

COLLEGE OPENS ON NEW CAMPUS OCTOBER 30

On October 30, Thomas Aquinas College will begin the academic year on its new campus, in Santa Paula, California. The additional space afforded by the new site has made possible a substantial increase in student enrollment.

Having been informed in October of 1977 that its lease on the Calabasas Campus would not be renewed, the College accelerated work on the Santa Paula Campus in order to insure completion of the facilities needed for operation in the fall. Construction, delayed for nearly four months by heavy rainfall, has continued throughout the summer. The extensive infrastructure will be complete by late September.

The College has contracted with PepsiCo Building Systems for delivery of a large number of modular buildings which will provide excellent facilities for the operation of the College. These will be ready for occupancy by October 28th.

The Commons Building, the largest of the permanent structures, is now projected for completion in January. It will replace many of the modular buildings, providing the Chapel, dining room, library, infirmary, bookstore, two classrooms and a lounge. Dormitories, laboratories and some classrooms will remain in the modular buildings until the completion of additional permanent structures.

In the fall, initial landscaping will be done in the areas surrounding the modular buildings. The campus will also include the magnificent 35 acre park which already exists on the property. This area of native oaks, sycamores and giant redwoods, is laced with streams, ponds and walkways, providing an ideal atmosphere for study and contemplation. Surrounded on three sides by the Los Padres National Forest, the campus has a panoramic view of mountain ranges as primitive as can be found in the United States, including the nation's only condor refuge. Athletic fields, courts for tennis, basketball, volleyball and badminton, and a lovely one-hole golf course will add to the opportunity for recreation and exercise.

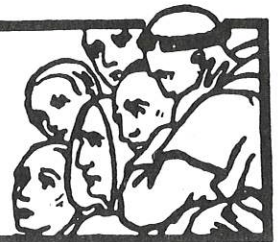
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Thomas Aquinas College NEWSLETTER

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10000 N. Ojai Rd., Santa Paula, California 93060



COMMENCEMENT: 1978

On the morning of June 10, Thomas Aquinas College welcomed families and friends to the fourth Baccalaureate Mass and Annual Commencement on its campus in Calabasas, California. This graduation was the last to be held on the Calabasas campus. The College will open this fall at its new and permanent site on the former Doheny estate in Santa Paula, California.

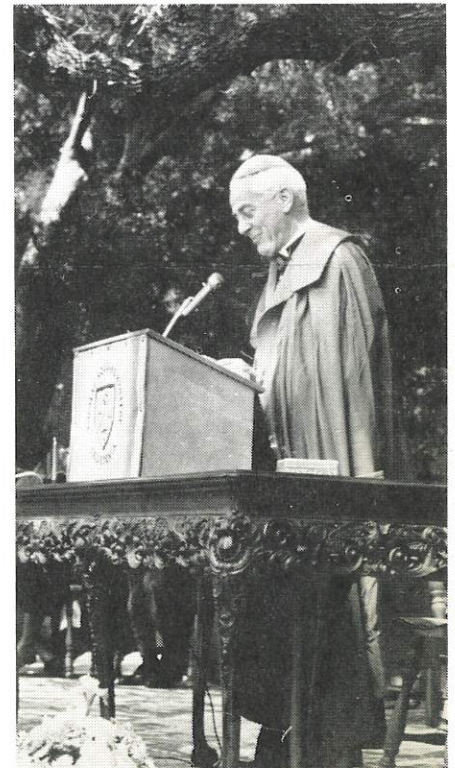
"This day is a significant one for us, the class of 1978, but it is significant for the College as well," stated Kenneth Kaiser in the Senior Address. "With this graduating class, the school has completed its first seven years, which marks the end of its first stage. Throughout these years, the school has faced many difficulties. In meeting these difficulties, it has maintained its principles, and therefore, this graduation signifies the establishing of the school as it was originally conceived."

Presiding over the Commencement was His Excellency John J. Ward, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles. The Commencement Address was delivered by His Excellency, Jerome J. Hastrich, Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico. In his address the Bishop laid emphasis on the obligation of the graduates to use the rare opportunities afforded them by their education for the benefit of themselves and the Church.

"The great, good God has been thinking about you for all eternity," Bishop Hastrich told the class. "He wanted you to be here on this day in 1978, and He has a job for you that only you can do. Now these good people, who have sacrificed so much, will have sacrificed in vain unless you carry out the principles for which this College stands.

"You are being sent forth, as Our Lord, on Ascension Thursday, sent the Apostles. As Christians, we are a people who are sent. Our Lord constantly said that He was the Messiah, which means 'one who is sent', and He said, 'As the Father has sent me, so also I send you.' He prayed for those who would believe and those whom He sent; and we are those people.

"It is a tremendous job you have ahead of you, but you are well-equipped. This school, unlike other schools, is concerned with the whole man. We're living in a world that is changing. The things that you learn in technical schools may be invalid ten years from now, but the things that you have learned here are the eternal truths. You have been given the tools with which to lead a useful, happy, holy life, no matter what happens in the career you choose."



**Bishop Hastrich,
Commencement Speaker**

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PRESIDENT'S CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES



Dr. Ronald P. McArthur

You are charged, as you confront a world in deep distress, whose highest civilization is being destroyed from within as well as from without, to uphold and defend the principles of a Christian order.

You must uphold the primacy of reason in the natural order, but the superiority of Divine faith over reason.

You must uphold the claims of the Church—her teachings, her disciplines and her sacraments—in the affairs of all men.

You must uphold the claims of virtue and goodness in political life—of chastity and fidelity in marriage.

You must uphold the primacy of liberal education over vocational training, and the dignity of the citizen.

You must, further uphold these principles with firmness, with courage, and with charity—and hold them over the span of your lives.

Such a dedication will be impossible without prayer, without sacrifice, and without grace.

And so you are charged, as are all Catholics, to so live your lives that you might, as the few, bear the burden of our civilization for the many, and to so bear it that even the stones may cry out, and that you might at sometime, in some place, cry out within yourselves those most profound words of Paul the Apostle: "Now I live, not I, but Christ in me."

The following is the Senior Address delivered by Senior Class Representative Kenneth J. Kaiser. Mr. Kaiser will pursue graduate studies in political philosophy at Claremont Graduate School.

This day is a significant one for us, the Class of '78, because we are graduating. But it is significant for the College as well; with this graduating class, the school has completed its first seven years, which marks the end of its first stage. Throughout these years, the school has faced many of the difficulties so characteristic of today's society. In meeting these difficulties, it has maintained its principles, and therefore this graduation signifies the establishing of the school as it was originally conceived.

For us graduating, it is significant, since we have completed our studies in this program which has led to the establishing of our own lives. Here we have begun to acquire the intellectual habits, the pursuit of which has given order to our moral life; and finally and most importantly, by means of these habits, the life of faith has been strengthened.

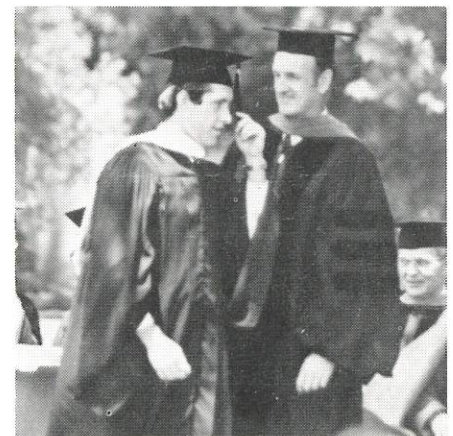


Dr. Ronald Richard

SENIOR ADDRESS

As we are blessed in receiving the gifts of this school, so also are we obliged to continue in the pursuit of the good, and to share what we have acquired with others.

Hence, this graduation is significant, in that it marks the end of the beginning both for the school and our lives. Here, by Divine Providence, the school has been founded and nourished. So too, our lives have begun and been well directed. But now that we have come of age it is time to leave our place of birth. As we take our place in the world, so will the College begin its influence in the world. With this new beginning we have faith in providence to continue this work. For as providence has guided us in the past, so too are we confident that it will guide us now. Providence, to manifest its power, has wrought great things from small. This College will not be hindered in achieving its end by its lack of approval from the world. Socrates quietly taught the youth of Athens and St. Thomas wrote and meditated in the solitude of his cell, yet both had a profound and widespread influence on the world. In a similar way, Thomas Aquinas College, by the character and quality of the education it gives, will have a quiet but profound and persuasive effect on the lives of those who study and on the lives of those with whom we come in contact.



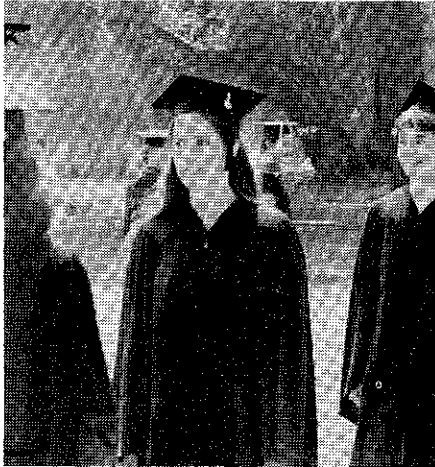
Kenneth Kaiser and Dr. John W. Neumayr

For these things, the establishment of the school and our education, we are deeply grateful. First, to those who with courage and wisdom founded this school; to our tutors, who have been the guiding hand in our development; to our parents, for their support and encouragement, and for the early nurturing in the faith which they have given us; to the supporters of this college, whose sacrifices have been great and generously made; to our fellow students, for providing the unique and wonderful community life in which we have all shared. And finally we thank almighty God, from whom all good things come, for blessing us in this way.

And so before God and St. Thomas, our patron, we humbly pledge to live the lives before us, guided always by the principles we have learned, and by the faith which has been fostered and strengthened in us, in our years here.

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Patricia Lemmon

Following Bishop Hastrich's address, Dean of the College, John W. Neumayr publicly attested to the fact that the nineteen graduates "have successfully applied themselves to philosophy, theology, mathematics, natural sciences, the arts of reason humane letters, and Sacred Scripture, that they have passed the period of the course in our halls, that they have been called to examination and that they have proved themselves well versed in all these studies and in the habits of learning, and, further, that they are qualified to be admitted to the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts."

After receiving their degrees, the young men and women were sent forth by Dr. Ronald P. McArthur in the President's Charge to the Graduates: "And so you are charged, as are all Catholics, to so live your lives that you might, as the few, bear the burden of our civilization for the many, and so bear it that even the stones may cry out, and that you might at sometime, in some place, cry out within yourselves those profound words of Paul the Apostle: 'Now I live, not I, but Christ in me.'"



Tom Joseph Walsh

TWO TUTORS ADDED TO FACULTY

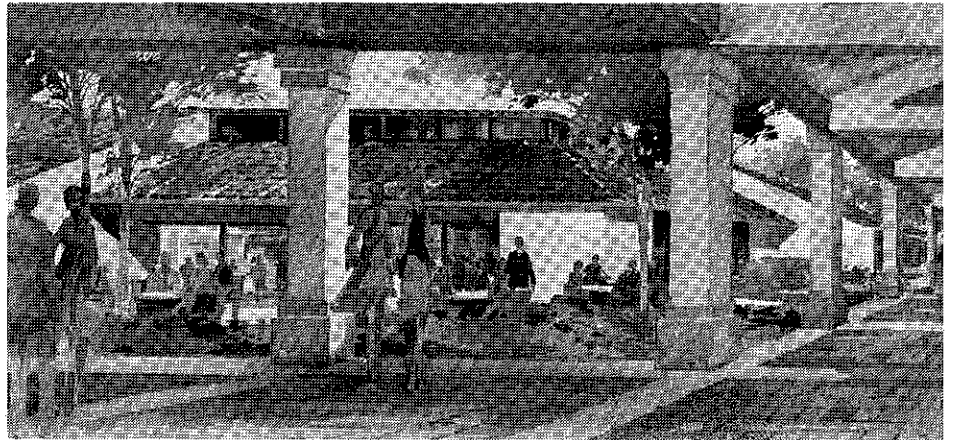
Dean John W. Neumayr has announced the appointment of Richard Ferrier and Michael McLean to the faculty of the College for the coming year.

Richard Ferrier received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. John's College, Annapolis, in 1971. He taught for several years on the secondary school level until beginning graduate studies at the University of Indiana. Mr. Ferrier has recently completed course work for a Doctorate in the History and Philosophy of Science.

Michael McLean received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy from St. Mary's College in 1968. He served as a secondary school teacher in the Peace Corps and as an officer in the United States Coast Guard before resuming his formal education. In 1975, Dr. McLean studied at St. John's College in Santa Fe for a Master's Degree in Liberal Education and in 1978 he received a Doctorate in Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame.

NEW CAMPUS, (CONTINUED)

Artist's conception of new Commons Building.



College To Increase Enrollment

This fall Thomas Aquinas College will accept three sections of freshman, as an initial step toward achieving its ideal size. In the past, freshman enrollment has been restricted to two sections, with seventeen students in each. Because a close-knit community of students and teachers is possible only when the size of the school remains small, the College intends to have no more than three hundred and fifty students overall.

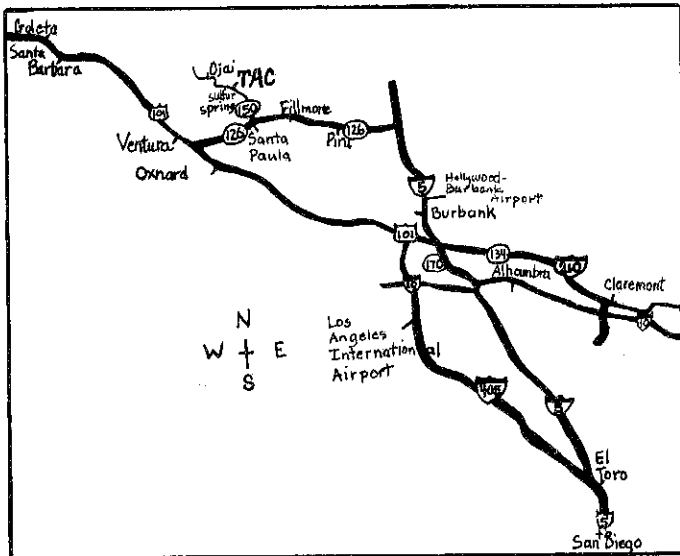
With an additional section to be filled, Thomas Aquinas has been able to accept applications from students throughout the summer. There are still a few spaces open for the '78 freshman class. Those interested in attending are urged to contact the Director of Admissions, Anne Wynne, as soon as possible. During the summer months, the College receives a number of applications from students who have attended other colleges but been dissatisfied with what they have found in them.

Several students have started as freshman at Thomas Aquinas after having received degrees from other colleges.

The planned October 30th opening date is approximately six weeks later than what had been originally intended. This will necessitate some adjustments to the school calendar but will not seriously disrupt the academic program.

In his announcement setting the date for the fall opening, Dr. Ronald P. McArthur, President of the College, said, "A great many practical problems have been overcome in the last year in order to make this opening possible. This is due to the prayers and sacrifice of all the friends of the College. There is still a substantial sum of money to be raised before completion of the Commons Building in January if we are to avoid borrowing, so we ask for and we need the continued help of all our friends."

DIRECTIONS TO NEW CAMPUS



From Interstate 5: East on State Highway 126, through Fillmore to Santa Paula; north (right) on State Highway 150 (10th Street) which becomes North Ojai Road. Follow for five miles to 10000 North Ojai Road, on right side.

From U.S. 101: West on State Highway 126 to Santa Paula; north (left) on State Highway 150, same as above.

BISHOP HASTRICH AWARDED MEDALLION

The St. Thomas Aquinas Medallion was awarded to His Excellency Jerome J. Hastrich, Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico, during commencement exercises, June 10, 1978.

The medallion, struck in silver by the firm of Damiano Columbo, in Milan, Italy, to commemorate the 7th centenary of St. Thomas Aquinas' death, is awarded annually by the Board of Governors in recognition of those who "have demonstrated, by their life and work, an extraordinary dedication to God and His Church."

The medallion was presented on behalf of the Board of Governors by Mr. Thomas P. Sullivan, Chairman.

NEW MEMBER ADDED TO BOARD

Francis J. Milligan, Jr.
Chicago, Illinois



Mr. Milligan is a senior partner in the law firm of Arnstein, Gluck, Weitzenfeld and Minow. A Fellow of the American College of Probate Council and member of the Federal Tax Committee of the Chicago Bar Association, Mr. Milligan's professional experience includes service as a Trust Officer of the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago, and over 30 years of private law practice.

Mr. Milligan is experienced as well with educational and Church-related organizations. He is a board member and former co-chairman of the Northern Illinois Regional Organization of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and was for eight years on the National Board of Directors of that same conference. He is the Director and founding officer of the Notre Dame Scholarship Foundation of Chicago, an Advisory Board Member of the Apostolate for Christian Consecration and an Honorary Trustee of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Mr. Milligan received his legal education at Harvard Law School. He and his wife, Catherine, have five children. One is presently a Junior at Thomas Aquinas and another has graduated from the program.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Solzhenitsyn attempts to trace, in his Harvard address, the pitiful decline of the West toward its present impotence in the face of the forces which seek to destroy it. These forces, in his opinion, are not for the most part, outside ourselves, but rather within us. They can, he tells us, be understood as a humanism, which begins and ends with man as the supreme being for himself. After the Middle Ages "we turned our backs upon the Spirit and embraced all that is material with excessive and unwarranted zeal. This new way of thinking, which had imposed on us its guidance, did not admit the existence of intrinsic evil in man, nor did it see any higher task than the attainment of happiness on earth. It based modern Western civilization on the dangerous trend toward worshipping man and his material needs. Everything beyond physical well-being and accumulation of material goods, all human requirements and characteristics of a subtle or higher nature, were left outside the range of attention of the state and the social system, as if human life did not have any higher meaning."

One sees this tendency in so called Christian circles, when our religion is given over exclusively to the love of our neighbor, to accepting him and ourselves "as we are", to the construction of a heavenly order on earth, to the elimination of sin and repentance, and to the reduction of all evil to the level of material needs and wants. This secularization of the Gospel finds its counterpart in education, where the aim of the schools is seen almost solely in terms of earthly success, either personal or collective.

The result is that the West is deprived of the leadership it needs, and gets instead hordes of graduates who, though vaguely aware of the growing chaos which surrounds them, and of which they are a contributing part, yet have no way of even understanding the problems in their full dimension. Even further, their attempts to remedy our situation lead usually to a further flight from reality into that humanism of which Solzhenitsyn speaks—the conscious attempt to build a human world without God, the soul, divine faith, or the Church.