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As your spiritual fathers, Father Matthew and I would like to offer a message of blessing to all our High School graduate students whom we are sending off to college:

As you embark on this new chapter of your journey in your lives, we - your family - want to offer you our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes. It is important to remember the lessons and the gifts that you have received from your family here back home. Your faith will be a source of strength and our continued support and love would be your guidance in the years to come. Faith and love will help you to navigate the challenges of college life and to make wise decisions. Always listen to God in prayer, and always be attentive to the calling of God for you.

Your family, teachers and friends have been a constant source of support and encouragement for you throughout these years. They have helped you grow and develop into the young adults you are today. It takes a community to raise good kids - and I would say (although there is much room for improvement on our part), by the grace of God - we have done a pretty good job with all of you. You are all good kids - we will send you off as good kids, make sure that when you come back, come home better than when you left.

I encourage you to stay close to God in your heart. The world is a complex and ever-changing place. It is important to have a strong foundation in your family and to continue to acquire

good values to help you make sense of life. I urge you to continue to seek out opportunities to grow in your faith and to learn more about the world around you, and keep faithful to the God and family who loves you.

Blessings and continued prayers. Jesus loves you!

**Your parish priests,
Fr Matt and Fr JC**