

ELEMENTARY GRADUATION/SEPARATION

The completion of an elementary education, kindergarten through grade eight or kindergarten through grade five or six, is a milestone in a student's life. It is the beginning of more advanced academic pursuits and should, therefore, be simply but appropriately acknowledged within the context of a Liturgy. Diplomas, certificates, and awards should be conferred following the Liturgy.

Since this ceremony signifies only a transition to middle or secondary education, it is to be simple in regard to dress and celebration. Caps and gown are not to be worn.

An appropriate commemoration of such an event would be a parish reception involving students, families, administrators, teachers, and parish staffs. Parties or dances related to graduation/separation may not be sponsored by, advertised by, or held at the school.

Elementary school graduations/separations may not be scheduled more than 3 days before the actual closing date of the school.

Policy
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