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Msgr. Thomas J. Hartman to Deliver Commencement Address at Molloy College Graduation

Drew Bogner, President of Molloy College is pleased to be presenting the graduating Class of 2005 at the Commencement Ceremony to be held on May 21, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at Molloy College. In addition to recognizing the achievements of 653 graduates, the College will welcome Msgr. Tom Hartman to deliver the Commencement Address.

Father Tom Hartman is the Director of Radio and Television at Telecare, the television station for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He appears frequently as a television commentator, and is the co-host of the popular television program, "God Squad" with Rabbi Marc Gellman. Father Tom has won numerous awards and citations for his professional and pastoral work.

At the Commencement Ceremony Father Tom will have bestowed upon him the degree Doctor of Laws (LL.D). This degree is bestowed upon individuals distinguished in general service to the state, to learning and to mankind. Among his many accomplishments, Father Tom raised \$6 million to build Christa House, a hospice for terminally ill AIDS patients. In addition, in January 2004 he founded The Thomas Hartman Foundation for Parkinson's Research Inc. to help find a cure for the disease. He sits on the Boards of Christa House, Island Harvest, The Center for Disabilities, and the Harry Chapin Foundation among others. He is also the Chaplain for the Nassau County Police Department and the New York Jets, and ministers to the Long Island business community.

Colleen O'Hara, who will be graduating with a B.S. in Nursing, has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 2005. Stephen Lewis, who graduated in January with a B.S. in Computer Information Systems, is the Class Salutatorian. In addition, Molloy is proudly recognizing the accomplishments of six business students who will be participating in commencement exercises as the first students to graduate from Molloy's recently established MBA program.

"Molloy provides students with an education that not only provides academic enrichment, but helps them develop leadership skills and a commitment to the community," commented Dr. Bogner. "Our mission is to have our graduates maintain this dedication throughout their lives. This commencement ceremony will challenge our graduates to continue serving others in their community as they make their way in the world. Father Tom, who has been a long time friend of the College, is the perfect example of someone who embodies leadership through service. May the graduating class of 2005 find him to be a role model and an inspiration."

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