

## SEMINARY CELEBRATES 219TH COMMENCEMENT

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## **DOCTOR OF MINISTRY**

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Round Rock, Texas  
"Rediscovering the Thin Places: Christ Through Creation in Ancient Celtic Christian Theology and in the Life of the Church Today"

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