

Deputy Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Archbishop, leaders of churches, distinguished guests, staff, fellow graduands, family and friends.

It is truly an honour to stand before you today and offer this short address.

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude — First and foremost; I give thanks to God, who has granted us the extraordinary gift of learning—learning about the richness of the faith, the transforming power of the Gospel, and the truth of Christ as Lord and Saviour.

I would also like to thank the University of Divinity for providing such a world-class framework for theological education—one that allows students not only to learn, but to grow, to be formed, and ultimately to be transformed. Through this journey, you have helped shape many of us not simply as students, but as disciples.

I'd like to particularly thank my home college, St Athanasius College. From the lecturers and staff, to fellow students and alumni, the college has fostered a community marked by warmth, generosity, and a shared love for the faith. I am deeply grateful for the many people whose dedication makes the college what it is today.

And on behalf of all the graduates, I would like to thank our families and friends. Your encouragement, sacrifice, and unwavering support made this journey possible. One question I am often asked is: "Where to from here?" Now that the studies are complete, what comes next?

But I have come to realise that perhaps the more pressing question, at least for me, is not "where to?", but "what now?" Or rather, how can we serve others with what we have received? Because theological study is not simply about acquiring knowledge. At its best, it awakens within us a deeper love for God and for His people.

So, as we leave here tonight, may we go out not only as graduates, but as witnesses—carrying the light of Christ into the world.

May we go with humility, remembering that all wisdom begins and ends with God.

And may we do it all with love, helping others discover what St Paul refers to as the "width and length and depth and height" of the love of Christ, because the true measure of our theology will not be found in the degrees we hold, but in the lives we touch.

Thank you and God bless.

