



Holy Apostles
College & Seminary



Sixty-Fifth
Commencement Exercises

Saturday
May 6, 2023

Out of respect for our graduates and their guests, we request that you mute or turn off your cell phones for the duration of the ceremony.

**Professional photographs and videos
will be made available to our graduating students.**

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Please note that out of devotion for Our Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, the Blessed Host has been removed from the Tabernacle prior to the start of the Commencement Exercises.

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COMMENCEMENT



Prelude

Variations on "*All Creatures of Our God and King*"
by Pietro Cattaneo and Noel Jones

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance . . . Edward Elgar
(*Military March No. 1 in D*)

Opening Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King by Wm. Henry Draper

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the Redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Invocation & Welcome

Very Rev. Peter Samuel Kucer, M.S.A., S.T.D.
President-Rector

Vietnamese Schola

Alleluia! Hát Lên Người Ôi!

The Lord loves the world, Alleluia
And died for us, Alleluia
And rose again, Alleluia
Sing, oh people, Alleluia
Sing, oh people!, Alleluia
The love of God, Alleluia
For human life, Alleluia
Is like a wondrous dawn, Alleluia

1. Rejoice and sing, all who face disappointment, rejoice and sing, those who hold their pain. For the Lord of Love is with us.
2. Rejoice and sing, all who live a life of hardship, and those who lie alone on their deathbeds. For the Lord of Earth and Heaven is with us.
3. Rejoice and sing, all who long for a better life, and those who build for the world. For the Lord of Creation is with us.
4. Rejoice and sing, all who dream of peace and harmony, and those who work to end the wars. For the Lord of Peace is with us.

Service Award

Roger Duncan, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy
Dr. Joan Gilbert *In Absentia* for Dr. Duncan

Academic Awards:

Associate of Arts Academic Award - Brian D. Evans, A.A. Liberal Arts

Bachelor of Arts Academic Award - Phyllis G. D'Arrigo, B.A. Sacred Art & Theology

Excellence in Divinity - Br. Michael Mary Pellerin, K.H.E., M.Div.

Excellence in Theology - Kelsey Marie Hughes, M.A.

Excellence in Philosophy - Neal James Flesher, M.A.

Excellence in Pastoral Studies - Vincent Paul Ramos, M.A.

Undergraduate Student Speaker

Kelly Ann Tallent
B.A. English in the Humanities and Theology

Graduate Student Speaker

Sr. Luyen Thi Le, O.P., M.A. Pastoral Studies

COMMENCEMENT



Commencement Address	Rashad E. Badr, Co-Founder, OptimalWork
Chancellor Remarks	Very Rev. Martin D. Rooney, M.S.A.
Announcement of Class of 2023 <i>In Absentia</i>	Lesley DeNardis, Ph.D. Vice President of Academic Affairs
Conferral of Degrees	Very Rev. Peter Samuel Kucer, M.S.A., S.T.D.
Presentation of Degree Candidates	Lesley DeNardis, Ph.D. Vice President of Academic Affairs
Closing Remarks	Very Rev. Peter Samuel Kucer, M.S.A., S.T.D. President-Rector
Closing Hymn	<i>O God Beyond All Praising</i> by Gustav Holst, lyrics by Michael Perry O God beyond all praising, we worship you today And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay. For we can only wonder at every gift you send, At blessings without number and mercies without end. We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die, Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high. But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown, Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown. For Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, And we through him are given the final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, That we who know your favor may serve you as our king. And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still. To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.
Recessional	<i>Trumpet Voluntary in D Major</i> by Henry Purcell
Postlude	Organ Variation on “ <i>O God Beyond All Praising</i> ” by Noel Jones
Organist	Sister Christianna Hamman, F.S.E.
Cantor	Mrs. Aura Liz Arntsen

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SERVICE AWARD

Roger Duncan, Ph.D. Professor of Philosophy

Dr. Roger Duncan is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Brought up in an evangelical home, he attended Wheaton College where, a bit against the grain, he became an Episcopalian. He majored in Philosophy and was admitted to Yale University where he received a Ph.D. Teaching Philosophy has remained central to him all his life.

He began teaching at the UConn Hartford Branch in 1969 and shortly thereafter met Fr. Jose Salazar, M.S.A., who was instrumental in his conversion to the Roman Catholic Church. Fr. Jose introduced him to Holy Apostles, where he began teaching philosophy to seminarians in 1978.

At Holy Apostles, Dr. Duncan worked closely with the Rectors, beginning with Fr. Leo Ovian, M.S.A. With Fr. Francis Lescoe, Dr. Duncan produced a school version of the work *I-Man* by Lublin philosopher Fr. Mieczysław Krąpiec, O.P. With Fr. Douglas Mosey, C.S.B., he collaborated in the formation of the online program in its early days. With Fr. Peter Kucer he has had an ongoing communication on many mutual endeavors. Dr. Duncan has published articles in various philosophical and theological journals and books, and presented papers at meetings of the American Philosophical Association and the Maritain Society.

He is a Benedictine Oblate of the Abbey of Regina Laudis, and a founding member of Promisek, a "community of the lay faithful," now under the Archbishop of Hartford, which practices a Benedictine-based stewardship of a large piece of land in western Connecticut.

Dr. Duncan has always seen philosophy and community as key points of interest which "intertwine" and "inform" each other. His philosophical outreach has ranged from teaching philosophical principles to 3 - 6 year olds using puppets; to university and seminary professors; and to holding small study groups in restaurants and coffee houses. Over the years at Holy Apostles, his teaching became more concentrated and centered around the "analogy of being," which has been called the "Catholic philosophical principle" (Przywara). Dr. Duncan continues to teach this principle and its applications now in study groups at Promisek, where some of his students have become members of the community.

But, as he affirms, it is the mystery of in-person teaching and its dialogical component that have prevailed as his focus. Dr. Duncan wants to express his deep gratitude for all his students, particularly those at Holy Apostles, where he has "felt such appreciation and desire to learn." He extends an invitation to "Come and visit us out here in the Western Connecticut woods."

Holy Apostles College and Seminary proudly and gratefully bestows the

Service Award

Upon

**Roger Duncan, Ph.D.
Professor of Philosophy**

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



Rashad E. Badr
Co-Founder of
OptimalWork

Mr. Rashad Badr is the Co-Founder of OptimalWork, a startup that combines behavioral psychology, neuroscience, and classical philosophy into a practical program of growth meant to help individuals flourish at work and beyond.

Born to two Lebanese immigrants, Mr. Badr grew up in Northern Virginia and went on to receive both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Princeton's School of Public and International Affairs, where he was a recipient of the Scholars in the Nation's Service Initiative prize. As part of this program, Mr. Badr held fellowship positions at the Department of State, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and at a Department of Defense task force.

After his fellowship, Mr. Badr began a career in management consulting and went on to advise professionals from the national security, nonprofit, and business sectors in their operations and strategy before beginning his own entrepreneurial journey.

Mr. Badr is a "revert" to the faith, having come back to the Church five years ago at St. Charles parish in Northern Virginia. He lives in North Carolina with his wife and two children. Mr. Badr and his wife are also expecting another baby boy this September!

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<u>Transitional Diaconate Ordination</u>		
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Joseph Samuel DeMarzo III	Diocese of Paterson, NJ	May 20, 2023
Hung Viet Tran	Diocese of Boston	May 13, 2023
<u>Priestly Ordination</u>		
Son Van Nguyen	Missionaries of the Holy Apostles	Sept. 24, 2022

Prayer for Vocations

Gracious God, Jesus has told us that “the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.” Thus we pray to You with confidence in accordance with the desires of His Heart.

Help all Christians to take seriously their responsibility as citizens of the Royal Kingdom and as living stones of the Church.

Choose from among your people apostolic workers: priests, deacons, religious men and women, committed lay people, so that the Good News is proclaimed to all nations and that your mercy is known to all our brothers and sisters. Amen

✠ Mary Queen of Apostles, **pray for us.** ✠

✠ Holy Apostles, **pray for us.** ✠

Please pray for our seminarians. To donate to the Holy Apostles College and Seminary *Scholarship Fund* to be used for seminarians, sisters, and clergy, make checks payable to “Holy Apostles College and Seminary”, with “Scholarship Fund” on the memo line.



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In his address *“What the Church expects from Catholic Universities”*, Cardinal de Mendonça, Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education, writes: “We have to strive for Catholic Universities to be good universities. But we must also bear in mind that this is not enough.”

In Pope Francis’s mind, Catholic Universities shouldn’t just deliver quality degrees and ensure the pursuit of ambitious careers for their students. As the Pope said in his *World Day of Peace message of 2021*, the Church wishes our institutions of higher learning to shine as world universities that, by offering their educational services, are in a capacity to “pass on a system of values based on the recognition of the dignity of each person, each linguistic, ethnic and religious community and each people, as well as the fundamental rights arising from that recognition.”

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(Pope Francis, Message for the launch of the Global Compact on Education, 12 September 2019)

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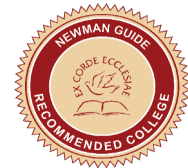
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The **National Eucharistic Revival**, launched on June 19, 2022 on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi, has a “**mission**” to “renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist,” as stated on the initiative’s website.

During the National Eucharistic Revival, may Holy Apostles’ 2023 Graduates deepen their relationship with our risen Lord Jesus who eucharistically gives Himself to us at every Mass.

National Eucharistic Revival Conference
July 17-24, 2024, Indianapolis, Indiana
YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION
July 21, 2024 – Pentecost 2025

Having enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the faithful in America, the Holy Spirit will send us out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord as we enter the universal Church’s jubilee year in 2025.

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret A. Gunn †2023

Holy Apostles College and Seminary

1999 — 2019



Margaret was a long-serving, devoted employee of Holy Apostles College and Seminary. She served in many departments in the Seminary, including Admissions, Rector's and Vice-Rector's offices, and was Assistant to Fr. Maurice Sheehan, the Academic Dean.

Along with her many duties, Margaret was also the Graduation Coordinator, *extraordinaire*. She organized and planned, supervised and oversaw all facets of each graduation – she took great pride in every detail of each year's graduation ceremony.

Margaret was also a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and shortly after her passing, became a great-grandmother. She was a larger-than-life personality, full of life, love and laughter -- her laughter always resonated throughout the halls of St. Peter's. She is greatly missed by all those who knew her and loved her.



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