

CLASS OF 2020 EMAIL 4.20.20

Subject: Good News About Commencement

Dear Class of 2020,

I have some great news to share with you!

Last weekend, Franciscan University of Steubenville's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adopt Step in Faith, a COVID-19 response plan that provides every graduating student who was enrolled in spring 2020 with \$500.

I hope this stipend will help the entire Class of 2020 to come together to celebrate baccalaureate and commencement on August 14-15—and say your farewells to each other and to the people and places you grew to love in your years here.

In addition, Step in Faith provides any of you who wish to pursue your master's degree at Franciscan with one semester (12 credit hours) of free tuition coverage toward any one of Franciscan's 11 graduate degree programs (online or on campus, following application and acceptance into the program). You may use the free graduate studies tuition coverage all in one semester or over the next five years as convenient for you.

I am also happy to announce that Bishop Robert Barron will join us for our rescheduled baccalaureate Mass, and Sherry Weddell will deliver the commencement address!

More details about the celebration and graduate studies tuition coverage will follow in the coming weeks, but I wanted to let you know immediately about this news. I look forward to welcoming you to campus in August to celebrate your achievements with your families and classmates as well as the friars, faculty, and staff.

May the Lord bless you and give you his peace!
Father Dave

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