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**BENEDICTION**  
**(By Christopher F. Scales, '22)**

**As we prepare to exit this auditorium and take the next step on our journey as Seton Hall Lawyers, I recall the words of St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, chapter 4: "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith."**

**For the past three or four years, we have fought the good fight.**

**We persisted through a global pandemic that infected our communities, restrained our movements, and threatened to batter our collective spirit.**

**We persisted in our academic endeavors through rigorous study and preparation.**

**And with the love and support of our families, friends, and professors, we persisted in our efforts to become better versions of ourselves.**

**In the face of the tremendous obstacles and adversity of the past few years, we have kept the faith.**

**And today, we have crossed the finish line and completed the race.**

**From hearts filled with gratitude, let us pray...**

**Lord, as we prepare to meet the challenges that lie ahead, grant us the spiritual riches of wisdom, hope, and love.**

**Provide us with the strength and conviction to stand as advocates for truth and justice.**

**And help us know how to use our newly acquired knowledge and skills to better our communities and improve the lives of our fellow human beings.**

**Lord, we humbly ask you, continue to bestow upon us an abundance of life's blessings. Watch over us and our loved ones today and in the days ahead. Continue to bless the community of Seton Hall Law School.**

**Together we praise you and say...AMEN.**