The Boy Scout in Troop 29 in Yonkers will soon join his 18-year-old brother Zach as an Eagle Scout.

"It's something I knew our parish didn't have and I thought it would be a great idea to make one for my church for my project," Nowak told CNY.

"I was happy to see everyone in the community and in the parish using it for the first time because that is what the whole project was meant for. I wanted to do it to gather everyone in the community together. I want the parish to enjoy it and use it."

The Living Rosary, built three weekends in March, is more than 100 feet long and includes beads made of oak, a Tau cross for his parish's patron saint and a picture of the Blessed Mother. Nowak led a group of Boy Scouts and adult volunteers in the project.

The Salesian High School freshman publicized the event by speaking at Masses at St. Anthony the

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MARIA R. BASTONE

**COMMUNITY GATHERING**—Father Brendan Gormley, parochial vicar of St. Anthony's parish in Yonkers, leads more than 100 people in reciting the Rosary, using the Living Rosary constructed by 14-year-old Colin Nowak for his Eagle Scout community service project, May 12.



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## Eagle Scout...

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previous weekend to invite parishioners. The event drew more than 100 people from the parish and neighboring parishes.

"I was pleased the Boy Scouts would consider a church-related project as a community service for an Eagle Scout project, and the event was magnificent," said Father Arthur Mastrolia, pastor of St. Anthony's. "People were moved by it all and asked if



MARIA R. BASTONE

**IN CHARGE**—Colin Nowak speaks to more 100 people who attended the Living Rosary service on the eve of the centennial celebration of Our Lady of Fatima at the St. Anthony's parish in Yonkers May 12. Nowak constructed a rosary that is more than 100 feet long for his Eagle Scout project, which was used for the first time at the service and remains on display in the church.

we would repeat it regularly."

Father Mastrolia said the rosary is on display for all to see in the church and will be used again when a date is set in October to celebrate the month of the Rosary.

"That would be very exciting," said Nowak of his pastor's plan. "I do want it to be used as much as it can. I put a lot of work into it and want it to be used in the community."

Five percent, or more than two million Boy Scouts, have become Eagle Scouts since 1912, according to the National Eagle Scout Association. To become an Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout must earn 21 merit badges, 13 required and eight elective, and complete a community service project. The requirements must be met before the Boy Scout turns 18.

"What helped is when Zach was working on some of his badges, Colin was able to work on them too and achieve some of his merit badges at a younger age," said the boys' father, Joseph Nowak.

Nowak has to finish his written summary of the project before being interviewed by a board of review, comprised of up to five adult leaders. His recommendation for Eagle Scout will be sent to the Boy Scouts of America in Irving, Texas, for final approval.

Nowak hopes to join his brother and a long list of well-known Eagle Scouts, including Gerald Ford, 38<sup>th</sup> president of the United States; Steven Spielberg, Academy Award-winning film director; and Bill Bradley, a retired New York Knicks player and former U.S. senator from New Jersey.

"It was a very long process, but we were able to succeed," Nowak said. "I learned a great deal of leadership skills, and it requires a great deal of patience.

"If you concentrate on it, you can work towards your goal, and it's a beautiful thing to see."

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Some 375 seventh-grade students from 10 schools in the archdiocese took part in a Regional Field Day at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoodie May 23. The students participated in activities such as tug-of-war, three-legged races and miniature golf. Top left, Denis Ramirez of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Middletown uses his might to ring the bell. Top right, seventh-graders from Our Lady of Grace in the Bronx lead a tug-of-war. Above left, students from St. Paul the Apostle in Yonkers and Our Lady of Grace steer the tug-of-war rope from the front. Above right, Angel De Leon, left, and Raylee Paulino, both from Incarnation School in Manhattan, enjoy a round of miniature golf. Left, students take a break for lunch. Mass in the seminary chapel preceded the field day.



PHOTOS BY MARIA R. BASTONE

## CYO Awards for Artists, Essay Writers

Aspiring artists and essay writers were honored for their work at the annual archdiocesan Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Art and Essay Awards ceremony. The presentation of awards, including a pizza party for the youths and their families, was held May 19 at the New York Catholic Center in Manhattan.

Taylor Price of John A. Coleman Catholic High School, Hurley, took first place in the art Elite Division. Zyan Nova of Mount St. Michael Academy, the Bronx, placed second, and Cindy Ma of St. John Villa Academy, Staten Island, received third place in

the category for high school juniors and seniors.

In the Expert Division for freshmen and sophomores, John F. Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers had a first-place tie between Emma Moran and Gracie Ossorio. Pedro Quezada of Cardinal Hayes High School, the Bronx, took second place, and Jax Mautone of John A. Coleman came in third.

In the Master Division, for seventh- and eighth-graders, Thomas Dziubela of St. Patrick School, Staten Island, captured first place; Casey Chang-Alloy of St. Anthony's, Nanuet, came in second, and Bernadette Dingman of Holy Trinity, Poughkeepsie,

**WINNING WORKS**—After the CYO Art and Essay Awards ceremony at the New York Catholic Center in Manhattan May 19, Sulxana Bosquet, above right, shows her third-place artwork to her family, from left: brother Noble; grandmother Vierge Benjamin; mother Nureyev Bosquet and sister Nyla. Additional awardees, above, from back left, in semi-circle: Casey Chang-Alloy; Emma Moran; Gracie Ossorio; Thomas Dziubela; Diego Vasquez; Liam Gilmartin, wearing a tie; and Zyan Nova. Front left, Elizabeth Portillo, with white headband; Arianna S. Chin, with white bow; Penelope Alemar and Hannah Tang.

took third place.

Abigail Glover of St. Mary's School, Wappingers Falls, won first place in the Learner Division for fifth- and sixth-graders. Margaret Wong of Holy Rosary, Staten Island, took second place, and Sulxana Bosquet of St. Paul School, Valley Cottage, was third.

In the Beginner Division, for third- and fourth-graders, Arianna S. Chin of St. Augustine's School, Ossining, came in first place; Anju Leilan Herard of

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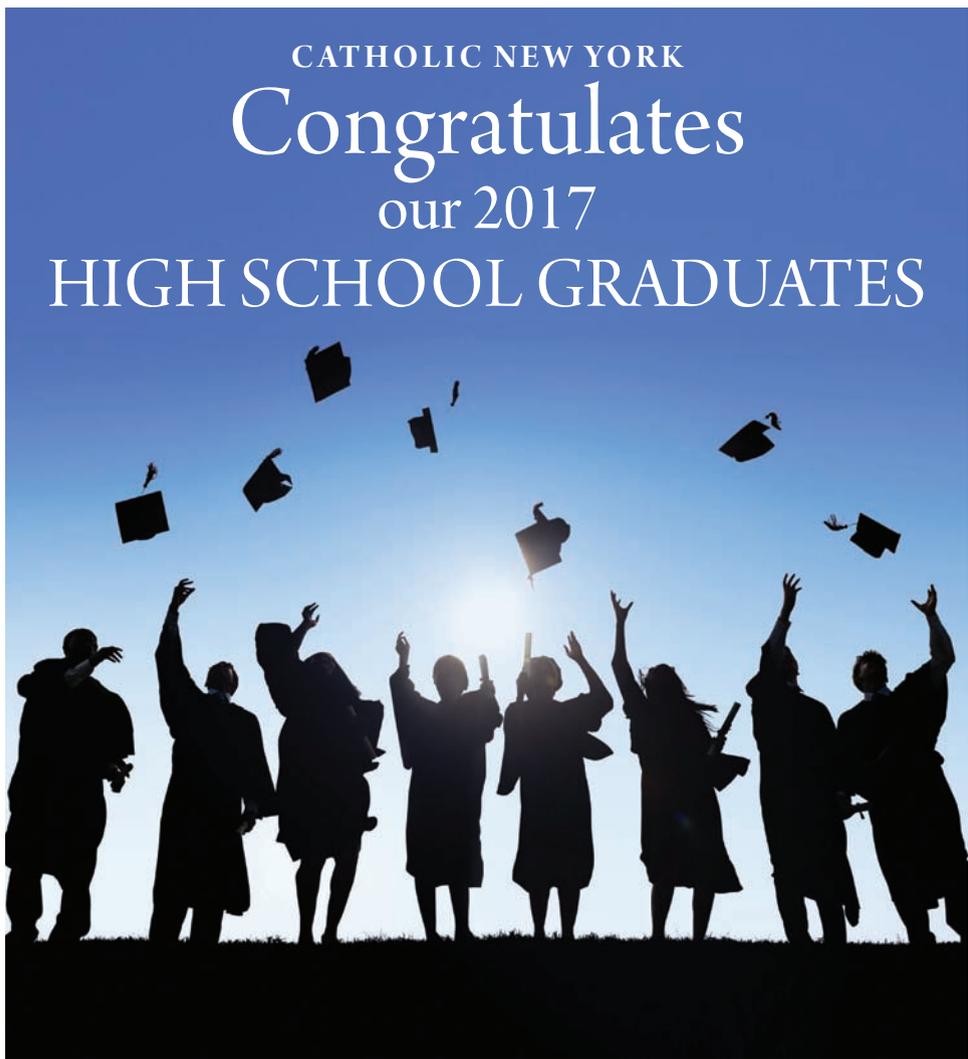


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## In Focus

## Blessing of Sister Barbara's Grotto

Cardinal Dolan led a prayer service and blessed Sister Barbara's Grotto at John F. Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers May 22.

Sister Barbara Heil, R.D.C., died in a car accident in March 2016 at age 80. She started teaching in 1962 at St. Mary's High School, which became Kennedy Catholic in 1967. Sister Barbara served as dean of admissions and Latin teacher in her most recent roles at Kennedy Catholic.

The prayer service included opening and closing prayers, a Gospel reading, reciting a decade of the Rosary, the singing of "Ave Maria" and the blessing.



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**BELOVED EDUCATOR**—Top right, visitors pause before the dedication plaque in front of the new grotto. Middle left, from left sitting, Sister Mary Lynn Kellogg, R.D.C., Sister Anne Kniphuisen, R.D.C., and Sister Marie Murphy, R.D.C., and Sister Jean Marie Noonan, R.D.C., standing, speak with Cardinal Dolan at the dedication. Above right, the grotto includes a garden, statue of the Blessed Mother and a dedication plaque. Right, Cardinal Dolan leads a prayer service with Father Mark Vaillancourt, president and principal of Kennedy Catholic. Far right, a procession leads to the grotto.





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**SALUTING SUCCESS**—Left, more than 400 students received their undergraduate and graduate degrees at the 105<sup>th</sup> commencement ceremony May 20 at the College of Mount St. Vincent. Above, the College of New Rochelle’s School of Nursing and Healthcare Professions announced May 18 that the pass rate reached an all-time high of 92.4 percent for the school’s nursing students taking the National Council Licensure Examination in the first quarter of 2017. Right, Amanda Wright of High Falls receives her diploma from Mount St. Mary College President Dr. David Kennett. A total of 619 students graduated at the college’s 54<sup>th</sup> commencement ceremony May 20.



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were called out to greatness.”

The same could be said for Evans, who does not plan to slow down any time soon. He will pursue his master's degree and doctorate in medieval studies at Fordham University, beginning in September.

Evans' family, including his parents Robert and Eileen, and his brother, Brian, who just completed his freshman year at Manhattan, have played a major role in his victories.

His full name is John Casey Solanus Evans, and one of the first things he told me when we spoke was of his grandparents' devotion to the Capuchin friar who will be beatified later this year. His

family's parish is Sacred Heart in Yonkers, where Father Solanus served for 14 years in the first part of the 20th century.

He and his family pray regularly at the friar's shrine in their parish church, and he said that he hopes one day to be healed of his blindness through the intercession of Father Solanus.

Evans has a wisdom that is well beyond his years, and a personal faith that is inspiring on many levels. At the close of our conversation, he said his thoughts and prayers were with me that morning and that he would be grateful, no matter if I wrote a sentence, or five, about our exchange.

“My way of reaching other people has been through my story,” he said. “If God is the primary storyteller, He tells His story through our lives.”

## New Leaders...

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leadership from the University of Dayton in Ohio.

O'Neill has served as a Catholic school educator for 45 years, the majority at Iona Prep, where he has been Upper School principal since 2014. He was honored with the Francis Cardinal Spellman Award by his alma mater, Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx, March 18

The promotions of Mrs. Reidy and Mrs. Decker as president and principal of Maria Regina, respectively, were announced by the school's board of trustees.

Mrs. Reidy served as principal of the Bronx High School of Science before coming to Maria Regina three years ago. She holds a master's degree in biology from Fordham University.

Mrs. Decker has served as assistant principal of academics and admission and as a guidance counselor during her 15 years at Maria Regina. She holds a master's degree in guidance and counseling from the College of New Rochelle.

## CYO Awards...

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St. Paul's School, Valley Cottage, was second and Issabella Zelinsky of St. Joseph's School, Kingston, was third.

For the Small Fry Division, kindergarten through second grades, Penelope Alemar of Incarnation School, Manhattan, won first place; Elizabeth Portillo of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Elmsford, was second, and Hannah Tang of St. Augustine's, Ossining, took third.

The Essay Contest winner was Diego Vasquez of St. Mary, Mother of the Church, Fishkill. Liam Gilmartin, also of St. Mary's, Fishkill, placed second, and Daniel Corbett of Sacred Heart School, Staten Island, was third.



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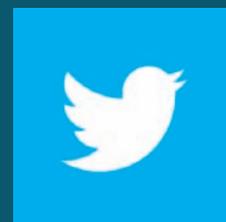
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# As School Year Ends, Pope Tells Students: Don't Fear Goodbyes, Unknown

By CAROL GLATZ

Life is a long series of hellos and goodbyes, so don't be afraid to let go of the past; remember old friends, but keep moving and be open to the new, Pope Francis told students as the school year was coming to an end.

"We have to learn to see life by seeing the horizons," not the walls that can make people afraid because they don't know what is on the other side, he told thousands of adolescents during a 45-minute encounter at the Vatican June 2.

The middle-schoolers were part of Communion and Liberation's "The Knights of the Grail" educational initiative.

In the informal Q-and-A, a teen named Marta told the pope how scared she was to be leaving middle school and most of her best friends as they head on to high school next year. "Why do I have to change everything? Why does growing up make me so afraid?" she asked him.

"Life is a constant 'Good morning' and 'Farewell,'" he said, with the goodbyes sometimes being for forever.

"You grow by encountering and by taking your leave," he said. "If you don't learn to say goodbye well, you will never learn how to encounter new people."

This moment of change in life is "a challenge," he said, but "in life we have to get used to this jour-



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**SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER**—Pope Francis greets students as he arrives to lead a special audience for members of a middle school group June 2 at the Vatican. The middle-schoolers were part of Communion and Liberation's "The Knights of the Grail" educational initiative.

ney of leaving something behind and encountering something new."

Noting that Marta had used the word "afraid" a number of times in her question, the pope said the risk that comes with the challenge is that fear will render a person immobile, "too serene" and unable to grow.

Those who give up, settle down and say, "Enough," close off the horizons that are out there waiting for

them and do not grow.

"Look at that wall? What's behind it?" he asked the girl. "I don't know," she said.

"But if you go outside, to the countryside, what do you see?" he asked. "I see everything," she replied.

"Everything! You see the horizon," the pope said. "We have to learn to see life by looking at the horizons" that are always open, always lying ahead, by meeting new people and having new experiences.

Instead of framing the future with terms like "fear" or "afraid," he added, try "using the word 'a challenge' more," he said.

Remember to call and visit old friends, he said, "but live and journey with the new ones."

When asked how kids their age could change the world when it has so many problems, the pope told them they have to begin with the people and situations in their daily lives.

Think of what happens to a person's hand when sharing a piece of candy, for example: It's open and moves toward the other person, the pope said. Now think of what happens when a person wants to keep that candy for himself or herself: The hand closes up tight and moves away from the other.

One's heart has to be like the hand that is responding in a positive, generous way, not the negative, self-centered approach, he said.

"You can begin to change the world with an open heart," the pope said, and by listening to others, welcoming others and sharing things. —CNS



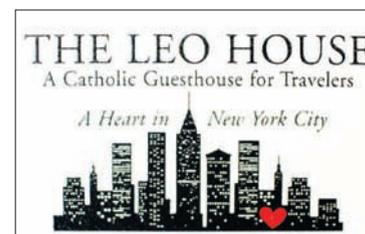
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