The St. Francis of Assisi 2019 Graduation Mass will be held Sunday, June 30, at 11 AM. Parents and guardians, please complete the information form (below).   Parishioners, Principal and Faculty are invited to dress in their academic regalia and lead the procession of graduates at the June 30 Mass.

Please return the completed form to the Graduation Mass Committee at sfahouston.graduation@gmail.com or to the Parish Office on or before June 19, 2019

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
GRADUATION INFORMATION FORM

NAME OF GRADUATE:								
PARENT or GUARDIAN: • Name • PHONE • EMAIL								
HOME PARISH/CHURCH								
NAME OF SCHOOL and LOCATION								
Kindergarten	Elem	8th Grade	Certificate	Diploma	DEGREE:			
SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS					Associate's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate
					MAJOR:			
NEXT STEPS:					LOCATION:			
Please attach electronic copy (**jpg only**) of photo with this form. Circle: Yes No								
Date:								
EMAIL TO: **sfahouston.graduation@gmail.com**								
DEADLINE: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 12 noon								

ACADEMIC REGALIA

This is the season for honoring all graduates; from Kindergarten through Careers and Higher Education. It is important, and we should remind ourselves, that the graduation ceremony is observed as a very special event and we should celebrate such accomplishments with the respect that is warranted. To increase our knowledge and peak more interest from our youth, please review the following information. Attire worn for graduations is called academic regalia and may include cap, gown, tassel and/or hood. Each part has a special significance.

Academic regalia in the United States has a history going back to the colonial colleges era. It has been most influenced by the academic dress traditions of Europe.

The most common headpiece or cap for the ceremony is the black square, flat-topped, or "mortar board" type with gold or black tassel. It is called a "mortar board" because it is shaped like the board of the mason which holds mortar. There are also velvet Tam-O-Shanter style headpieces replacing the mortar board.

The tassel on the **doctor's cap** is usually gold, and permanently fastened on the left side. The **master's cap** has a black tassel worn on the left. The **bachelor's cap** has a black tassel worn on the right prior to graduation then moved to the left during the ceremony

The hood can be the most colorful part of the entire attire. The colors inside the hood are those of the college or university which is awarding the degree. The colors of the outside rim of the hood symbolize one of the departments of learning.

The university gown is usually black, although some schools use gowns in the school's colors. Gowns recommended for use in the colleges and universities of this country have the following characteristics. The **gown for the bachelor's degree** has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The **gown for the master's degree** has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The gown is so designed and supplied with fasteners that it may be worn open or closed. The **gown for the doctor's degree** has bell-shaped sleeves. It is so designed and supplied with fasteners that it may be worn open or closed.

Gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees are untrimmed. For the doctor's degree, the gown is faced down the front with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. These facings and crossbars may be of velvet of the color distinctive of the disciplines to which the degree pertains, thus agreeing in color with the binding or edging of the hood appropriate to the particular doctor's degree in every instance.
For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors' gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the colors are associated with the different disciplines.

This is a lot to learn! However, now that you know, it is time to share this information.