



June 3, 2020

To the Graduating Class of 2020,

I pray that all of you are keeping well during these challenging days. This is certainly a year none of us will ever forget and I know that it has been especially stressful for many of you.

I want you to know that you are in my prayers. Despite the fact you aren't physically in school to complete the year, it does not diminish your accomplishments and contributions to your community. We give thanks to God for the many blessings you have experienced during this important chapter on the journey.

Due to the requirements of physical distancing during this pandemic, graduation ceremonies will take a different form this year. In every Catholic school, the marking of graduation always includes a special Mass. This year, I would like to invite you, your family and your teachers, to join me virtually for a Mass celebrating the Class of 2020 for all Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Toronto. This includes Grade 8 graduates at the elementary level and Grade 12 students at the secondary level.

The Mass will take place on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. You can join the livestream by visiting: www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live. For those who may not be able to join us at that time, a recording of the Mass can be accessed anytime following the broadcast at: youtube.com/stmichaelscathedralbasilica/videos

Graduation is a special event, an important transition in your life. Whether you are moving from Grade 8 to High School or from High School to post-secondary studies or other endeavours, it is important to pause, celebrate your achievement and to ask God's blessing for the days ahead.

I also wish to thank you for all that you are doing during this time of pandemic to remain close to your family, to reach out to those who may be isolated and to share generously of your time and talents to help those in need.

Once again, be assured of my prayers during this important period in your life. I hope that you and your loved ones can join me on June 16th to celebrate the Class of 2020. May God continue to bless you and be with you always.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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