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**Final Commencement Ceremony
for All Hallows High School**

All Hallows High School marked a historic
moment as it celebrated the graduation of its
final class—the Class of 2025—at
St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan.

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"Cheers to the Years" Honors 115 Years of All Hallows High School



Generations of alumni gathered for the "Cheers to the Years" event to celebrate the remarkable 115-year legacy of All Hallows High School. The event, lovingly orchestrated by Director of Alumni Relations and proud All Hallows alum Sonel Martinez, class of 2008, brought together a powerful tapestry of memories, brotherhood, and unwavering school spirit.

Catholic High Schools Pray, Give, and Celebrate Achievements...

Notre Dame Academy Salutatorian Gift to Fellow Seniors

On graduation day, the Notre Dame Academy Class of 2025 received a heartfelt and unforgettable gift from their classmate, Salutatorian Sofia Nielsen. In addition to delivering a powerful address, Sofia quietly spent over two months creating 110 individual watercolor portraits—one for each of her classmates—wanting to leave a lasting impact and give them something they could keep forever.

This deeply personal gesture is an act of Visitation, bringing the Class of 2025 together in a shared moment of gratitude, beauty, and unity. It is a bond that will last a lifetime—through these portraits and the love they represent.

The arts program at Notre Dame Academy is liberating education at its core. It gives each young woman the freedom to express herself and find her voice. Sofia's work is a shining example of that mission in action: art not only as expression, but as connection

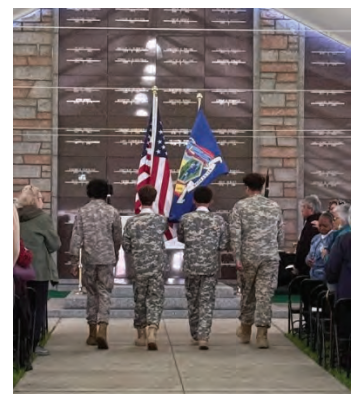


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St. Raymond High School Cadets Celebrate Memorial Day

The annual St. Raymond Memorial Day Mass was held on Monday, May 26th at St. Raymond Cemetery. The St. Raymond Cadet Corps was on hand to celebrate the mass and remember those who have fought and died for our country.



St. Raymond Academy Student Recipient of Humanas Scholarship

Congratulations to Senior Mayra Rubio, the recipient of this year's Humanas Scholarship. Mayra will be majoring in global business with a concentration in marketing at Fordham's Lincoln Center Campus.

A special Thank-you to Herb and Barbara Gstalter for their continued support of SRA students and future mentorship throughout Mayra's college journey.



From New York to the Vatican

Eight high school students from New York—supported by their schools, political leaders, and families—represent the U.S. alongside four students from Los Angeles at the 2nd International Encounter of Meaning in Rome

Students from Cardinal Hayes, Maria Regina, St. Raymond HS for Boys, St. Raymond Academy for Girls, and Nazareth Regional, alongside young people from around the world, explored ways to build a more human and hopeful future—through dialogue, art, and reflection at the heart of the Vatican.

Students were also blessed to be part of a general audience with Pope Leo and visit the final resting place of our beloved Pope Francis, founder of Scholas.



TEACHING THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE at Moore Catholic

The formation of junior and senior students taking TCM I and II is based on the Catechist Formation Program of the Archdiocese of New York. Concurrent with academic instruction, there is a practicum of one year of team teaching in the Religious Education Program of a local parish. Using the goals and objectives set forth in the Archdiocesan Curriculum Guidelines, and building on the vision set forth in Church documents on catechetics, students come to understand the fundamental unity of catechesis, apologetics, and evangelization.



Ursuline alums shine on National Stage

This spring, two Ursuline School former students made national headlines. In sports, Sonia Citron '21 was selected third overall in the 2025 WNBA Draft by the Washington Mystics, capping off a stellar Notre Dame career after dominating at The Ursuline. On the music scene, Santina Madden '22 earned a Golden Ticket on American Idol with her powerful voice and violin performance.

Both women, rooted in Ursuline's tradition of excellence, inspire the next generation of Koalas with their drive, talent, and grace. Their success is a proud

Preston High School Sacramental Prep Program Confirms 22 Students & Staff



On May 7, Preston HS joyfully celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation with twenty-one students and one staff member during a beautiful Mass led by Bishop Edmund Whalen. This mass signified the culmination of the sacramental preparation program at Preston High School, beginning its fifth year in the coming fall.

Nine members of the Preston community were baptized, eleven received holy communion, and twenty-two were confirmed. The sacramental preparation program continues to grow in both faith and community.



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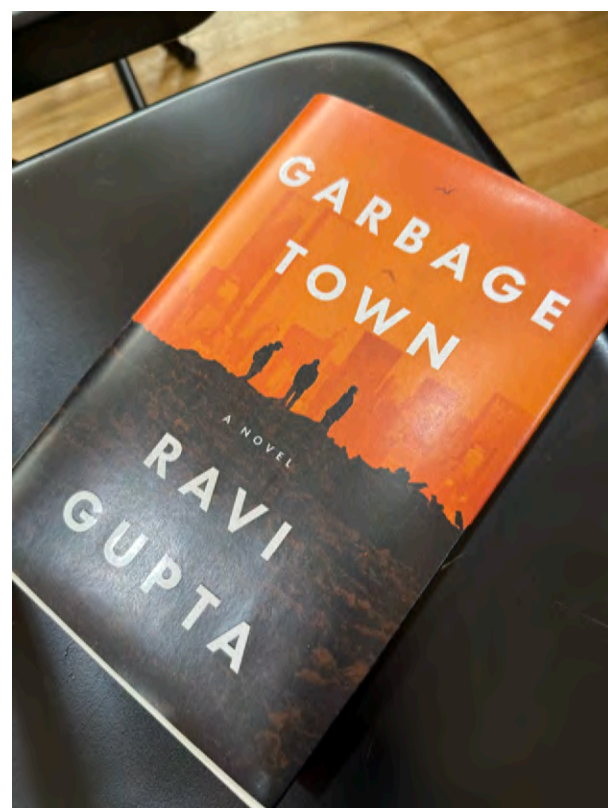
No Class on November 29th



Moore Catholic Alumnus, Ravi Gupta, Comes Back Home

Moore Catholic was proud to welcome back alum and entrepreneur Ravi Gupta, Class of 2001, as a guest speaker for Moore's Senior English classes. Now an accomplished author and business leader, Gupta returned to campus to share insights from his journey since graduation.

Students had the opportunity to hear about his book, Garbage Town. Beyond his literary success, he offered thoughtful advice on navigating college, building a career, and embracing the challenges of life beyond high school.



Bishop Espallat Visits Cathedral High School

Bishop Joseph Espallat, a Dominican American Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York, recently received a warm welcome at Cathedral High School! He shared a powerful message with the Enliven Club, encouraging students to “Enliven the Body of Christ and the world.”



Our Lady of Lourdes High School Sacred Celebration of Faith

On Thursday, May 8th the Our Lady of Lourdes High School community came together for a moving and memorable Liturgy in which twelve students received the sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Gerardo Colacicco with Father Connolly concelebrating.

In a beautiful expression of faith, one incoming student received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, four current students received First Communion and/or Confirmation, and seven received Confirmation, deepening their commitment to Christ and the Church.

St. Catharine Academy Students Volunteer to work at Summer Camp

Eric Panizzo, SJ, a seminarian in Jesuit Formation, visited St. Catharine Academy to meet with students who have volunteered to work at the summer camp hosted for the children at Mount Carmel Academy and School. The young ladies are excited to share their time and talents with the campers this summer!



St. Vincent Ferrer's Easter Trip to France and London

During Easter break St. Vincent Ferrer embarked on a new international adventure to France and London. A busload of students and families traveled throughout northern France and discovered the timeless treasures of Paris and other remarkable locations such as the Mont-Saint-Michel Abbey in Brittany and the medieval Cathedral Our Lady of Chartres.

Travelers had the pleasure to meander through the corridors of the Palace of Versailles' famous Hall of Mirrors in the footsteps of Louis XIV. In London, Ferrer girls had the rare opportunity to witness the Changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace and even visit Shakespeare's famous Globe Theatre along the Thames during a rehearsal. Thanks to Sr. Christine and the school chaperones for a truly memorable experience! Onto the next adventure ...



Setting a New Record, 66 Maria Regina High School Students Excel in 2025 National Italian and Spanish Language Exams and Writing Contest

It has been another banner academic year for Maria Regina High School as a total of sixty-six students have won honors in the 2025 National Italian and Spanish Language Exams and were also recognized for their creative writing in a Young Writers contest.

In back-to-back announcements recently, twenty-seven students learned they were among the honorees across the U.S. cited for excellence in the Italian Language Exam, followed by twenty-six who won similar accolades in the Spanish Language Exam. Thirteen additional students were then informed they were awarded for the creative pieces they submitted in a Young Writers contest. Their works will be published in the Young Writers Unsolved Crime After Crime anthology.



Archbishop Stepinac High School Expands Collaboration with Burke Rehabilitation to Provide Comprehensive Sports Medicine Services

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Archbishop Stepinac High School has announced its expanded relationship with Burke Rehabilitation®, a nationally recognized and accredited not-for-profit healthcare provider specializing in rehabilitation treatment, research, and graduate medical education, to deliver comprehensive sports medicine services to its student-athletes.

Effective August 1, 2025, this multi-year agreement will enhance the health, safety, and performance of Stepinac's athletic programs through the expert medical care and support of Burke Rehabilitation, fostering a positive impact on the entire Stepinac community.

"Working in tandem with Burke Rehabilitation ensures our student-athletes receive top-tier sports medicine care," said Michael O'Donnell, Athletic Director at Archbishop Stepinac High School. "This collaboration provides exceptional medical support and services, empowering our athletes to compete confidently and excel both on and off the field."



Albertus Magnus Girls Varsity Basketball Team State Champs

The Albertus Magnus Girls Varsity Basketball team are back-to-back New York State ChAMPions! This is the second time in school history that the Lady Falcons have won back-to-back state championships, with the first time in 1991 & 1992. Junior Julia Scott has been named Miss Basketball by the Section One Coaches Association, becoming the first girl player in Rockland County to ever receive this award. Julia is also Rockland Girls Basketball Player of the Year and Head Coach Pat Buckley '93 is Coach of the Year.

Cardinal Spellman Graduates Selected for the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program.

The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program is a prestigious leadership and service program that provides ongoing mentorship and spiritual, educational, career, and personal advisement.

Students are chosen based upon their strong academic record, their active participation with their Catholic parishes and school communities, and their demonstration of good character and sound leadership ability.

Dayshauna, Liya, and Vianca will go on the Pierre Toussaint Scholars Retreat this month. As they join many other Cardinal Spellman alumni in this program, this is the first year Spellman has had three students selected for this honor!



NYPD Recruiting Teams Up with ADNY

Captain McCoy, the head of NYPD's recruitment efforts and Commissioner Tisch are excited at the prospect of being allowed to collaborate with the high schools within the Archdiocese of NY on NYPD candidate recruitment efforts.

Although NYPD officers are expected to be residents of NYC, they are also allowed to be residents of counties near NYC such as Putnam, Westchester, Orange, and Rockland.

On Friday, May 9th the NYPD recruiting outreach team visited Burke Catholic in Goshen, NY for a super informative presentation. Students who never considered a career in the police force stayed and talked with the officers and took information home for further discussion. The Outreach Team has visited other high schools such as Maria Regina, Academy of Mt. St. Ursula, Albertus Magnus, Cardinal Hayes, Cathedral HS, and Moore Catholic among other pending visits.





More Than 4,500 Catholic High School Seniors Graduate Across the Archdiocese of New York, Earning Over \$1 Billion in Scholarships

More than 4,500 students graduated this Spring from Catholic high schools across the Archdiocese of New York, marking an extraordinary year of academic excellence, service, and faith. Collectively, the Class of 2025 earned over \$1 billion in college scholarships.

This year's graduates achieved a 99% college acceptance rate, with 83% receiving scholarships to the college or university of their choice. Many were accepted into some of the nation's most prestigious institutions, including Ivy League universities and top-tier Catholic colleges and universities as well as U.S. service academies such as the United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD), the United States Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point, NY), and the United States Military Academy at West Point (NY).

Beyond academics, these students made a powerful impact through service—volunteering more than 300,000 hours in their schools, parishes, and neighborhoods. Their efforts reflect the Gospel values that are the cornerstone of Catholic education. “This year’s graduates inspire us with their resilience, faith, and courage,” said Sister Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York. “Whether achieving academic excellence or dedicating themselves to service, they embody the very best of Catholic education.”

The Archdiocese remains deeply committed to nurturing students not only intellectually, but spiritually, emphasizing compassion, character, and a strong Catholic identity.

“Our schools are more than places of learning—they are communities where students grow in both knowledge and their relationship with Christ,” said Linda Dougherty, Associate Superintendent for Secondary Schools and Catholic Identity. “We are proud to graduate young men and women who are intellectually prepared, spiritually grounded, and ready to serve the world with integrity, faith, and love.”

Among this year's graduates are students who arrived in the United States as refugees, learned English while in high school, and still graduated with honors, underscoring the diversity, inclusivity, and life-changing mission of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

*Our high schools focus on
ensuring the success of every child that
walks through its hallways.*

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