

The End of High School Is The Beginning of Changing The World

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Catholics. Every single time we gather for at the Mass we hear Jesus' command, "Do this in memory of me." Memories matter, and it's not a case of living in the past, we are called by Jesus Himself to constantly use the power of memory to know ourselves better and to see how we have grown and especially how we have grown in our relationship with Him.

So much is changing in your lives and your lives are moving fast, but don't forget to take this opportunity at the end to look back and appreciate your growth – spiritually, academically, and as young men and women.

The growth and journey that you

have experienced in high school has been magnificent, but it is all for naught if you take all this good that has grown in you and use it only for yourself.

We hope that each and everyone of you will use the gifts that you have discovered and grown in high school to not

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only benefit you and your families, but to enhance the mission of the Church as a whole.

The hardest part of any journey is the end, but each and every one of you in your own unique way has been created to

take this new beginning and change the world. I'm not using hyperbole; each and every one will change the world through your knowledge and relationships, you will shape our city and this diocese for the future.

Through your knowledge, abilities, and most importantly your relationships, you will follow Christ's command to renew the face of the earth. Now go out and do it! "Avengers" and "Game of Thrones" are fantasy, really good fantasy, but fantasy nonetheless.

Your journeys are real, this end is real, and it's gonna be topped by what you do next. We all can't wait to watch! Congratulations to the class of 2019! Enjoy the end!

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