Welcome Class of 2017!

We have never met most of you, but we like you already (sort of like “I don’t know half of you half as well as I should like; and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve”). We’ve met some of you at last year’s Summer Program, but we look forward to knowing you better. We will try to learn your names quickly, but please forgive us if we call you “Sally” or “Stu” when you normally go by other monikers.

Thomas Aquinas College is dedicated to providing excellent spiritual formation to all who seek. The architectural pride of our campus, the Chapel of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, stands at the head of our quadrangle. Each building bears a saint’s name and supplicates his patronage. We offer four Masses a day throughout the week, and various devotions throughout the day (see a complete listing to your left). You may speak with any of your four priests, who are simply delighted with our assignment at TAC, at any time, either for confession or spiritual direction. May God bless you all!

******SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE******
Saturday (Aug 24): 7:15am, 9:30am, 7pm (Traveler’s Mass)
Sunday (Aug 25): 7:15am, 9:00am, 11:30am, 7pm (Traveler’s Mass)
Monday (Aug 26): Convocation Mass with Bishop Vann, 8:30am

Welcome Most Rev. Kevin Vann, Bishop of Orange!

Fr. Michael has arrived!

Thomas Aquinas College added a fourth chaplain to our ranks over the summer. We welcome, along with all the other Freshmen, Fr. Michael Chaberek, a native of Gdansk, Poland. He is a Dominican and therefore of the same family as St. Thomas himself. Since Fr. Paul Raftery, OP, left us a year ago, we have longed to have another confrere of St. Thomas at our College. Fr. Michael has his Master’s Degree from the John Paul II University in Cracow and his doctorate in Fundamental Theology from the Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski’s University in Warsaw. He likes cycling (both pedal bikes and motor-assisted versions), flying RC aircraft, and reading history.

We welcome Fr. Michal to our campus!
Orate Fratres, Returning Students

Over the summer we have made a slight change in our posture for the Offertory part of the Mass. While in the past TAC congregations (uniquely) waited to rise until the Preface (“Dominus Vobiscum”), now we have come into conformity with the rubrics and stand at the “Orate Fratres” (students who worked the summer at the College are already doing this).

Stations of the Cross

At your next plunge in the ponds, you will notice a new set of the Via Crucis. These Stations were donated by one benefactor and chosen for their exceptional purity and beauty. Please pray for our benefactor and make good devotional use of this luminous addition to our campus.

Prolife Rosary marking Kent Moore’s anniversary

TAC students are encouraged to focus on their intellectual formation on campus, but one off-campus activity which everyone seems to agree on is prolif work. Over the summer at least three of our students (Sarah Dufresne, Sophia Macik, and Hannah DeRocher) spent many weeks in fulltime prolif work. Those on campus prayed three rosaries and a Chaplet at the Ventura abortion clinic, marking one year since TAC student Kent Moore died on his prolif walk across America. Ongoing prolif activities will be posted on the Commons Board, as well as in this newsletter.

Normally, we have a Crossword Puzzle in this spot, but Puzzlemistress Joan Short was in well-deserved hiatus.

O Good St. Patrick, wherefore art thou?

You may have noticed the absence of an old friend, the last of the modular (“trailer”) classroom buildings. He was hauled off over the summer, and construction goes on apace for the new St. Gladys’ Hall, which building will replace St. Patrick’s. We will miss the Irish saint, but actually he was English, and St. Gladys was Welsh: all from “the islands.”

Summer Servants

Many thanks to the students who kept our campus in tip top shape over summer break. Their job was doubly vital considering the construction projects underway this year.

Summer Hoops with Fr. Sebastian

Fr. Sebastian prays with his team during the Summer Program. They beat the High Schoolers by a slim margin.