

SETON HALL LAW SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT
NEW JERSEY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
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BENEDICTION (Bernadette M. Menendez, '24)

Lord, our God, thank you for guiding the Class of 2024 to this long-awaited and fervently-prayed-for moment. You know how hard we worked and how often we dreamed of standing in this auditorium diploma-in-hand. You sustained us through the trials, tribulations, and successes of law school.

We are grateful for the professors who have taught us with such compassion and tenacity, and for the administrators and staff who have helped to make Seton Hall Law School an outstanding academic institution. Our legal careers are beginning on a firm footing because of these incredible educators.

Eternal God, thank you for our parents, families, friends, and loved ones. They believed in us, supported us, and loved us through this journey. We will never forget the sacrifices they made to help us get to this moment.

I want to offer special thanks to you, Lord, for guiding me and every first-generation student graduating today. You have opened doors for us in truly blessed and miraculous ways. With these diplomas, we honor our ancestors and families who worked tirelessly to see us reach this incredible moment.

Eternal God, please continue to guide today's graduates throughout our careers. Make us excellent attorneys for our future clients, passionate for justice and compassionate toward all. Even in moments of great stress and anxiety, may you be the calm in our storm, for we have known you to carry us through every difficulty. We thank you even for our failures, knowing you have turned disappointments in the past into times of blessing and occasions of growth.

O God, thank you for this opportunity! Thank you for this day! Thank you for life itself! May we never lose sight of you...Amen.