



Sixty-sixth Commencement Exercises

Saturday May 4, 2024 ***

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 will be made available to our graduating students and their guests.

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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
and reposed in another campus Chapel.

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!

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!

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.

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Student Choir

Laudare Benedicere Praedicare

Composer: Fr. Giuseppe Pietro V. Arsciwals, OP Choral arrangement: Mr. Irineo Hernandez III Musical arrangement: Mr. Paulo Zarate

Chorus:

Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare Laudare, we praise our Lord with our saints. Benedicere, we lift our voice in song. Praedicare, we proclaim your Word

to the world. Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare

First verse (English):

Sent out to preach by Dominic sent two by two to all the world sent out to study the Gospel of grace to find new ways to preach

(Chorus)

Second verse (French):

Un cœur, une âme, tous donnés contemplatifs émerveillés joyeux amis, apprenez nous pour les pêcheurs, miséricorde. (Chorus)

Third verse (Spanish):

Presencia del amor de Dios Presencia profética Presencia compasiva Sembradores de esperanza

(Chorus)

Fourth verse (Vietnamese):

Embrace with grace the marketplace Embrace the world not of the world Embrace the mission with compassion to preach the word to the world

(Chorus 2x)

Academic Achievement Awards:

Associate of Arts Academic Award - Nicholas Daniel Standage, A.A.

Bachelor of Arts Academic Award - Chantal Marie LaFortune, B.A.

Excellence in Divinity - Deacon Daniel M. Valente, M.S.A., M.Div.

Excellence in Theology - Jeremy Michael Long, M.A.

Excellence in Philosophy - Marissa Rose Standage, M.A.

Excellence in Pastoral Studies - Sister Tam Thi Hoang, C.M.V., M.A.

Undergraduate Student Speaker Anne C. Hart, B.A. Philosophy and Theology Graduate Student Speaker Joseph Freymann, M.A. Theology

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Honorary Degree Rev. Wade L. J. Menezes, C.P.M.

Commencement Address Rev. Wade L. J. Menezes, C.P.M.

Chancellor Remarks Very Rev. Martin D. Rooney, M.S.A.

Announcement of Lesley DeNardis, Ph.D.

Class of 2024 In Absentia Vice President of Academic Affairs

Conferral of Degrees Very Rev. Peter Samuel Kucer, M.S.A., S.T.D.

Presentation of Lesley DeNardis, Ph.D.

Degree Candidates Vice President of Academic Affairs

Closing Remarks Very Rev. Peter Samuel Kucer, M.S.A., S.T.D.

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Closing Hymn O God Beyond All Praising

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.

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major by Henry Purcell

Organ Variation on "O God Beyond All Praising"

by Noel Jones

Organist and Cantor Mrs. Emma Belske

Recessional

Postlude

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Reverend Wade L. J. Menezes, C.P.M.



Fr. Wade L. J. Menezes, C.P.M. is a member of the Fathers of Mercy, a missionary preaching religious congregation based in Auburn, Kentucky. Ordained a priest during the Great Jubilee Year 2000, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Catholic Thought from the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Toronto, Canada and his dual Master of Arts and Master of Divinity Degrees in Theology from Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut. His secular college degrees are in journalism and communications.

Fr. Menezes has served as the Assistant General and as the Director of Vocations and Director of Seminarians for the Fathers of Mercy. He has also served as the Chaplain-in-Residence at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, Alabama. While at the Shrine, Fr. Menezes was a daily Mass celebrant, homilist and confessor; he also gave spiritual conferences on specialized points of Catholic Christian doctrine to the many pilgrims who visit the Shrine. Both the Monastery and Shrine are affiliated with EWTN, the Eternal Word Television Network. As an itinerant preacher for the Fathers of Mercy, Fr. Menezes has preached throughout the United States, Canada, and Australia.

Fr. Menezes has been a contributing writer for the National Catholic Register, Our Sunday Visitor, Catholic Twin Circle, Catholic Faith and Family, The Wanderer, Pastoral Life, The Catholic Faith, Lay Witness, Legatus, and Christian Ranchman publications. Several homiletic series of his have appeared in Homiletic and Pastoral

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Review, an international journal for Priests. Fr. Menezes has also been a guest on various episodes of EWTN's "Mother Angelica Live" and "Life on the Rock" programs during which he discussed such topics as the sanctification of marriage and family life, vocations, and the Sacred Liturgy. He has also hosted several televised series for EWTN, which have covered such topics as the necessity of the spiritual life, the Four Last Things, the Ten Commandments of Catholic Family Life and the Gospel of Life vs. the Culture of Death. He is also host of the EWTN interstitial series "The Crux of the Matter," "The Wonders of His Mercy," and "In Defense of the Eucharist." His many theological and doctrinal presentations have been featured on EWTN Global Catholic Radio, Ave Maria Radio, Guadalupe Radio Network, Covenant Network Radio, Catholic Broadcasting Northwest, and Voice of Virtue International.

Fr. Menezes is the author of three books: The Four Last Things: A Catechetical Guide to Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell; Overcoming the Evil Within: The Reality of Sin and the Transforming Power of God's Grace and Mercy; and Catholic Essentials: A Guide to Understanding Key Church Teachings (from EWTN Publishing in conjunction with Sophia Institute Press). Fr. Menezes is also the host of EWTN Global Catholic Radio's "Open Line Tuesday."

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<u>Name</u>	Diocese/Community	Ordination Date				
Transitional Diaconate Ordination						
Rev. Br. Hieu Huu Ho	Missionaries of the Holy Apostles	October 21, 2023				
Rev. Br. Daniel M. Valente	Missionaries of the Holy Apostles	October 21, 2023				
Rev. Br. Minh Hoang Nguyen	Congregation of the Holy Family	March 18, 2024				
Priestly Ordination						
Rev. Truong Phi Dinh, ICM	Society of Incarnatio Consecratio Mission	Sept. 23, 2023				
Rev. Loi Duc Tran, CSF	Congregation of the Holy Family	January 26, 2024				
Deacon Hieu Huu Ho	Missionaries of the Holy Apostles	May 11, 2024				
Deacon Daniel M. Valente	Missionaries of the Holy Apostles	May 11, 2024				
	Prayer for Vocations					

Gracious God, Jesus has told us that "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so we 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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(Pope Francis, Message for the launch of the Global Compact on Education, 12 September 2019)

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During the National Eucharistic Revival, may Holy Apostles' 2024 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

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