



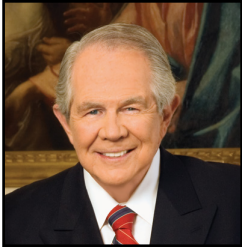
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2020 Commissioning Address

DR. M.G. "PAT" ROBERTSON



Dr. M.G. "Pat" Robertson is founder, chancellor and CEO of Regent University. Robertson has achieved national and international recognition as a religious broadcaster, philanthropist, educator, religious leader, businessman and prolific author. In addition to his significant role at Regent, he is the founder and chairman of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) Inc., and founder of International Family Entertainment Inc., Operation Blessing International, American Center for Law and Justice, The Flying Hospital Inc., and several other organizations and broadcast entities.

Robertson is the son of Gladys Churchill Robertson and A. Willis Robertson, who served for 34 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. He entered Washington and Lee University in 1946, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1948, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. After graduating magna cum laude from Washington and Lee University in 1950, Robertson served as assistant adjutant of the First Marine Division in combat in Korea and was promoted to first lieutenant upon his return to the states in 1952. He received a Juris Doctor degree from Yale University Law School in 1955 and a Master of Divinity degree from New York Theological Seminary in 1959.

Honors for his humanitarian efforts include:

Lifetime Achievement Award, 2017 - 25th Silver Anniversary Movieguide Awards
Winston Churchill Lifetime Achievement Award, 2013 - Faith & Freedom Coalition
Hampton Roads Business Hall of Fame, 2009
New York Theological Seminary Distinction in Ministry Award, 2009
The State of Israel Friendship Award, 2002 - Zionist Organization of America, Chicago
Cross of Nails Award for his work with The Flying Hospital, 2000
Defender of Israel Award, 1994 - Christians' Israel Public Action Campaign
One of America's 100 Cultural Elite, 1992 - *Newsweek* Magazine
Christian Broadcaster of the Year, 1989 - National Religious Broadcasters
Man of the Year, 1988 - Students for America
Humanitarian of the Year, 1982 - Food for the Hungry

Robertson is past president of the prestigious Council on National Policy. He has served on President Ronald Reagan's Task Force on Victims of Crime, the Board of Virginia Economic Development Partnership and the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Robertson also founded and served on the Christian Coalition of America.

He and his wife, Dede, have four children, 14 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, and reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Commissioning Service

Opening Prayer and Welcome	Dr. Josh McMullen Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Address from the Dean	Dr. Josh McMullen
Academic Award Recipients	Dr. Josh McMullen
Introduction of the Executive Vice President	Dr. Josh McMullen
Introduction of Chancellor.....	Dr. Gerson Moreno-Riaño Executive Vice President, Regent University
Chancellor’s Commissioning Address.....	Dr. M.G. “Pat” Robertson Founder, Chancellor, and CEO, Regent University
Closing and Prayer.....	Dr. Josh McMullen

To commission someone is “to entrust, or to give authority” or “to appoint or assign to a task or function.” Within the context of our graduation, Commissioning is a sacred and holy time of worship, consecration, reflection, prayer and anointing.

Message from the Dean

Jesus' last message to his disciples was a commissioning:

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20).

Note that the commission is bracketed with two important comments from Christ. First, “all authority” has been given to him. Second, he promises to be with his disciples to the very end of the age.

As a Christian university, Regent University commissions its graduates. This kind of commissioning seldom if ever happens at a secular university. All over the nation graduates will “commence” their careers this spring, and graduates of Regent University will also celebrate a commencement; they will “begin” this new chapter of their lives.

But Regent University also “commissions” her graduates to go forth and fulfill the call of God on their lives.

Some of our graduates are called to the ministry or the mission field or to a parachurch ministry. But many of our graduates are called to be business leaders, doctors, nurses, lawyers, teachers, counselors, artists, and scholars.

We have taught our graduates the best practices of their professions, through programs which are held to the highest standards of accreditations and based on Biblical principles.

Graduates, we send you forth—we commission you.

And always keep this in mind: Christ has all authority in heaven and on earth, and he promises to always be with you.

Josh McMullen, Ph.D.
Interim Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

The College of Arts & Sciences advances the mission of the university through graduating exceptional students deeply committed to Christ's calling to *cherish character, challenge culture, and serve the world*.

The development and education of such students is founded upon the college's commitment that its curricula and programs be *transformative and holistic* – encompassing all of life – and embrace the *living inheritance* bequeathed to each of us in the gospel, the Church, our university, our nation, and the world.

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