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**ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PÉREZ TO CELEBRATE MASS FOR THE INTENTION OF ALL GRADUATES
FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH COLLEGE ON SUNDAY, MAY 31ST AS WELL AS A SPECIAL
MASS TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH**

Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez will be the principal celebrant and homilist for Mass for the special intention of all graduates from kindergarten to college throughout the five-county Archdiocese this Sunday, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

Sunday, May 31, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Live Streamed from the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

The Solemnity of Pentecost also marks the culmination of the Easter Season. It celebrates the Holy Spirit bestowing gifts in abundance showered upon the Apostle and the Blessed Mother. The faithful throughout the Archdiocesan are encouraged to virtually participate in Mass by visiting the livestream links on CatholicPhilly.com, ArchPhila.org, and the [Archbishop's Facebook page](#).

Archbishop Pérez will also be the principal celebrant and homilist for Mass for the special intention of all students throughout the five-county region as the 2019-2020 academic year draws to a close.

Sunday, June 7, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Live Streamed from the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

June 7, 2020 is Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. The faithful throughout the Archdiocesan are encouraged to virtually participate in Mass by visiting the livestream links on CatholicPhilly.com, ArchPhila.org, and the [Archbishop's Facebook page](#).

Background information:

The Solemnity of Pentecost is observed on the 50th day after Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. Although this is normally a Holy Day of Obligation, the faithful throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are dispensed from that obligation this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 22nd, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia issued a statement regarding the projected resumption of the public celebration of Mass in the five-county region. The announcement said based on recent statements from government officials at the state level, it is anticipated that the five-county region comprising the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will move into the “yellow” phase of the statewide re-opening plan by Friday, June 5th. As such, it is projected that the celebration of daily and Sunday Masses will resume beginning on Saturday, June 6th.

The administration of the Archdiocese has been working in consultation with public health officials to ensure that such a resumption takes place within the context of state approved guidelines and is actively working to provide appropriate guidance to its clergy so that all will be as prepared as possible when the public celebration of Mass begins again. All of us are eager to open the doors of Church wide for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Editor’s Note:

The period immediately following the lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions requires us to be ready to assist people to reintegrate into an active, in person engagement with parish life. As a result, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia previously launched an initiative aimed at achieving this goal, “Arise!: Restoring Catholic Life After the Pandemic.” Further information about this program can be found at <http://archphila.org/arise/>.

For more information about Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, please visit <https://aop Catholicschools.org/>.