

Baccalaureate Mass, Class Awards and Graduation Schedule of Events and Expectations

To: Class of 2021 – Advisors, Parents & Students
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We are so fortunate and excited that Maryknoll has chosen to hold an in-person graduation for the Class of 2021. Thank you for your understanding as this event must be modified with strict guidelines to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission. We are also working under the constraints of our physical capacity at the gym. Your cooperation is essential to ensure the safety of everyone in attendance as we celebrate each senior in the best and safest way possible.

These modifications include:

- Use of facemasks and social distancing at all times
- Two family members per senior, per event. Please RSVP in MyMaryknoll.
- No public lei giving or giving lei to other students outside of the family “pod.” Please let family and friends know this is a closed campus and they will not be able to see or give lei to the graduate after the ceremony.
- Each family member may bring one lei, so that each senior can receive two lei during the ceremony.
- Three seats will be reserved per family pod (one for the senior, two for the guests). No switching allowed.
- Completed online wellness screening forms required before entering. These forms must be completed on the day of the event and submissions will be accepted starting at 4am when form is activated.
- After the ceremony, parents will be dismissed but seniors must remain in the gym and will not be allowed to exit the MCC.

Parking will be available on campus, but we encourage families to arrive in one car. As the grade school campus fills up, you may be directed to park at the Clark Street parking lot or the high school campus. Please plan ahead and prepare to walk over.

Please arrive early to allow time to check in and complete your wellness screening forms before the Ceremony begins. Wellness screening forms may also be completed prior to arrival. For the link to the online wellness check and ongoing updates, please visit www.maryknoll2021.com.

We are so grateful that we can bring the whole class together for this in-person event and thank you again in advance for your cooperation.

Graduation Ceremonial Events

Thursday, June 3	Baccalaureate Mass check-in opens at MCC Gym	8:00am
	Baccalaureate Mass at MCC Gym	9:00am
	Senior Class Awards	Immediately following Mass
Friday, June 4	Check-in opens for Graduation	4:00pm
	Commencement Begins	5:30pm
Saturday, June 5	Project Graduation Hugs & Sign Out	7:00am-8:00am

Baccalaureate Mass & Class Awards June 3, 2021
 9:00 AM – 11 AM
 Maryknoll Community Center, Clarence T.C. Ching Gymnasium

Check-in: Only 2 family members per senior may attend.

RSVP must be submitted in myMaryknoll by Wednesday, June 2. Names of all attendees (including senior) must be included in RSVP.

[The online wellness screening form \(CLICK HERE\)](#) must be submitted (by each student and guest) prior to arrival on campus. A new online screening form must be submitted for each event. The form will accept submissions when it is activated at 4:00am on June 3. If not submitted prior to arrival, each student and guest will be made to complete it before entering the gym.

Temperature checks will be taken at the door. If you are not feeling well that day or are experiencing symptoms of COVID, you will not be allowed in. Please stay home.

Parking: Parking will be available to families on the GS campus (enter at Dole St.), MCC underground parking, Clark Street, and High School campus. Please follow the instructions of the parking attendants. Street parking is available from 8:30am on June 3.

Attire: *[Baccalaureate Mass/Class Awards]*
 It is mandatory to wear the Class Aloha Attire. See below. Failure to do so will remove you from participating in Baccalaureate Mass/Class Awards. If you do not participate in Class Night, you may not participate in Commencement exercises.

HAIR REQUIREMENT

- Hair must be natural color
- Bizarre or unconventional hairstyles are unacceptable
- Boys must be clean shaven for all Commencement Exercises
- If boys have long hair, it must be tied back

Girls are to wear:

- Class Aloha Attire. It must be ironed and must look presentable.
- Proper undergarments. No swim suits under aloha wear.
- No jewelry or flowers in the hair. **ONLY CLASS RINGS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- Footwear: nice slippers/sandals/flats. No high heels.

Boys are to wear:

- Class Aloha Attire. Slacks and shirt must be ironed and must look presentable.
- No Jewelry. **ONLY CLASS RINGS WILL BE ALLOWED.**
- Boys with long hair must wear it neatly tied back.
- Footwear: black shoes

Maryknoll School reserves the right to make final decisions supporting this policy.

Maryknoll School Graduation Commencement, June 4, 2021

5:30PM-7:30PM

Maryknoll School Community Center, 1526 Alexander St. Honolulu, HI 96822

Check-in: Check-in and wellness check opens at 4:00pm. Only 2 family members per senior may attend.

RSVP must be submitted in myMaryknoll by Wednesday, June 2. Names of all attendees (including senior) must be included in RSVP.

[The online wellness screening form for commencement \(CLICK HERE\)](#) must be submitted by each student and guest prior to arrival on campus. A new online screening form must be completed for each event. The form will accept submissions when it is activated at 4:00am on June 4. If not submitted prior to arrival, each student and guest will be made to complete it before entering the gym.

Temperature checks will be taken at the door. If you are not feeling well that day or are experiencing symptoms of COVID, you will not be allowed in. Please stay home.

Parking: Parking will be available to families on the GS campus (enter at Dole St.), MCC underground parking, Clark Street, and High School campus. Please follow the instructions of the parking attendants. Street parking is available.

Attire: *[Commencement]*
If not dressed appropriately, you will not be able to participate in graduation.

HAIR REQUIREMENT

- Hair must be natural color
- Bizarre or unconventional hairstyles are unacceptable
- Boys must be clean shaven for all Commencement Exercises
- If boys have long hair, it must be tied back

Girls are to wear:

- A dark colored dress or a dark skirt or blouse.
- Dress or blouse cannot have a ruffle neck or long sleeves.
- Dress or skirt length cannot be longer than the academic gown.
- Neutral hose and all black dress shoe with covered heel or strap in back. Open toe shoes are acceptable.
- Cap, Tassel and Gown neatly pressed.

Boys are to wear:

- White dress shirt with a conservative tie. (Solid Navy or Black)
- Navy or Black dress slacks.
- Black socks and black business shoes.
- Cap, Tassel and Gown neatly pressed.
- Boys with long hair must wear it neatly tied back.

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DO NOT BRING ANYTHING WITH YOU THAT CANNOT GO IN THE POCKETS OF YOUR CLOTHING. CELL PHONES ARE FINE TO HAVE BUT MUST BE PLACED ON SILENT.

Lei Giving: For safety reasons, in accordance with our school protocols, no public lei giving will be allowed on campus. Each guest will be allowed to bring one lei each, for a total of 2 lei per senior. Families and students should not give lei to each other while on campus. We encourage families to arrange a different day and location for their child to receive lei from their families and friends should they choose to.

Graduation Celebration

As Maryknoll Families and friends come to celebrate with us the accomplishments of our graduates, we want to keep in mind how we are truly blessed with the use of these wonderful establishments. We **MUST** follow their rules and abide respectfully.

Prohibited items in the MCC gym:

- No Helium Balloons
- No Tripods
- No Laser Pointers
- No Outside Food or Beverages
- No Tailgating on property
- No Noisemakers or Air Horns
- No Silly String, Confetti or Confetti Cannons, or glitter

All Packages, gifts, lei, posters, etc. must fit on lap or under the seat. No aisles can be obstructed. All packages are subject to search. Large bags may be denied entry if they will not fit or contain unsuitable items.

Following the Ceremony:

At the end of commencement and in transition to Project Grad, parents will be dismissed and students will remain in the gym. Students will not be able to go outside of the gym doors and must remain inside to prepare for Project Grad. No outside visitors will be allowed into the gym.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we want to both celebrate our seniors and minimize the risk of COVID-19 for our students, teachers, families, and community. We know these are unique times and we are grateful to celebrate with you in the safest way we can.