



Good evening faculty, parents, and fellow seniors. One of the first things you hear when you talk about the virtues and characteristics of a Father Judge student is that we are commissioned to live as Salesian Gentlemen in accordance with the Seven Salesian virtues as articulated by St. Francis de Sales, our patron saint. Those seven virtues are: respect yourself and others, recognize your unique gifts and talents, be patient with everyone especially yourself, be gentle, be grateful, be positive, and be confident.

Every student who steps into Father Judge must uphold these virtues in their everyday lives whether it be in the classroom, at sports; both inside and outside of school. Every moment of every day must be a moment in which a Father Judge student lives out their Salesian Spirituality through these seven virtues; however, the way these are vicariously lived out are uniquely different for every student.



Since I started at Father Judge, I have attempted to live out my Salesian Spirituality to the best of my ability in every aspect of my life over the last four years. Whether it was in the classroom, on the football field or wrestling mat, at a club, tutoring my peers, or outside of school, these virtues allowed me to develop into the young man I am today.

I attribute much of my success and achievement over the last four years to the virtues and teachings of St. Francis de Sales. They allowed me to be the best football player, wrestler, leader, friend, and most importantly, man that I am able to be. My Salesian Spirituality has allowed me to create connections with over half of the student

body and with numerous individuals outside of school. Salesian gentlemen create a network of success and shared interests that helps someone work better, train better, and lead better because it instills a drive to be successful and the best person you can be.

When you have a community group that shares the Salesian characteristics, it creates a culture that endows people to recognize their unique gifts and talents, to use those gifts, and to be the best form of themselves in any pursuit in their life.

To me, the Salesian virtues that are instilled in every single graduate sitting in this room create a brotherhood between us and is the reason that no matter where we go in life, we all will have a shared bond. We are Judge Guys. We are Salesian Gentlemen. It allows us to "Be who we are, and be that well."

As we finish tonight's liturgy and prepare for tomorrow's Graduation commencement, I encourage each graduating Crusader in this church to never forget the values that we learned through our patron.

Non Excidet and thank you.



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