ANNUAL EVENT, “BACCALAUREATE MASS, HOODING AND PINNING CEREMONIES” (MAY 12, 2006)

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Baccalaureate Mass 2006
Brother Paul Demers, s.c. D.Min.
Rivier College Chaplain, celebrant

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Procesional Hymn
FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH
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 gift of grateful praise.

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 gift of grateful praise.

For yourself, O Gift Divine, to our world so freely given;
For that love from which will shine peace on earth and joy in heav'n:
Lord of all, to you we raise this our gift of grateful praise.

Welcome
William Farrell, Ph.D.
President

Opening Prayer
Brother Paul Demers, s.c. D.Min.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading
Andrew Dore, Class of 2006

Responsorial Psalm (based on Psalm 118)
Refrain: This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad.
This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice in salvation!

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel Reading and Homily
Mark 16:15-20
Brother Paul Demers, s.c. D.Min.
General Intercessions
Emily Roy, Class of 2006

Nurse’s Pledge
Mary Ann Brennan, M.S., R.N.
Director of Associate Nursing Program

I solemnly pledge myself before God, and in the presence of this assembly, to carry out my nursing responsibilities consistent with the ethical values of my profession with respect for each individual and with high quality in my nursing care.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Bread and Wine
Brian Donovan, Class of 2006
Sharon Grenier, Class of 2006
Anny Marcotte, Class of 2006

Preparation of the Table
Holy
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Great Amen
amen, amen, amen! (repeat)
The Lord’s Prayer
Sign of Peace
Communion
Refrain. Taste and see, taste and see that the Lord is good, the Lord is good.

DINING AND HOODING CEREMONY

Introduction
Sr. Thérèse Larochelle, P.M., Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Presentation of Academic Hoods and Pins
The Faculty of the School of Undergraduate Studies

Associate Degree Candidates
Mary Ann Brennan, M.S., R.N.
Director, Associate Degree Program, Nursing

Bachelor Degree Candidates
Albert DiCicco, Ph.D.
Academic Dean of the College

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing and Dismissal
Brother Paul Demers, s.c., D.Min.

Recessional Hymn
NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Now thank we all our God with heart, and hands, and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother’s arms hath blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
O may this gracious God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
Preserve us in his grace, and guide us in distress,
And free us from all sin, till heaven we possess.
All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Spirit blest, who reigns in highest heaven,
Eternal, triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

1. For the Benefit of the Earl
   (adapted from 1 Sam. 25:1-5)
2. That Day the Lord Is Near
   (adapted from Isaiah 2:12)
3. Contes and Sue
   (adapted from 1 Sam. 25:38)
4. Now Thank We All Our God
   (adapted from OCP Publications, 3491, hymn number 4996)
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