

25 June 2020

Dear Friends,

May and June are traditionally months for celebrating the end of a school year and, in particular, honoring various graduates: college, high school, middle school, elementary school, and even preschool!

Earlier this month, we hosted a really fun car parade for our Joyful Discovery Preschool children in the church parking lot. The JDP staff decorated signs and balloons, and the families drove through in their cars with their own signs and decorations. It was a beautiful, sunny day and so good for the JDP community to be together once again. Pictures of this day were posted in parish media. *Congratulations and blessings to our JDP Pre-K graduates!*

This Sunday evening (June 28<sup>th</sup>) at 5:00 p.m. we will have a Mass Celebrating MQP High School Graduates! The time of graduation is also known as “commencement”, that is, a beginning or sending forth on mission. It is very fitting for us to honor and celebrate our high school graduates (and all graduates) with this Mass, because the Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life” (*Lumen Gentium* 11). It’s what draws us together, nourishes us, and then sends each of us forth on our mission!

As we give thanks to God for the gifts that have been nurtured in our youth through their years of learning, let us also pray for them and bless them as they move forward to a new stage in their lives:

*May God the Father strengthen and protect you,  
May the Light of Christ be your guide in this world,  
And may the Holy Spirit inspire you  
to always put your gifts in the service of others.*

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Chad Green". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom left of the page.