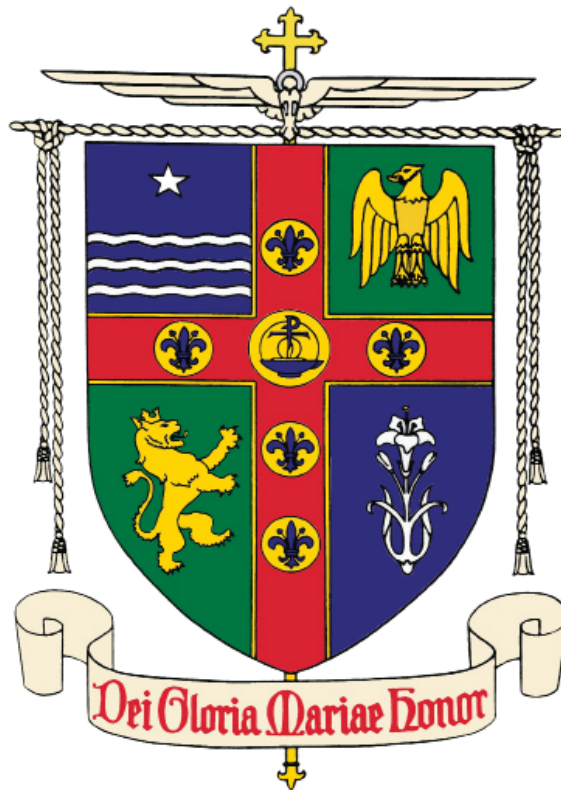


Notre Dame Academy

Class of 2026

Baccalaureate Mass and
Commencement Exercises



Thursday, the Twenty First of May
Two Thousand Twenty Six
Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
Seven o'clock in the evening

Baccalaureate Mass

Prelude Music

Entrance Procession

"Pomp and Circumstance"

United States Flag

Sarah Hitts, Executive Student Council President

Papal Flag

Brooklyn Marrow, Class President

Candles

Rebekah Hazard, Class Vice President
Uriyah Brown, Class Secretary
Brynn Peppel, Class Treasurer

Class Picture

Aya Kanaan, Executive Student Council Secretary

Roses for Deceased Family Members

Maggie Sulier, Executive Student Council Treasurer

Faculty, Staff, and Board Members

Celebrant

Reverend Joseph Newman, O.S.F.S.

Introduction to Liturgy and Welcome

Elise Busse, Salutatorian

Opening Song

"All Creatures of Our God and King" by Lasst Uns Erfreuen

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams, Soft silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. All you with mercy in your heart, Forgiving others, take your part, O sing now! Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear, Praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him! Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in One:
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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First Reading (Philippians 4:4-9)

Giada Terrill

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118)

This is the day, this is the day, this is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Gospel (Matthew 28: 16-20)

Reverend Joseph Newman, O.S.F.S.

Homily

Reverend Joseph Newman, O.S.F.S.

General Intercessions

Mia Williams

Procession of the Gifts

"For the Beauty of the Earth" by Folliot Sandford Pierpoint

1. For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the Love which from our birth, Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to You we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all to You we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
3. For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all to You we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.
4. For Your Church, that evermore Lifts its holy hands above,
Off'ring up on every shore A pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all to You we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
5. For Yourself, O gift Divine To our world so freely giv'n,
For that Love from which will shine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:
Lord of all to You we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.

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Gift Bearers

Camdyn Escobar, Valeria Medina-Guerrero, Elizabeth Pawlicki

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until You come again.

Great Amen

Sung

Our Father

Recited

Lamb of God

Sung

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Jenna Chryst, Julia Chryst, Sr. Mary Delores Gatliff SND '68,
Mrs. Kim Grilliot, Ms. Sarah Hunter,
Josie Koszycki, Kaitlyn Morrow,
Mrs. Rawaa Shikwana, Mrs. Kristin Schank '02

Celebration of the Eucharist

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

For Our Fellow Christians

We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (Jn 17:21). Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (Canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (Canon 844 §3).

For those not receiving Holy Communion

All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

For non-Christians

We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

Communion Song

“Lord, I Am Not Worthy” by Fr. Joe Menkhaus,
Fr. Connor Hetzel, Monica Menkhaus, Max Menkhaus.

Choir Sings Verses, All Sing Chorus:

“Lord, I am not worthy, Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof.
Only say the word, only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.”

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Refrain text: Matthew 8:8,
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Communion Meditation Song

Instrumental

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Closing Song

O God Beyond All Praising

1. 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 words,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

2. 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.

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The Notre Dame Academy Class of 2026 has earned scholarship and awards totaling nearly \$16 million, have been accepted in 137 schools, and have collectively given 10,623 hours of service locally, nationally in Appalachia, and globally in the Dominican Republic.

Impulse Studio, our official commencement photographer, will have photographs available online at images.impulsesport.net approximately 24 hours after the ceremony.

Recognition of Hall of Families

Mr. Neil Chryst and Mrs. Rochelle Chryst

Jenna Chryst '26
Julia Chryst '26
Natalie Chryst '24

Mr. Bradley Hitts and Ms. Erin (Young) Hitts '95

Sarah Hitts '26
Anna Hitts '24
Lauren Hitts '21

Dr. Tarif Kanaan and Mrs. Lina Kattan Kanaan

Aya Kanaan '26
Lana Kanaan '24
Dina Kanaan '22

Mrs. Angela (DeMarco) Shern '89

Grace Shern '26
Marla Shern '23
Ellen Shern '21

Mr. Michael Spencer and Mrs. Robyn Spencer

Maya Spencer '26
Rachel Spencer '20
Julia Spencer '17

Recognition of Faculty

Recognition of Board of Trustees

Mrs. Jenny (Conrad) Swope '83 - Chair
Mrs. Gayle (Brennan) Beier '93
Mr. Mark Bigelow
Mrs. Stephanie DuPree
Sr. Mary Delores Gatliff SND '68
Mrs. Kim Grilliot

Mrs. Rosanna (Violi) Hoelzle '03
Mrs. Kathleen Korducki
Mrs. Meredith Mercurio '92
Mr. Matthew Mishler
Mrs. Shayla Bell-Moriarty '02
Mrs. Ann Riddle

Mrs. Bridgett Root
Mrs. Barbara (Backus) Roshon '79
Mr. Paul Spinazze
Mr. Daniel Vining

Special Honorary Recognition

Valedictorian
Salutatorian
The Blue and Gold Spirit Award
The President's Award
The Sisters of Notre Dame Distinguished Graduate Award
Bishop's Cross

Abigail Beier
Elise Busse
Maya Spencer
Zoe VanOrden
Tess Luebke
To be announced at graduation

Valedictory Address

Abigail Beier

Alma Mater

Sung

Presentation of Graduates

Mr. Travis Galloway, Dean of Students
Dr. Beth Corrigan, Dean of Academics

Conferring of Diplomas

Mrs. Kim Grilliot, President
Mrs. Andrea (Zobler) Zimmerman '96, Principal

Recessional Music

Musicians

Trombone: Jenna Chryst
Violin: Tess Luebke
Saxophone: Julia Chryst
Trumpet: Eliana Peron '23
Organ/Piano: Mr. Ryan Thomas

Singers

Olivia Fall, Ciara Gomez, Monica Marvet,
Sarah Miller, Katharine Smith, Serenity Weirick and
Notre Dame Academy's Honors Choir

Alma Mater

All hail to thee, loved Notre Dame
As Alma Mater we're proud thee to claim.
Thy loyal daughters we'll ever be,
We pledge, Alma Mater, allegiance to thee.
In hallowed memory enshrined in each heart,
Are all the great lessons thou strovest to impart,
Then hail! Thrice hail! We'll ever be true to thee
And our banner of gold and blue.
Then hail! All hail!
We'll ever be true to thee, Notre Dame.

Should ever pleasure's siren lay
Tempt us from duty's path to stray,
Or sorrow darken life's rugged way
Then faith be our guide, our light and stay.
Reflecting thru life thy virtues so rare,
We'll crown thee with honor for thy loving care,
Be life's way obscure or up heights of fame,
We'll never forget thee, loved Notre Dame.

Down ages still in rapturous song
May grateful daughters the strains prolong
'Til eternal portals open wide
With thee, loved Queen, fore'er to abide.
At that great reunion of Notre Dame,
We'll sing in grand chorus the old refrain:
"All hail to thee, Our Lady most fair,
We'll glory forever thy Name to bear.
Dear Queen, oh deign to bless us thy children,
Loved Mother, loved Notre Dame."

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National Merit Scholarship Program

Elise Busse was recognized as a Merit Finalist

Zoe VanOrden was awarded a Letter of Commendation

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| Olivia Kate Allen | Evelyn Sophia Fuentes |
| Tyasia Lazire-Lee Allen | □ Brynn Peach Furey |
| Kennedy Sherri Anderson | ◆★ Violet Frances Gies |
| Kizziah Naahsar Armstrong | Ciara Clair Gomez |
| ◆□ Sarah Asad | ◆□ Ava Elizabeth Goodnough |
| ◆□● Abigail Anne Beier | Mariah Eyvonne Gordon |
| ◆ Katherine Ellaina Bierie | Madeline Ann Gouling |
| Chloe Anne Boda | Madison Anne Gray |
| Corinne Marie Bowe | ◆ Lauryn Richelle Hancock |
| Lilianna Noelle Box | Melana Raye Harvill |
| Ra'Shyiah Ty'Nisha Brooks | ★ Anaya Ileola Hawley Ayodeji |
| □ Uriyah Sa'Nae Brown | ◆□ Rebekah Ericson Hazard |
| Willow Rozalia Buerk | Madison Lynn Heath |
| ◆★□ Samantha Winston Burek | Na'kai Joh'nae Hinton |
| ◆★● Elise Katherine Busse | ◆❖ Sarah Elizabeth Hitts |
| ◆★ Eynne Michelle Byrne | ◆★ Grace Raylynn Hughes |
| Reagan Colleen Caldwell | ◆ Amelia Jaye Imbrogno |
| Kensington Vail Caryer | Hayden Marie Johnson |
| ◆ Jenna Nicole Chryst | Nora Claire Johnson |
| ◆ Julia Noelle Chryst | ◆ Madison Paige Jones |
| Karys Ivy Clark | Autumn Jolie Kahler |
| Eternity-Amor Collins-Pope | ◆❖ Aya Kanaan |
| Clover Ann Cooney | Aaliyah Sy'Marra Knowles |
| Kira Marie Cowdrey | ● Julienna Elise Koller |
| ◆ Presleigh AnnMarie Cutcher | ◆● Josie Margaret Koszycki |
| Marley Jordan DuPree | Cadence Marie Kunz |
| Alana Irene Ellis | Isabelle Velda LaPlant |
| Camdyn Marie Escobar | Alessandra Rose Leadbetter |
| Louise Kalil Espindola de Souza Smidi | Jamyia Lashay Lindsay |
| Olivia Lee Fall | Amani Jewell Lozada |
| ◆ Emma Claire Firsdon | ◆ Tess Cecilia Luebke |
| ◆ Evelyn June Flanigan | □ Claire Ruth Ma |
| Jada Marie Ford | ◆ Katie Ann Malone |

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- Brooklyn Rashae Marrow
- ◆ Madelyn Renee Martin
- Monica Marie Marvet
- Valeria Giselle Medina-Guerrero
- Olivia James Miller
- Sarah Anne Miller
- Abigail Gries Misson
- ◆● Addison Leigh Monday
- ◆ Reese Kaelee Morehouse
- Scarlett Elizabeth Morris
- Kaitlyn Marie Morrow
- Tien Thao Hua Nguyen
- Natalie Jane O'Neal
- ◆ KylieEmma Aizeghode Obeto
- Zoey Cheryl Old
- Anaiya Marie Paredes
- ◆ Elizabeth Claire Pawlicki
- ◆□ Brynn Katherine Peppel
- ◆ Charlotte Kathleen Perlaky
- ☆ Angel MoN'ey Pettis
- Lillian Mae Phillips
- ◆ Marina Rochelle Porter
- ◆ Tyla Renee Rayford
- ◆☆ Madeline Phyllis Yue Xuan Riley
- Mylee Grace Rochelle
- Grace Elizabeth Shern
- Payton Elizabeth Shively
- ◆ Ta'Nyla Nicole Sims
- Katharine Kay Smith
- ◆☆□ Morgan Elaine Smith
- ◆□ Maya Marie Spencer
- Addison Nicole Steer
- ◆❖ Maggie Grace Sulier
- April Lee Switzenberg
- ◆□ Giada Marie Terrill
- Shalyn Paige Testerman
- Kallie Mariah Thames
- Catherine Joy Tohme
- ◆ Macy Lynne Valentine
- ◆ Zoe Louise VanOrden
- Izabella Roze Vargas
- ◆☆● Erinn Elizabeth Verkennes
- Josalyn Shea Vollmer
- Hadassah Leona Wainscott
- ◆ Sophia Jewel Walker
- ◆☆ Siming Wang
- Serenity Ann'Johnay Weirick
- ◆ Hadley Laine Wernert
- Jillian Louise Westmeyer
- Brooklynn Elizabeth Williams
- ◆ Mia Katherine Williams
- Lillian Teresa Williamson
- ◆ Rhiannon Lynn Zenz

Dear Family and Friends,
The Class of 2026 respectfully requests that guests refrain from any behavior
that might detract from the formal nature of the planned program.

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- Blue and Light Blue Honor Cord - Awarded to seniors who have completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program
 - ❖ Gold and Blue Honor Cord - Awarded to the Executive Student Council President, Treasurer, and Secretary
 - Blue Honor Cord - Awarded to Executive Student Council Cabinet Members and Senior Class Officers
 - ☆ Rainbow Honor Cord - Awarded to seniors who are two-year members of the National Art Honor Society
 - ◆ Gold Honor Cord - Awarded to seniors with a cumulative 4.00 GPA average or higher for five or more semesters
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Colleges & Universities Accepting Members of the Class of 2026

Adrian College	Kent State University	The University of Findlay
Arizona State University, Tempe	Kenyon College	The University of Tampa
Art Academy of Cincinnati	Long Island University, Brooklyn	The University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
Augusta University	Louisiana State University	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Aurora University	Lourdes University	The University of Texas at Tyler
Baldwin Wallace University	Loyola University, Chicago	Towson University
Ball State University	Marquette University	Trine University
Baylor University	Mercy College of Ohio	Tuskegee University
Berry College	Miami University, Oxford	University of Akron
Bluffton University	Michigan State University	University of Arizona
Bowling Green State University	Michigan Technological University	University of Cincinnati
Butler University	Missouri Southern State University	University of Colorado Boulder
Calvin University	Moore College of Art and Design	University of Dayton
Capital University	Morgan State University	University of Delaware
Central Michigan University	Mount Vernon Nazarene University	University of Detroit Mercy
Central State University	Nazareth University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Claflin University	New York University	University of Kentucky
Clark Atlanta University	North Carolina Central University	University of Louisville
Clemson University	Oakland University	University of Maine
Cleveland State University	Ohio Dominican University	University of Maine at Fort Kent
Coastal Carolina University	Ohio Northern University	University of Maryland, College Park
College for Creative Studies	Ohio University	University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
College of Charleston	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Columbia College, Chicago	Otterbein University	University of Michigan, Dearborn
Columbus College of Art and Design	Owens Community College	University of Michigan, Flint
Defiance College	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Denison University	Penn State University, University Park	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
DePaul University	Perimeter College at Georgia State University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Dillard University	Purdue University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Duquesne University	Purdue University at Fort Wayne	University of Notre Dame
East Carolina University	Regis University	University of Pittsburgh
Eastern Michigan University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of South Carolina
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach	Saint Michael's College	University of Toledo
Florida Gulf Coast University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Franciscan University of Steubenville	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Wisconsin, Parkside
Georgia Institute of Technology	Schreiner University	West Virginia University
Grand Valley State University	Shawnee State University	Western Michigan University
Hampton University	Simmons College of Kentucky	Whittier College
Howard University	SUNY Buffalo State University	Widener University
Illinois Wesleyan University	Syracuse University	Wingate University
Indiana Institute of Technology	Tennessee Technological University	Wittenberg University
Indiana University, Bloomington	The Ohio State University, Columbus	Wright State University
Indiana University, Indianapolis	The Ohio State University, Lima	Xavier University
John Carroll University	The Ohio State University, Mansfield	Xavier University of Louisiana
Kansas State University	The Ohio State University, Newark	York University
	The University of Alabama	Youngstown State University

***Colleges and universities are those received before printing deadlines.**

Notre Dame Academy Prayer

Our Lady, Notre Dame,
privileged to carry Jesus within you,
privileged to give Jesus to a waiting world,
we come before you today to ask for this same grace.
We desire to carry Jesus within us wherever we go.
We desire to give Jesus to others.

Enable us, Loved Mother,
to live as persons of integrity in today's society.
Grant us a gentle strength,
a true sense of honesty,
a deep, sacred respect
for ourselves, for others, for all of creation.

You who gave Life Itself to the world,
help us become ingenious in finding ways
to give life,
to strengthen family ties,
to reach out to those in need,
to improve the quality of life around us.

Dear Morning Star, enlighten our way
that all we do this day
be done, "All for Jesus through Mary."

Our Lady, Notre Dame, pray for us. Amen.

–Sister Mary Charleen Hug SND '58