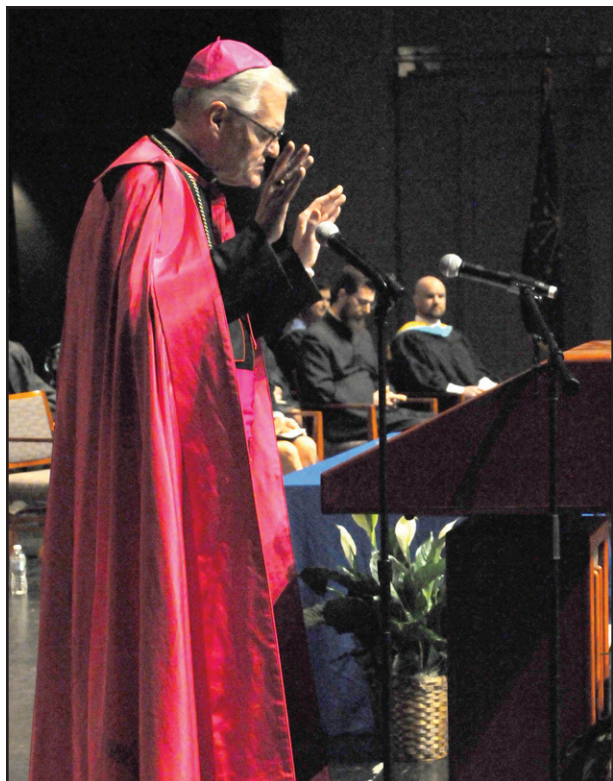




Mater Dei High School senior Kathleen Glaser, who served as mayor of Mater Dei-ville, speaks to her classmates and their families during the commencement ceremony for the Class of 2023 May 21 at the Old National Events Plaza in downtown Evansville.



Mater Dei seniors Sara Muensterman, left, and Betty Haller perform a flute duet of the National Anthem.



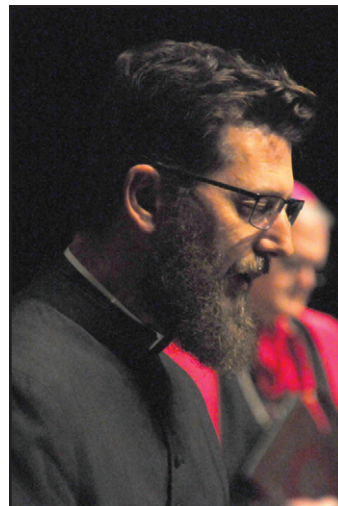
Bishop Joseph M. Siegel offers a blessing to the Reitz Memorial Class of 2023 after his closing remarks during Reitz Memorial's commencement ceremony. Bishop Siegel spoke to all four graduating classes during their commencements.



The Message photos by Megan Erbacher  
Mater Dei's Class of 2023 Valedictorians are Lauren Voelker, left, Allison Weber, Patrick Williams, Jacob Scheller, Sara Muensterman and Elizabeth Beard.



Father Christopher Droste, at left, priest delegate of Mater Dei and pastor of St. Boniface Parish in Evansville, offers the invocation at the beginning of Mater Dei's commencement ceremony.



Father Chris Forler, at right, priest delegate of Reitz Memorial and pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Daylight and St. Bernard Parish in Snake Run, offers the invocation during Reitz Memorial's commencement ceremony.



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Reitz Memorial's Class of 2023 Valedictorians are Shaurya Jadhav, front row left, Sadie Hofman, Elias Beardmore, John Logan, back row left, and Abigail Vollmer.



Members of the Reitz Memorial Class of 2023 process into the Old National Events Plaza in Evansville at the start of the May 21 commencement ceremony.

## Diocese's Catholic high schools celebrate 2023 commencements

BY THE MESSAGE STAFF

Seniors at the Diocese of Evansville's four Catholic high schools became graduates and alumni May 20-21 during commencement ceremonies held in Evansville, Vincennes and Washington.

Washington Catholic and Vincennes Rivet held commencements in their towns May 20 — Washington at the old school gymnasium on the Our Lady of Hope Parish campus, and Vincennes at the Highland Woods Community Center in Vincennes. Mater Dei and Reitz Memorial held commencements May 21 at Evansville's Old National Events Plaza.

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel and Diocesan Superintendent of Schools Michelle Priar attended the commencements, and Bishop Siegel offered his message to graduates. **The Message** will publish Bishop Siegel's message to all 2023 graduates across the diocese in a future issue.

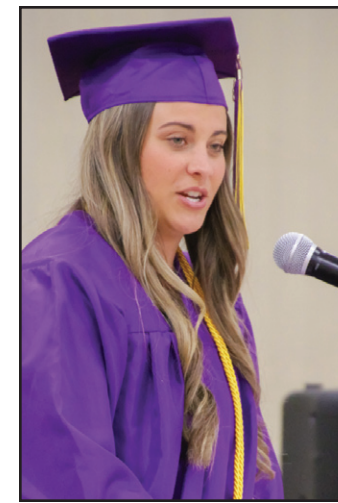
Bishop Siegel presented diplomas to 121 graduates of Mater Dei, 127 graduates of Reitz Memorial, 11 graduates of Rivet and 22 graduates of Washington Catholic.



Rivet High School Salutatorian Thomas Herman speaks during commencement May 20 at the Highland Woods Community Center. At left is his uncle Dr. Dan Herman Jr., who serves as President of the School Commission.



Rivet Valedictorian Kathleen McGuire speaks to her classmates, and the friend and family members in attendance.



Kenadee Frey, President of the Rivet Class of 2023, speaks during the May 20 commencement ceremony.



Class President Kenadee Frey, at right, leads her classmates in turning their tassels to signify their transition to graduates and alumni of Rivet High School.



The Message photos by Tim Lilley  
Graduate toss their caps outside Vincennes' Highland Woods Community Center as they celebrate their graduation from Rivet.



Washington Catholic's Class of 2023 Valedictorians are Mya Kennedy Cline, left, Chloe Jean Garland and Xander Ray Howard.



Washington Catholic's Class of 2023 Salutatorians are William Francis Bassler, left, Mary Frances Brown and Maggie Lynn Lee.



Members of Washington Catholic's Class of 2023 turn their tassels to signify that they have become graduates and alumni of the school.



The Message photos by Tim Lilley  
Washington Catholic's 2023 graduates celebrate their May 20 commencement by tossing their caps after the ceremony.