



FONTBONNE UNIVERISTY

BACCALAUREATE MASS

Honoring the Class of 2022

Doerr Chapel

Friday May 6, 2022

4:00 P.M.



ABOUT OUR CELEBRATIONS

Baccalaureate is a time-honored tradition held at many high schools, colleges and universities. It is a spiritual service that celebrates the achievements, accomplishments and aspirations of our graduating students. Not surprisingly, Roman Catholic higher educational institutions place the Baccalaureate within the context of the Mass. We are very excited to see this tradition return to our Fontbonne Community, and to make it our own. The ceremonies you are joining us for today celebrate the unifying love we share as children of God through the Mass, Please note the symbols placed before the altar; they represent the academic disciplines our graduates have specialized in (read more about these on the back of the program). We also celebrate and our unique heritage imparted to us by our founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet during our Sending Ceremony.

The Sending Ceremony calls our graduates to go forth and share all that they have learned with a world in need of hope. It serves as a reminder that as Fontbonne Alumni, they are called to "soar higher" and use their knowledge, strengths, and gifts with all their dear neighbors. And finally, we hope this send-off celebrates the beautiful light each our graduates has kindled during their time here and rejoices that this light will shine for all they encounter next.

We thank you for the part you played in their journeys to get here, and for joining us for this momentous and happy occasion.

Welcome

Joanna Boyd-Wilhite, Director of Campus Ministry

Processional Hymn

Gather Us In, #848 in the Gather Hymnal

Gloria

First Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14

Read by Blake Klenke

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118

#82 in the Gather Hymnal, sang by Maria Dietrich

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 4:12-16

Read by Quintin Redd

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

Gospel Acclimation: Alleluia

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot." You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Homily

Fr. Patrick Baikauskas, O.P.

Nicene Creed

You will find this on the first page of the Gather Hymnal.

Prayers of the Faithful

Offered by: Angel Cole, Dyllan Haggard, and Grace Reavis

Please respond to each petition with "Lord Hear our Prayer."

Offertory Hymn

We are the Light of the World #592, in Gather Hymnal

Liturgy of the Eucharist

During this time of prayer, practicing Catholics will often alternate between standing and kneeling. Please participate in whatever way is most comfortable for you.

Communion Hymn

We are Many Parts #834 in the Gather Hymnal

Sending & Lighting Ceremony

Dr. Nancy Blattner, President of Fontbonne University

Commissioning Rite

Dr. Blattner: Graduates, are you ready to be sent forth from Fontbonne University?

Graduates: We are ready to go forth enlightened by our education and challenged by the charism and values of Fontbonne to serve a world in need.

All: We ask God's blessing on you!

Dr. Blattner: Will you faithfully live out the values instilled in you during your time at Fontbonne?

Graduates: We commit ourselves to embody the Mission of Fontbonne University; honoring differences while reaching out to all who feel disconnected.

All: We ask God's blessing on you!

Dr. Blattner: Will you accept the call to love and serve all of God's people with all of your heart, mind, and strength?

Graduates: We commit ourselves to see each person as my dear neighbor knowing we are all interlaced through our one human story.

All: We ask God's blessing on you!

Dr. Blattner: Will you commit to always working towards the common good wherever you might be?

Graduates: We commit ourselves to becoming a lived expression of unity so that serving the dear neighbor without distinction will touch a world in need of hope.

All: We ask God's blessing on you!

Pin Tradition

Recessional Hymn

Go Light your World #112 in Sprit and Song Missal

Departmental Symbols

Biological and Behavioral Science	Skull
Business Administration	Abacus
Communication Disorders and Deaf Education	Painting of Ear
Education and Special Education	Crystal Apple
Family And Consumer Sciences	Betty Lamp
Fashion Merchandising	Vintage Textile Stamp
Fine Arts	Ceramic Platter by Larry Smith
Humanities	A Religious Icon & Book
Mathematics and Computer Science	Calculator
Social Work	Photograph of Graduates

Thank-you

This special day of celebration would not be possible without the support and contributions of the following individuals:

Presider	Fr. Patrick Baikauskas, O.P.
Pianist	Sue Martin
Cantors	Maria Dietrich & Heather Sweeney
Sacristan	Caitlyn Ulery
Ushers	Niyah Harris, Jaylin Hester, Caitlin Keohane, Anna Laine, & Bethany Littlejohn

We also thank our Executive Leadership Team for their support of this tradition, and the Sisters of St. Joseph who joined us today.