

Eighty-nine graduate from Pope John Paul II High

Pope John Paul II Catholic High School in Slidell presented diplomas to the 89 graduating seniors during the school's 29th commencement exercise held May 12 in the Beryl and Henry Parent Gymnasium. Father Mark Lomax was the principal celebrant of the Baccalaureate Mass.

Principal Richard Berkowitz awarded the diplomas upon graduation. Dr. Lisa Taylor, associate superintendent, congratulated the graduates on behalf of the Office of Catholic Schools. Mistress of ceremonies was assistant principal Jane Reynolds, assisted by senior class president Jonathan Maurin.

The honor of the title of the 2008-09 valedictorian was awarded to Lauren L. Schober, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schober. She earned the principal's honor roll and was an active member of many clubs including the Math Club, the Art Club, the Science Club and choir. She was a member of the National Honor Society



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and a student ambassador. She received the Citizenship Award, the Congressional Award Bronze Certificate, placed in district Literary Rallies and received the high average award in many subjects. She will attend the University of Southern Mississippi and major in nursing.

The salutatorian was Ian A. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Clark. He was a participant in the National Honor Society, Science Club and Math Club. He also served as the president of the choir, an extraordinary minister of holy Communion and a member of both the track and cross-country teams. He participated in the Louisiana District and State Literary Rally, received the PJP Alumni Scholar-

ship and the University of Rochester's Fredrick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award as an 11th grader. He will attend the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to major in aerospace engineering.

The St. Henry de Osso and the St. Teresa Awards are given to students who model their faith development and Christianity in everything they do. These two awards are named for the Teresian Sisters who served at Pope John Paul for almost 15 years and for the founder of their order, St. Henry de Osso. The 2009 St. Teresa Award was presented to Kathryn Furphy and the St. Henry de Osso Award was given to Ian Clark.

The Pope John Paul II Catholic High School Leadership Award, presented to a student who has modeled the leadership component of the school's mission, was presented to Meghan Collins. The highest award, the Pope John Paul II Catholic High School Award, was presented to Jonathan Maurin.

Graduates of distinction received above a 4.0 GPA in their coursework. They were Melinda L. Boudreaux, Elise B. Breaux, Mark E. Brink, Meghan M. Collins, Patric J. Darvie, Alexandria C. Durant, Jason B. Ervin, Austin C. Hall, Molly J. Hane, Scott R. Joffe, Maegan M. Johnson, Jonathan M. Maurin, Brandy M. Monnin, Jacob W. Myers, Danielle M. Olivier, Jon M. Price, Samantha G. Tatro and Carmen R. Wingerter.

Honor graduates who earned above 3.5 GPA were Bradley O. Alfonso, Megan M. Bonk, Daniel P. Bonnett, Joelle N. Engolia, Kathryn J. Furphy, Corissa A. Gioia, Melissa K. Guidry, Melissa A. Krider, Kaylee M. LaBella, Catherine N. Luparello, Meghean M. Mayeur, Patrick E. Newcomb, Rachael A. Pertuit, Zachary M. Robin and Jennifer T. Tran.

Other graduates were Jasmine D. Adams, Dustin M. Arroyo, Patricia M. Asche, Dennis A. Baggott Jr., Miranda K. Brown, Keith C. Canulette, Sierra C. Chabreck, Victoria

A. Dalton, Charles T. Davie, Cory M. Davis.

Jeanne M. Delaup, Kathryn L. Durrett, Michael R. Eddington, Maria M. Finch, Elizabeth P. Fisher, Jennifer M. Gleason, Thomas A. Gritten, Katherine E. Herbert, Nathan Z. Hewitt, Heidi M. Hinton, Evan C. Huff.

Rudolph K. Ivey, Christopher D. Jeansonne, Erik L. Johannesen, Christopher J. Jones, Kenneth D. Krebsbach, William R. LaBiche, Karlie E. Lacoste, Jeffrey B. Levy, Benjamin D. Liberto, Ross M. Maluso.

Melissa M. Madere, Robert G. Mayfield, Katherine M. Mitts, Paige M. Molinario, Andrew R. Morse, Rebecca L. Mullen, Joshua F. Noto, Forrest M. Nugent, Adriana A. Ohler, Ryan M. Palmisano, Matthew H. Patrick.

Zachary J. Pohto, Michelle L. Pontiff, Jacob H. Prendergast, Alexis T. Rabalais, Joey S. Schwindling, Charles H. Sclafani Jr., Amanda L. Starks, Kathryn D. Stewart, Kayla G. Tromatore, Carmen M. Urbina, Veronica M. Walker and Laura L. Welch.

St. Mary's Dominican High School congratulates the Class of 2009!



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." ~ Jeremiah 29:11



May you continue to praise, to bless, and to preach in the Dominican tradition!

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