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Seniors' farewell held in cathedral

Salute to grads: Covington Latin

BY HOWARD MCEWEN | HMCEWEN@NKY.COM**THE SCHOOL:** Covington Latin School**WHERE:** St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption**THE SCENE:**

Graduates gather in the entrance of their soon-to-be alma mater next door to the cathedral. The students walk under the setting sun in pairs from Covington Latin School to the main doors of the Basilica.

GRADUATES:

Men wore black tuxedos with a yellow rose pinned to the lapel. Women wore identical black dresses and held a yellow rose with baby's breath.

THE SPEAKERS: Annabelle Arbogast, valedictorian, and Dr. Lawrence M. Bowman, director for Catholic education.**WHAT ARBOGAST SAID:**

Acceptance of the diploma indicates a "desire to pursue a future to carry with us all that we have learned at Covington Latin."

By graduating, "we demonstrate a great trust in the people we are about to become."

WHAT BOWMAN SAID:

He told the students that at Covington Latin, they have "received a most unique and first-class academic and spiritual education."

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS:

Graduate seating was marked by miniature yellow and green banners hung from the first seven rows of pews facing the altar. Similar banners hung from seats in the north transept, holding places for their parents. This allowed the parents to look into the faces of their children as they listened to the ceremony.

WALKING TO THE CATHEDRAL:

"You're going to make me cry before we even get to the church," said a female classmate to the male classmate escorting her.

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