

Homily: Pentecost and Graduates  
5.30.2020

Welcome to our graduates, college  
and high school:

Mary of Magdala  
Ecumenical Catholic Community  
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You and your families have been connected to Mary of Magdala community for many years. All of us have been enriched by this connection of support, love and peace. Today, we are so excited to honor you as you move into new growth and challenges. We pray for you and bless you that you will bring your experiences from Mary of Magdala of sharing, service, sacrament, and worship. We pray and bless you that you may have in the core of your being a strength that will be accessible to you and active in your life.

These current times seem to be a new way life for all of us, and surely for you. You have been asked to sacrifice a lot for the common good. You've given up the end of your senior year, a year of exciting anticipation and fun. You've been asked to forego proms, graduations, celebrations with friends, internships, and the certainty that summer and fall regularly bring to graduates.

Adding to Covid 19 challenges, you are aware of environmental uncertainty and recent social chaos. And yet, as Christians whose basic understanding of Jesus is Love, especially of the marginalized, we send you off with that Love as the answer. You will remain in our hearts and prayers, and we continue to be here for you to renew and refresh your spirit, to help you through ethical dilemmas, spiritual doubts, and social tensions. Our desire for each of you is to follow your dreams and find your gifts of the holy spirit so that you can expand them and use them for your own good and the good of your communities and our world.

In today's gospel, the Spirit comes with a great wind and fire. Wind and fire, elemental to life, are for us to capture within us. These elements give us courage to be bearers of the Light; a responsibility, a burden 'that is light' says Jesus. Courage to bear the Light is one of the strengths given to the disciples by the spirit of Wisdom, the holy Spirit of Christ, Sophia. We encourage you to be open to courage, to the Spirit of Fire and Light and Love. Go forth with the Peace of Christ that the Spirit brings, Love your neighbor as yourself, and All will be well.