

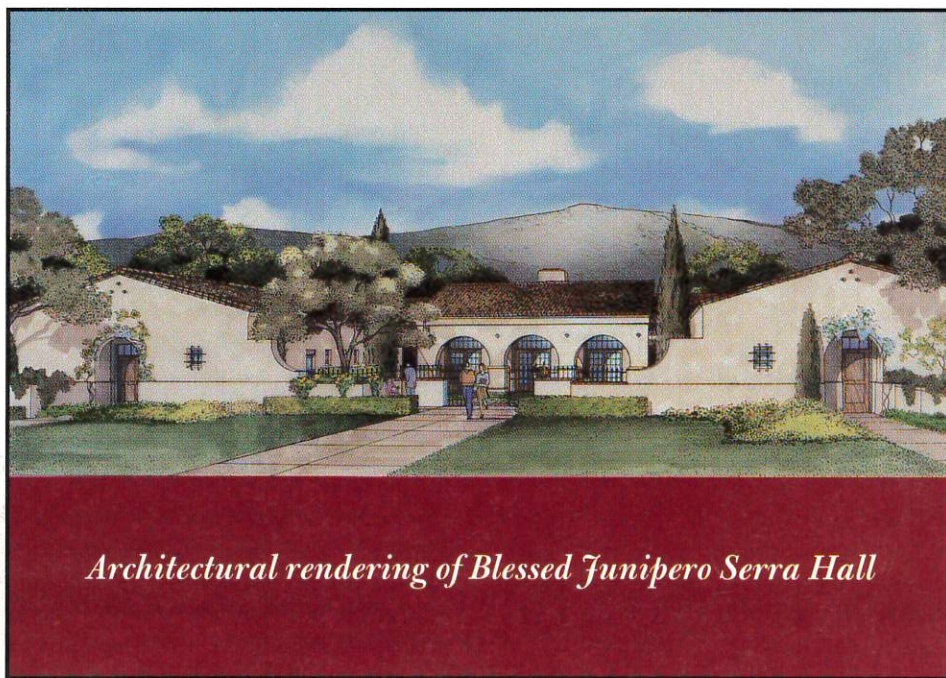
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FALL 1995 *The Comprehensive Campaign*

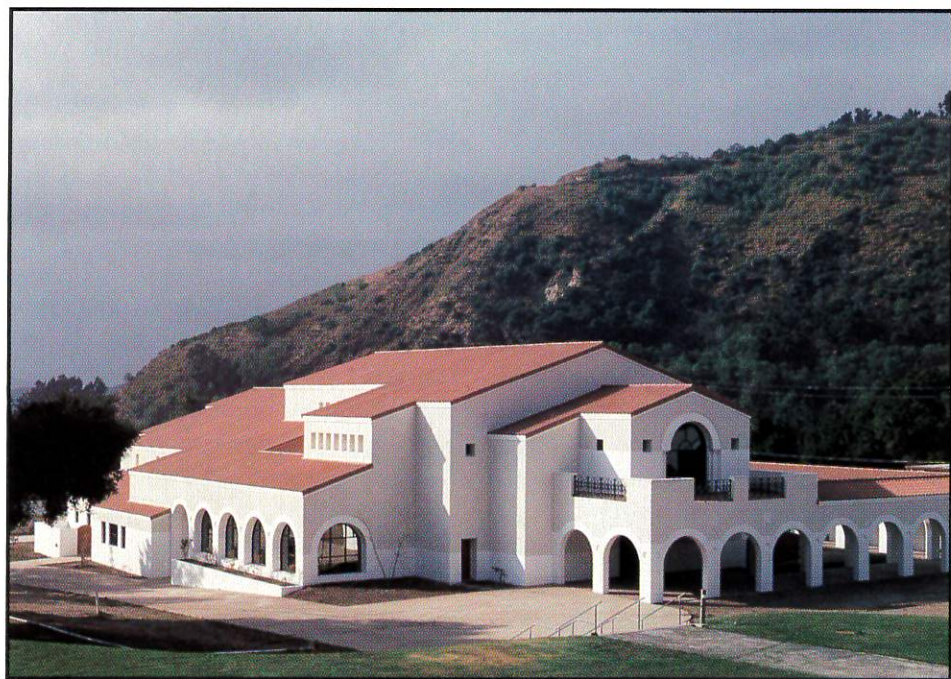
1971-1996, THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Announcing the 5-year, \$25-Million Comprehensive Campaign



Architectural rendering of Blessed Junipero Serra Hall

*To build a chapel, dormitories & a science laboratory building.
To complete the library. To provide annual scholarships & to
increase the scholarship endowment fund.*



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A Time of Thanksgiving; A Time To Look Forward: A Personal Message from College President Thomas Dillon

At the College's official Convocation ceremony on September 11, marking the beginning of the current academic year, I was very pleased and honored formally to proclaim "the College to be in session in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five, the 25th year of Thomas Aquinas College."

The 25th year of Thomas Aquinas College. Looking at the 232 students facing us in St. Joseph Commons—the crowd was far too large to try to squeeze into our tiny temporary chapel for the Convocation's Mass of the Holy Spirit—I could only thank God for His great providence and for the manifold ways in which He has blessed this extraordinary community of learning through our first quarter century. I thought back to the Herculean efforts made by Dr. McArthur and the other founders of the College, who were determined to help preserve and pass on the Church's precious intellectual patrimony by starting a college dedicated to the highest and noblest traditions of Catholic liberal education—a college that would rather risk cessation than compromise the intellectual and religious principles which were to give it life and strength.

"I Remember"

I remember my own first year as a tutor at the College back in 1972 when we wondered whether we would be provided the financial means to continue month to month. I recall the various ups and downs through the years, the loss of our lease at Calabasas and the uncertainties of a move to a new campus in Santa Paula and the various needs that such a move entailed. I remember the bleak moments when it seemed nearly impossible for the College to continue; when, humanly speaking, the obstacles seemed insurmountable.

"God's Grace Prevailed"

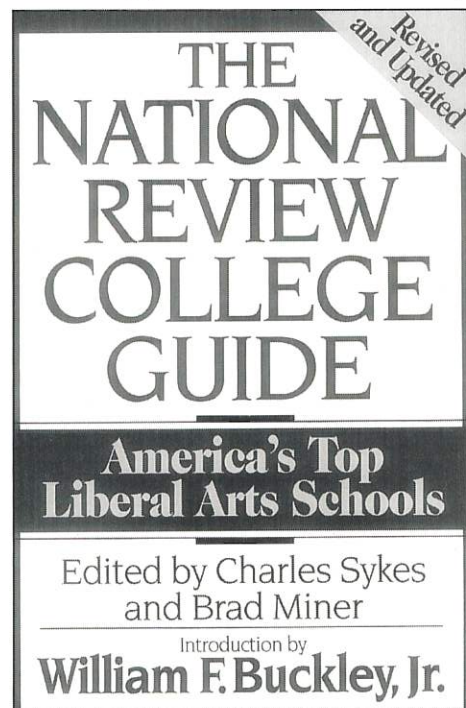
Through all this, however, God's grace prevailed. And, humanly, never did the College lose sight of its purpose; never did it think that its unique mission was negotiable. And now, because of the grace of God, and because the College has not compromised its principles and convictions, Thomas Aquinas College is thriving as never before.

This is not to say there are no struggles and failings—there are—nor is it to say that it is easy to meet our financial needs—it is not. However, with regard to what the College proposes to do essentially—help form our students in intellectual and moral virtue under the guidance of the teaching Church—the College continues to be remarkably successful.

A National Reputation

Indeed, Thomas Aquinas College has achieved a national reputation for the excellence of the education it offers, and it has been widely acknowledged as one of the finest liberal arts institutions in the country and a leader among colleges and universities in the struggle to defend and sustain what is best in our civilization. What is most important, however, are not these worldly signs of success, but rather what goes on in the minds

and souls of those students whom God has entrusted to our care, and whom our tutors deeply care about one by one, day



The *National Review College Guide* is one of the many publications that have recognized Thomas Aquinas College for its academic excellence. The depth of spiritual life on campus is also frequently commented upon.

by day, in an academic setting that depends on personal friendship and a mutual love of the true, the good, and the beautiful.

"A Work of Divine Providence"

Now, having nearly completed my fifth year as president, I am more clear than ever before that the good achieved at Thomas Aquinas College is a work of Divine Providence, since what results is so disproportionate to our meager human efforts. By every measure, the great fruits of this program continue to manifest themselves in our students while they are here and after they graduate: intellectual and moral insight, conversions to the Catholic faith, religious vocations, splendid and fruitful marriages, exemplary careers of service and leadership, and, I am proud to say, a generous concern that the education they have enjoyed be also available for future generations of students.



Sir Daniel Donohue greets Cardinal O'Connor at the 25th Anniversary Dinner as College President Thomas Dillon applauds. The 25th Anniversary Dinner and Mass of Thanksgiving will be covered in full in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The 25th Anniversary Year

And so it is with profound gratitude that we have opened the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Year of Thomas Aquinas College. The calendar of events which marks this special year will make it especially memorable. First, is the November 5, 1995, Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Timothy's Church in Los Angeles celebrated by Roger Cardinal Mahoney and followed by a gala black tie dinner at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel, with John Cardinal O'Connor as the keynote speaker. These two events will be featured in the next issue of the Newsletter.

A Very Special Blessing

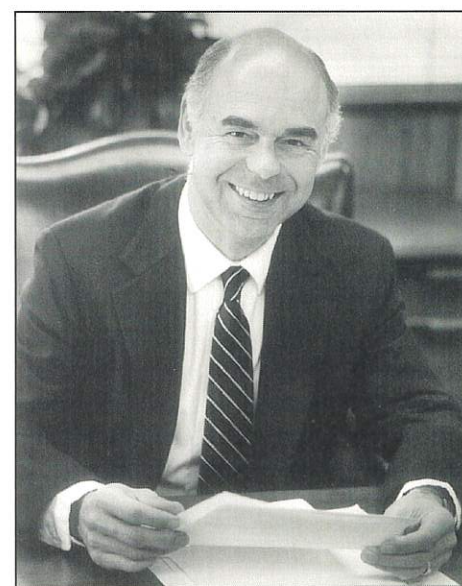
This, however, is only the beginning. During the year we will also commemorate our twenty-fifth anniversary with special observances on feast days and festivals dear to the College's tradition, such as St. Thomas's Feast Day, President's Day, and Commencement. Finally, the high point of the anniversary year, as we bring it to a close, will be the day on which the entire College community gathers to bless the site of the new permanent chapel. This will be the heart of our anniversary celebration, even as the chapel where Our Lord will be fittingly enthroned on our campus will be the heart of the College. The day will be of great importance for the College, comparable perhaps only to the day of its founding and the day, very soon I pray, when the chapel is finally consecrated.

Blessing the site of the new permanent chapel will help us to look back and look forward. For even as we celebrate and give thanks for all of God's blessings in our first quarter century, we should draw inspiration from the courage and heroic sacrifices of the founders and dedicate ourselves to doing all that we can to provide for the future of Thomas Aquinas College.

The Comprehensive Campaign— A Bold Initiative

Anticipating the events of this anniversary year and realizing God will not be outdone in generosity, the College's Board of Directors decided in June, 1993, that the College should embark upon a major five year comprehensive campaign to obtain \$25 million in gifts: \$10 million for the chapel, a science building, two more dormitories, and the completion of the funding of St. Bernardine Library; \$10 million for financial aid for needy students for the five years of the campaign, and \$5 million to increase our endowment funds.

This was a bold initiative, since the average amount in gifts the College received from 1986 to 1992 was \$1.6 million. Only as recently as 1991 had the College received as much as \$2 million in gifts, and 1992 was at that time a record year, with \$2.2 million given to the College. 1993 was a remarkable year indeed. Propelled primarily by a \$2.7 million gift from the DeRance Foundation, the College received a total of nearly \$5.3 million in gifts. What the Board proposed, therefore, was to take this year of outstanding generosity—where the College had received well more than twice the amount it had ever



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Thomas E. Dillon

CAMPAIGN GOALS

- \$25 million in total gifts
- \$10 million for new buildings: the chapel, a science building, two dormitories & completion of the library
- \$10 million for financial aid for needy students
- \$5 million for the endowment fund

received in any year in its history—and make it our standard for the next five years. The College had never been engaged in a formal campaign before, but we were confident that our many friends and benefactors would understand the need and would step up and help us to further develop the campus and provide scholarships and financial aid for our students, as well as endowment funds to better secure the future.

New Construction

The building part of the campaign is now well begun. After having originally committed \$1 million toward constructing the library, the Dan Murphy Foundation, as part of the comprehensive campaign, later went on to donate more than another \$530,000 to the library. Other benefactors, such as Dr. and Mrs. Harry Browne, the Conrad Hilton Foundation, the Homeland Foundation, the late Fr. Vincent Carroll, and Mr. Henry Salvatori joined in the effort. As you may know already or can see from this newsletter, St. Bernardine Library is a beautiful and stately edifice, expressive of the nobility of the life of learning. The handcrafted, coffered wood ceiling from a 17th century convent, donated by Mr. and Mrs. William P. Clark, gives the library a unique character.

A Time of Thanksgiving; A Time To Look Forward...continued



Blessed Junipero Serra Hall

Serra Hall

While the library was under construction, the Fritz B. Burns Foundation pledged \$1.1 million to build one of the two dormitories included among our campaign goals. As I write, Blessed Junipero Serra Hall has just been completed. It houses 56 men, who eagerly moved in over Thanksgiving. It is a beautifully designed dormitory, patterned after the Hacienda, the original home on the campus designed in the late 1920s by famed architect Wallace Neff. With another generous gift, Mr. Salvatori provided much of the furniture for this residence. Unfortunately, new underground springs on the construction site, fed by a record 53 inches of rain last season, added \$122,100 in additional site work costs, for which we are still seeking funding. A women's residence, similar to Blessed Junipero Serra Hall, is also planned as part of this campaign.

The Science Building

Last year J. Peter Grace and Dr. Henry Zeiter funded the schematic design of our science building, which we tentatively intend to name after St. Albert the Great. The design, after many meetings and revisions, is now finalized. With the science building we are also planning a major landscaping project to complete the east end of the academic quadrangle. We estimate the cost of the building and the landscaping to be around \$2 million.

The Chapel

As the number of students at the College has increased, the need for a permanent chapel has become critical, since we cannot now have the entire community worship God at one Mass in the temporary chapel. Our plan is to make the new chapel the most beautiful and magnificent building on the campus.

There are so many ways each member of the Thomas Aquinas College community can help. Not only will we need all of our friends to be very active and generous if we are to raise approximately \$4 million to build the chapel, but many special features, such as stained glass windows, an organ, and works of art will require special attention and generosity. These can all be fitting and beautiful memorials for relatives and dear ones living and deceased for whom the students and all who attend Mass in the chapel for years to come will pray.

A First in the History of the College

This is the first formal campaign to raise funds in the College's history. Our need to grow has never been greater; we cannot accept all the deserving and able students who are applying. The great good the College has effected in the minds and souls of countless individuals as well as in the nation and church at large requires we go on to do even more. The time is ripe for our ambitious plan for growth. God is clearly blessing us, and more and more people are becoming aware of how He is being served through the work of the College.

An Outpouring of Generosity

As we approach the half-way mark of the campaign, I am very pleased to re-

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port we have already obtained \$14 million toward the \$25 million goal.

The outpouring of generosity and support has confirmed our trust in Providence and our friends. Board member Dr. Harry G. Browne and his wife Jean Browne kicked off the campaign with an

especially generous gift of \$1.7 million in stock. The benevolence of Sir Daniel Donohue, and the other trustees of the Dan Murphy Foundation, including our Board member Miss Rosemary Donohue, has been tremendous. Besides contributing an additional \$530,000 for St. Bernardine Library as part of the campaign, the Dan Murphy Foundation has also pledged another gift of \$5 million to meet our campaign goal for endowment; this means \$250,000 dollars annually, in perpetuity, for student financial aid! As noted above, the Fritz B. Burns Foundation pledged \$1.1 million for building Blessed Junipero Serra Hall. Other friends of the College, including our Board member Mr. James Barrett and his wife, Judy Barrett, Mrs. George V. Caldwell, and Mr. Henry Salvatori, have each contributed over \$250,000 toward the campaign. For these outstanding gifts and for so many other sacrificial gifts, we are so grateful, since they provide us with the solid foundation on which to build the rest of the campaign.

How You Can Help the Campaign to Succeed

To reach our \$25 million goal by June of 1998 will not be easy. The success of the campaign—indeed the very existence of the College—depends upon your generosity. Given the importance of what we are doing and the commitment you have shown us over the years, I am confident you will bring the campaign to an overwhelmingly successful conclusion. God does provide for us, but what is so wonderful is that He works through human instruments, so that the charity of individuals not only benefits the College but works for the edification of their own souls. Such is the divine plan, and we humbly and joyfully watch it unfold.

The Time is Now

At this critical time in the College's history, I would like to make this plea to each friend and benefactor of Thomas Aquinas College: If you ever thought that someday you would like to make a special gift to the College, a lifetime gift, as it were, please do it now, during this campaign. The opportunity is before us to secure the future of Thomas Aquinas College and to make the campus, which has such great natural beauty, a distinctive jewel. We all long for a beautiful per-

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manent chapel for the College, so important to the life of the community and now so badly needed. Yet, we must also continue to provide the student financial aid funds needed for the students who are being educated each year.

The Office of General Counsel

To make it easier to give, I've organized our new office of General Counsel, staffed by Daniel Grimm and Peter Lemmon, two veteran attorneys who are also alumni. They can explain the ways you can make your gift and the various tax advantages of different kinds of gifts. We have started this office precisely to help you with your planning throughout this campaign. For more on this, see the article about Mr. Grimm and Mr. Lemmon below.

May God bless You!

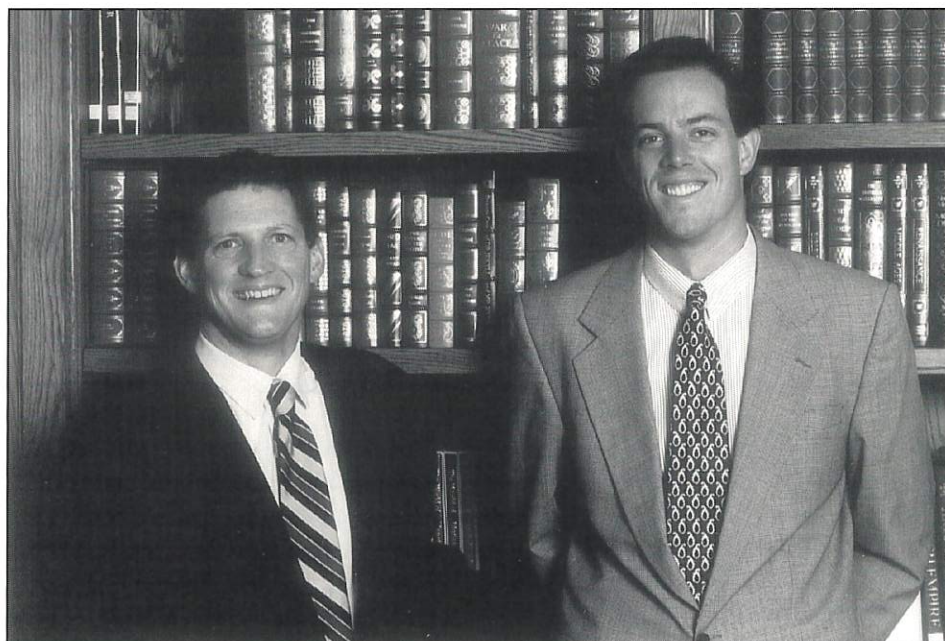
Every gift is important to us; every gift is so deeply appreciated. The one thing that is clear to me as president is that only through the prayers, sacrifices, and generosity of our very good friends is it possible for us to carry out our work, and for this we are all so profoundly grateful.

May God bless you. ☩

Office of General Counsel

The office of General Counsel at Thomas Aquinas College was established this summer primarily in an effort to support the \$25 million comprehensive campaign. Many donors have expressed an interest in making large deferred gifts to the College and some have already done so with the help of Dan Grimm who is now General Counsel for the College and Joseph Kern who has been serving pro bono as legal counsel to the College for many years.

As Mr. Grimm's development duties increase with his new position as Vice President for Development, Peter Lemmon, also a graduate of the College and fellow attorney, has been hired to continue the momentum in planned giving which began over the last few years. Mr. Lemmon serves as Associate General Counsel under Mr. Grimm.



Dan Grimm and Peter Lemmon

Mr. Grimm and Mr. Lemmon are graduates of McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. Mr. Grimm obtained his Juris Doctor in 1979. Before his return to Thomas Aquinas College in January of 1993 as Director of Development, he maintained a private practice of law in Sacramento and San Francisco counties for 12 years. During this time he gained considerable experience in the areas of estate planning and charitable giving as well as doing great work for pro-life legal causes.

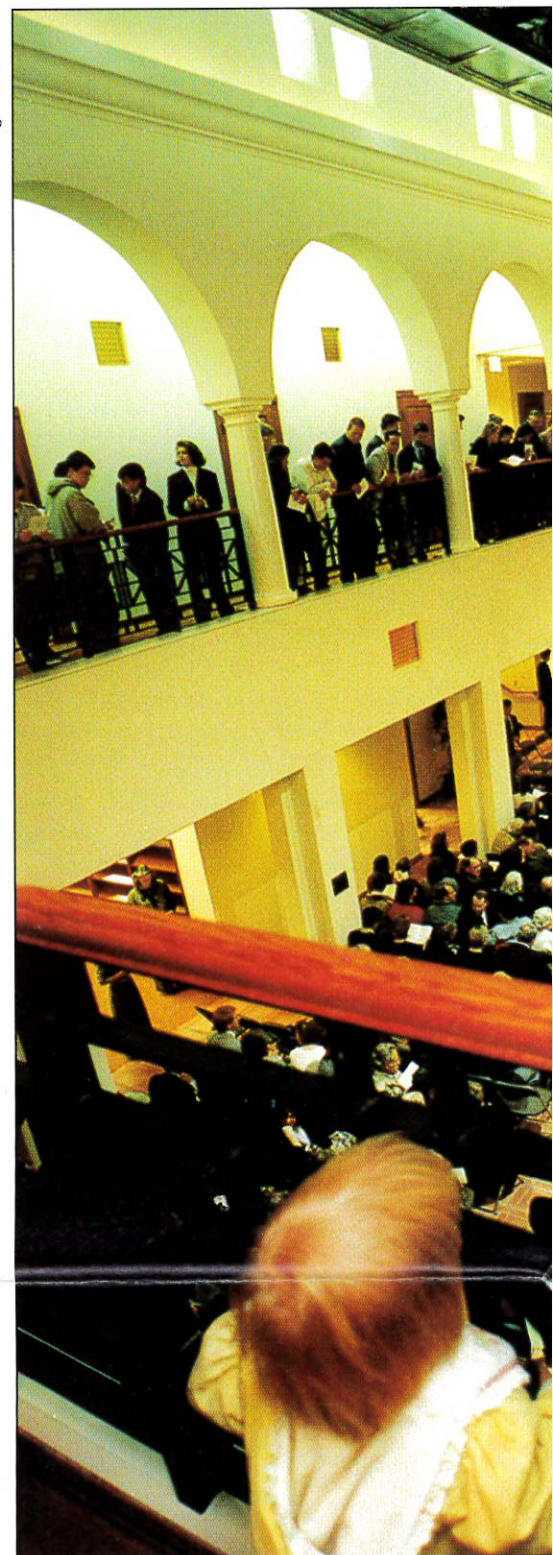
Mr. Lemmon earned his Juris Doctor in 1988 and practiced law for 4 years in Sacramento. He then served as Vice President and General Counsel at Christendom College in Virginia for three years before joining his fellow-alumnus, Mr. Grimm, this summer.

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Massive Winter Storm No Deterrent to the Dedication of St. Bernardine Library

Photos: Steve Osman, Los Angeles Times



A CROWD OF 700 BRAVED DRIVING RAIN MARCH 5 to attend the dedication of St. Bernardine Library. For their effort they were rewarded with a ceremony that combined high principles, music, and thanksgiving—all of it hallowed by the goodwill and common purpose uniting those who attended.

A Call to Action

Throughout the ceremonies a common theme was sounded: the necessity of grounding all learning in Christian faith. Before delivering the invocation, Rev. Wilfred Borden, one of three chaplains at the College, read from *A Proposal for the Fulfillment of Catholic Liberal Education*, the founding document of Thomas Aquinas College: "The first and most pressing duty, therefore, if there is to be Catholic education, calls for reestablishing in our minds the central role the teaching Church should play in the intellectual life of Catholic teachers and students."

This call to action is consistent with the mind of the Church. *Gravissimum educationis*, issued in 1965 by the Second Vatican Council, explicitly noted that faith is not inconsistent with scholarship or scientific inquiry. Most recently, Pope John Paul II's apostolic constitution *Ex corde ecclesiae*, in effect since 1991, declares that Catholic higher educational institutions must have a Christian inspiration

not only of individuals but also of the academic community, and that these institutions must maintain fidelity to the Christian message as it comes to us through the Church.

Although it has become a commonplace today that faith shackles academic freedom, Bishop Thomas Curry of the Santa Barbara Pastoral Region, in his dedication homily, commended the medieval scholastics for their motto "faith seeking understanding." Knowledge, the Bishop said, can become a prison unless illumined by faith—through faith it becomes liberating and leads to wisdom.

The Power of Books

Dr. Harry Browne, a member of the College's Board of Governors, spoke in his remarks of the profound power of



Dr. Harry Browne

books. "Since ancient times books have been understood to have a magic influence on people," he said. "For that reason libraries have been built in groves, near oracles, in temples, and in churches—in sacred places. People have feared books, have burned books, and have honored books."

The reason for this, Dr. Browne continued, "is that ideas have strong consequences. Ideas—the knowledge contained in books—are seized by a person's intelligence and reason, and these ideas can send us off in the right—or wrong—direction."

Thomas Aquinas College, with its Great Books curriculum, pays direct homage to the power of books noted by Dr. Browne. The aim of the curriculum is, as President Thomas Dillon said in his closing remarks, "to prepare students, by disciplined study of the arts and sciences, for a life of intellectual and moral virtue, leading to a life of sanctity."

"They Learn to Think Here"

Sir Daniel Donohue, president of the Dan Murphy Foundation, which provided \$1.5 million of the \$3 million needed to build St. Bernardine Library, delivered the keynote address in which he lauded the modern popes as people who are discerning and thoughtful. "They think about what has been said and written in the past," he said, "and one of the things that impresses me so



Head Librarian Viltis Jatulis

much about Thomas Aquinas College, and has over the years that I have been privileged to be attached to it," he continued, "is the fact that young people do learn, they are not being trained, they are being taught to think."

Sir Daniel recalled a lecture he attended that was delivered by the founding president of the College, Ronald McArthur, during the College's formative years. "I found right there and then," he said, "a man who not only was knowledgeable about his faith, but who also practiced it. He wanted to found a college that would be standing upon the rock of truth as taught by the Church through the ages. I was so impressed that in another day or so we had a meeting

LEGE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Dedication of St. Bernardine Library



Bernardine Murphy Donohue, Sir Daniel said, "She was a Catholic lady in every sense of the word. She was not a religious snob. She listened to what others had to say about their religious beliefs, but she was confirmed in her faith as a Catholic woman. Her outlook on life was neither puritanical nor parochial, she accepted people as they were—she loved people. But she thought, she read, she studied."

Look to the Saints

Bernardine Murphy Donohue's patron saint, St. Bernardine of Siena, is the saint after whom the library is named. All the buildings at Thomas Aquinas College are named after saints, President Dillon said, because this "declares to the world, to our students, and to our donors, that the College is unabashedly dedicated to God's service."

"Providentially, a more fitting patron for the library could hardly be imagined. St. Bernardine [born 1380 in Italy] studied classics, philosophy, theology, and the liberal arts in a program remarkably similar to our own and finished with three years of Canon Law at the University of Siena. He was a great scholar who combined purity of life with witty good humor and friendliness, but all his learning was devoted to the service of a single message, one of mystical simplicity: the



Mrs. Kristen Avansino, Sir Daniel Donohue, and Bishop Thomas Curry

power of the name of Jesus Christ.

"He exhibited what Thomas à Kempis had prescribed for the Christian scholar: 'Read with humility, with simplicity, and with faith, and seek not at any time the fame of being learned.'"

The Spanish Ceiling

St. Bernardine Library is the largest building on campus. Especially striking is the great central nave which rises two stories and whose ceiling was originally crafted in the 1620s for a convent of dis-

calced Mercedarians in Granada, Spain.

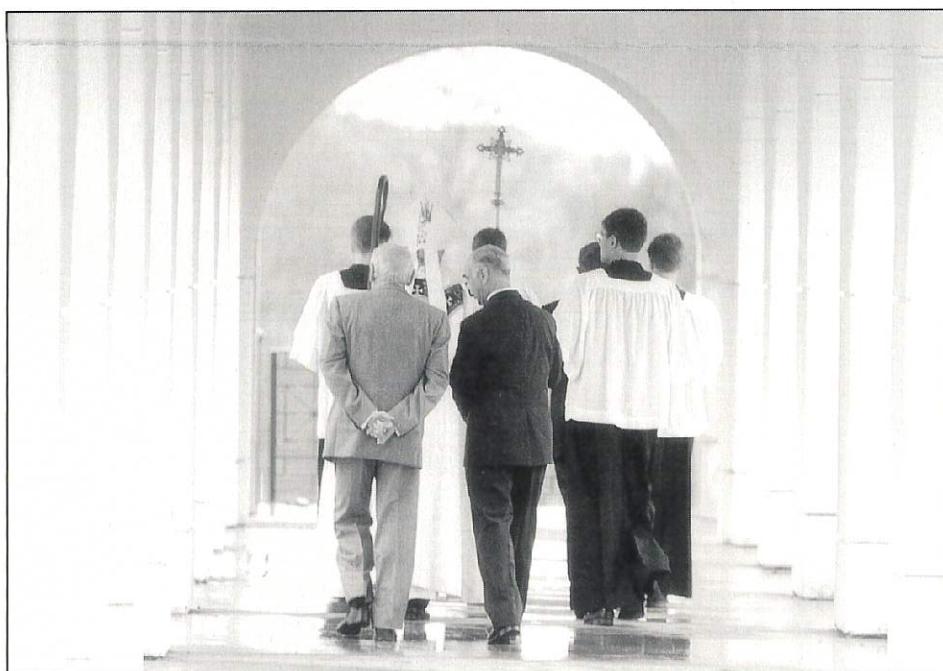
The order was founded in 1218 by St. Peter Nolasco for the purpose of rescuing Christian captives from the Moors, and members of the order accompanied Columbus to America, where they founded many convents and were active in the conversion of the Indians.

The ceiling, once owned by William Randolph Hearst, was a gift to the College from Mr. and Mrs. William P. Clark of Paso Robles, California. Mr. Clark served as a justice of the California Supreme Court and as National Security Advisor and Secretary of the Interior under President Ronald Reagan.

"There Is a Commonness of Mission"

The interior furnishings for the library were provided by a grant from the E. L. Wiegand Foundation. Mrs. Kristen Avansino, president of the foundation, was a featured speaker at the dedication ceremony. "There is a warm synergism between Thomas Aquinas College and our foundation," she said, "for there is a commonness of mission—and that commonness is profound. Steeped in Catholic principle, traditional truths, respect for the work ethic, and a passion for excellence, Thomas Aquinas College and the E. L. Wiegand Foundation march into the 21st century stalwart, noble, and unfettered." ☩

Bishop Curry, accompanied by the altar servers, President Dillon, and Sir Daniel Donohue, blessed St. Bernardine Library inside and out.



[of the board of the Dan Murphy Foundation]. They asked questions, and I said, 'I don't know exactly what will happen. I'm sure Ron McArthur is going to get a lot of static. I would suggest—to get this thing off the ground—that we send \$25,000.' Well, dear friends, that was the most wonderful investment our foundation ever made."

In speaking of his wife, the late

ROLL OF HONOR

A building both useful and beautiful is the result of a collaborative effort between donors and a wide variety of skilled professionals. Below is a partial list of those persons, institutions, and companies whose financial gifts or professional skills made St. Bernardine Library possible. The College community sincerely thanks each of them.

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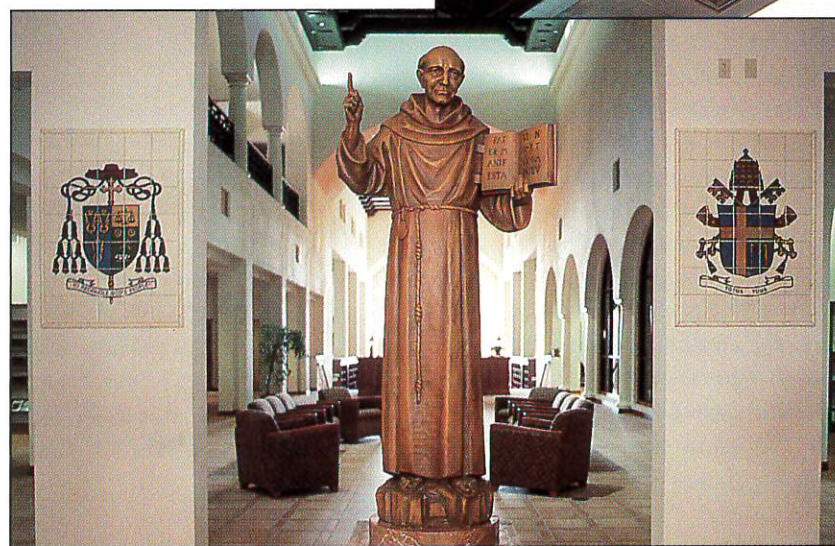
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"You Need Never Be Afraid!"

Archbishop Renato Martino Addresses the Class of 1995

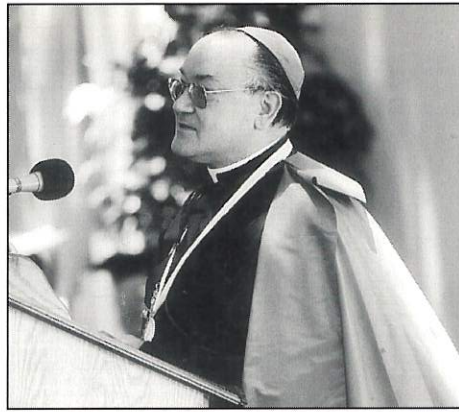
Photos, Tim Teague

ON June 10, the College graduated its twenty-first class since the founding of the school in 1971. For the graduating seniors, it was a time of joy and accomplishment, for they had successfully completed what one college guide has called "one of the most rigorous curriculums of any school in the country."

Rev. James V. Schall, S.J., Catholic writer and commentator, delivered the homily at the Baccalaureate Mass preceding commencement. Drawing on a wide range of sources—including scripture, Aristotle and Plato, Saints Augustine, Aquinas, and Ignatius, Walker Percy and John Paul II—he pointed to the fundamental necessity of praise in the Christian life: *Te Deum, laudamus*—You are God; we praise you.

"Our ability to give praise, to give thanks," Rev. Schall said, "defines more than anything else what we are, whether we understand the kind of beings we are, and the destiny to which each of us is called. Praise and reverence come before service and inspire it. And it is by this means—by praise, reverence, and service—that we are 'to save our souls,' as St. Ignatius notes."

Each year the graduating class selects one of its members to deliver the senior address during the commence-



Archbishop Renato Martino

Holy See to the United Nations.

Archbishop Martino, quoting Pope Paul VI, described the rationale underlying the Church's involvement in the U.N.: "It is not a desire for human self-assertion," he said, "nor is it the temptation to intervene in a field that is foreign to the mission of the Apostolic See, it is rather the awareness of a duty that involves the Church precisely because of her spiritual and religious vocation."

Because the mission of the Church at the U.N. is spiritual, there is the expectation—confirmed by experience—that the Holy See Mission at the United Nations, in the midst of bearing great fruit for peace, will also share in Christ's suffering.

Christ himself acknowledged this fact, Archbishop Martino said, when, in the Gospel of John, he says, "If the



ment ceremonies. This year the choice was Stephen G. Nazaran of Riverview, Michigan. In his address, he delineated those virtues necessary for a successful defense of the Catholic faith: charity, patience, obedience, and humility.

Obedience and humility, he said, are acquired naturally during the course of studies at Thomas Aquinas College. "The school assumes," he explained, "that if we came to it for an education, then we recognize that it [the school] is wise in these matters, and we are not. If we lack an education, we are not the best judges of what ought to be learnt. The best judges of that are the teachers. And so we submit to them."

"But when we go out into the world as teachers ourselves, we must also exercise charity and patience," Nazaran continued. "When we become the salt of the earth, when we shine like cities on a hill, then people will take notice and will listen eagerly to learn what it is that makes us so."

"We must also have faith that the truth will win people over by its own merit. It is not by us that men are converted but only by the grace of God. We are privileged to be mere instruments of this grace. We provide the opportunity for it to reach others. We are not going to change the world—God is, and if we forget that, we begin fighting God."

This year's commencement speaker, Archbishop Renato R. Martino, Apostolic Nuncio, was uniquely qualified to speak of God and the world, for he serves as Permanent Observer of the

world hates you, know that it has hated me before you... If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you also; if they have kept my word, they will keep yours also."

"These words of Christ," he said, "are not only a reminder that those who follow him will experience persecution. In a true sense, they tell us that we are really his witnesses when we face suffering for his sake." This, he impressed upon the graduates, is the reality of being a Christian.

Archbishop Martino then described the great opposition the Church faced at the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development, held last year in Cairo, and the World Summit for Social Development held recently in Copenhagen.

"But in all this," he concluded, "there is one important lesson the graduates must learn—and it is nothing less than the secret to true happiness: that you need never to be afraid, because you are never, ever alone. The Spirit of Christ dwells in your hearts. And knowing that he is closer to you than your own heartbeat and nearer to you than your very breath will give you a peace and a sense of well-being that the world cannot give, nor can the world take it away from you."

For his life's work, especially that on behalf of the Vatican, Archbishop Martino, who several times received a standing ovation, was awarded the St. Thomas Aquinas Medallion by the College. ☪

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DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

"The value of the Great Books can only be due to the fact that they asked the fundamental and enduring questions that arise from the common experience shared by all peoples, regardless of time or place, and they treated these issues with unusual intelligence...Every text and every teacher must be from some particular place and time, but it is never these aspects that are at issue—it is always the trans-cultural."

"Liberal Education and Cultural Diversity"

—from *Measure*, by John W.

Neumayr, Ph.D., tutor at Thomas Aquinas College

The universal, trans-cultural appeal of the Great Books was confirmed again this autumn as Thomas Aquinas College welcomed 72 freshmen from around the United States and the world. The 40 men and 32 women—the largest freshman class yet—have now taken their places in the College's tutorials and seminars. Their numbers bring the College's enrollment to a new high—232 students. For the next four years, these newest members of the College will join the centuries-old search for answers to some of life's highest and knottiest questions.

Twenty-one of the freshmen had attended colleges and universities before beginning at Thomas Aquinas College. Forty seven had graduated from private high schools or had been educated at home. Their average SAT score is 1167 (not re-centered).

Twelve freshmen have come to Thomas Aquinas College in search of an education not offered in their own countries. Canada, Lithuania, Panama, Slovakia, the Spanish Canary Islands, and Ukraine all have representatives among the class of 1999.

Tomas Zahora, from one of the world's newest republics, Slovakia, begins the curriculum of Thomas Aquinas College after a year at a college in Kansas. Tomas says, "The first thing I heard about Thomas Aquinas College was that the students read the original works of the great minds of human civilization instead of just reading the references or reflections on those works. Why should a person learn someone else's opinion on a work when he can read it himself and draw his own conclusions?"

"Many colleges in the United States—and in Slovakia—neglect the liberal arts in favor of practical subjects that lead to careers. I agree that students should be educated to use their knowledge in practice, but the specific areas of study should be built on a strong core of liberal arts. I found Thomas Aquinas College particularly appealing after learning that students' own critical thinking and reasoning is required, making the study at Thomas Aquinas an active, self-motivated quest."

For Oleg Marchenko of Kiev, Ukraine, Thomas Aquinas College was appealing by contrast with the education in the former Soviet Union, an education which "was, and in many aspects remains, excessively ideological. I have an advantage over those who are choosing their first college—I have been elsewhere and know, to some extent, what I want. I want to challenge myself. I want to learn in an environment that fosters intellectual growth and exploration. I revel in the prospect of working hard for a broadened base of understanding and a new way of thinking." As for the role Catholicism should play in the academic and community life of the College, Oleg believes this "is probably the most un-

conventional question for a student from the former Soviet Union. The finest work the Catholic Church can do is to direct students in their quest of the truth to the knowledge of God; that is, to help them combine their wisdom with divine truth."



Oleg Marchenko, Ukraine, signs the Registrar's book at the Convocation ceremony welcoming the freshmen.

Glen Goodrich comes to Thomas Aquinas College from the Navy, where he served as a nuclear propulsion plant technician aboard a nuclear fast attack submarine. As he put it in his application essay, Glen hopes "...to get a good start on a liberal education, which is indispensable in learning what it is to be human, and how to live as a human should. What I am looking for academically is a thorough inquiry into the great books of Western Civilization, not only to better understand the ideas and thought processes of the minds behind them, but also to develop my own faculties of reasoned discourse and rational truthful investigation."

Although Christine Will already has a bachelors degree from Washington and Lee University in Virginia, she is enthu-

siastic about beginning again at a Catholic college. Drawing on her previous experiences as a student, she says "All life exists to seek understanding of God and to act in accordance with that knowledge; therefore all one's life—including the academic and community aspects—should be ordered to that end."

Dr. Paul Casey Fallon also has a previous degree. While at University of Buffalo School of Dentistry, he spent an average of thirteen hours a day on his studies. Although he is now a dentist, he says he has only become more interested in learning and, he says, "in order to dispose myself to further reading and learning, I desire to begin to study philosophy and Catholic thought as it should be studied." Dr. Fallon says he hopes "to develop intellectually and begin to understand thinkers like Aquinas, Augustine, and others..."

"My formal education up to now," said Phoenix, Arizona, freshman Stephen Clucas, "has provided tools for a job, but has failed to provide a primary key to freedom: proper use of my reason. Knowing facts and formulas is useful, but they make me their slave. Not knowing why they work doesn't give me the ability to figure them out, should I forget them. It seemed that if I wished to take off the blinders which knowledge of only facts and formulas puts on, I had to do so on my own—but I have found Thomas Aquinas College and I know it will help me to form my mind, body and soul, and in turn, I will help my peers do the same."

These young men and women and their fellows have begun practicing the arts and sciences which undergird genuine learning. They've begun to make their own the wisdom which is their heritage from the Catholic intellectual and philosophical tradition. Please pray for them and for the rest of the student body that they may respond to God's graces during the coming year and that the lights of reason and the Catholic faith may make their efforts in their studies abundantly fruitful. ☩

Office of General Counsel, continued...

The legal background of our Development officers provides a unique opportunity for the College's five-year development campaign to raise \$25 million. As Dr. Dillon mentions in his announcement of the Campaign (See page two.), Mr. Grimm and Mr. Lemmon are available to assist with any and all gifts you should wish to make to the College at this time or in the future.

SOME SPECIAL GIFTS

At a special meeting of the Board of Governors of Thomas Aquinas College last January, Dr. Henry Zeiter announced to his fellow Board members that he has named Thomas Aquinas College as beneficiary of his pension plan, the value of which has tripled in the last three years. Dr. Zeiter encouraged all who love Thomas Aquinas College to make the College the beneficiary of their 401(k) plans. We at the College are very grateful to Dr. Zeiter and his wife, Carol, for this tremendous deferred gift as well as for all their generosity to the College through the years.

Also, in 1993, Miss Catherine Rottier established a charitable remainder unitrust in the name of Thomas Aquinas College. After learning of the strong Catholic character here, Miss Rottier transferred funds which she had previously planned to set aside for another college. We are most thankful Miss Rot-

tier found Thomas Aquinas College and thank her for her great generosity.

Several others are working with Mr. Grimm and Mr. Lemmon on gift annuities.

PLANNED GIVING GENERALLY

Planned gifts can help you achieve a number of financial objectives: current income tax savings, conversion of highly appreciated but non-productive assets into regular monthly income without incurring capital gains tax, and avoidance of estate and gift taxes. The main reason, of course, for making any such gift is your wish to advance the mission of the College and to help the students who come here to learn.

EXAMPLES OF PLANNED GIVING VEHICLES

The simplest planned gifts are typically provisions in a will or living trust which provide for a gift from a trust or probate estate upon a donor's death. Such a gift is deductible from the gross estate, thus reducing estate taxes. Such a gift is not actually effective until the death of the donor, and can be changed or revoked until that time.

Another simple gift, but one which is not revocable, is for a donor to deed a remainder interest in a residence or farm while he retains a life interest. By this means, the donor is entitled to take a

current income tax deduction for the value of the remainder interest while retaining interest in the property for his lifetime.

A planned gift which is becoming increasingly popular is the Irrevocable Charitable Remainder Trust. The donor places assets in the trust, and receives a current immediate income tax deduction based on his life expectancy. Then, each year the trust pays income of at least five percent of the value of the assets to the donor. Upon the donor's death, the assets left in the trust become the charity's. The value of the assets is not included in the donor's gross estate; thus both income and estate taxes are avoided. Furthermore, because the trust is viewed as a non-profit charitable entity, it realizes no capital gain on the sale of assets. Thus, charitable remainder trusts are often funded with highly appreciated assets, which, if sold by the donor himself, would be subject to capital gains tax.

There are also charitable lead trusts, where the donor gives the life interest in assets to a charity, and gives the remainder to a non-charitable recipient.

Where a large estate is involved, the use of charitable trusts combined with the purchase of single-life or joint-life insurance policies makes it possible for a donor to pass on a greater share of his estate to his heirs, while at the same time

benefiting a charitable recipient and paying no estate taxes.

Gift Annuities are yet another vehicle for a donor to make a gift to the College while at the same time securing tax advantages for himself and his family. You have probably seen these advertised by different charities competing for the benefaction of their donors by offering better interest rates than their competitors. The gift annuity is part sale and part gift. It is accomplished by an agreement between the College and the donor by which the donor transfers the interest in certain assets to the College. In exchange, the College agrees to pay the donor a particular payment quarterly or more frequently with the amount of the payment determined by the value of the gift and the life expectancy of the donor. In this way, certain taxes are avoided while the donor gains the advantage of converting non-income yielding assets into present income.

FOR HELP IN PLANNING,
PLEASE CALL MR. GRIMM OR
MR. LEMMON AT THE COLLEGE

Once again, Mr. Grimm and Mr. Lemmon will be happy to work with you and your attorney or accountant at any time. They can be reached here at Thomas Aquinas College, locally, 805/525-4417 or 800/634-9797. ☩

A Tribute to William J. Isaacson

William J. Isaacson, who since 1979 had been a member of the Board of Governors of Thomas Aquinas College, died March 5. For many years he served as chairman of the board's Finance Committee, and on several critical occasions he served as the chief intermediary between the college and major donors. Not only did he help govern the college, he also entrusted his three children to its care.

Mr. Isaacson graduated from Loyola University of Chicago and Northwestern University of Law and was a partner in the firm of Henehan, Donovan & Isaacson, Ltd., Chicago. He was a thoroughgoing Catholic, devoted to his family, the Church, and the good of his community. He was a founder of the Institute of Religious Life, a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, and served on the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He was actively involved in many facets of the pro-life movement.



Bill Isaacson holds the award given him at the last Annual Chicago Dinner for his outstanding service to Thomas Aquinas College.

His remarkable wife Mary Alice made each visit to Chicago by members of the Thomas Aquinas College community a memorable event, offering unstinting hospitality. Bill himself was a genuine friend of the college, and his presence will be missed. ☩

College Named for a Second Time to the Templeton Honor Roll

Thomas Aquinas College, has, for the second time, been elected to the Templeton Honor Roll for Character Building Colleges. The Honor Roll specifically recognizes those institutions of higher learning which provide students with opportunities to develop individual character.

To be elected to the Honor Roll, a College must provide an educational program which 1) cultivates the moral reasoning capacity of its students, 2) promotes values which build and sustain community, 3) encourages growth in both spiritual and moral values, 4) fosters positive attitudes and overall well-being, and 5) advocates drug-free lifestyles. Nationwide, a total of 124 schools were selected for the 1995 Honor Roll.

The bi-annual Honor Roll program is

funded by the Templeton Foundation, which international investment counselor John M. Templeton established in 1987 to forge greater links between the sciences and all religions. The Foundation strongly believes that individuals of high moral character are the building blocks of a healthy society and that character is formed primarily in the family, in religious communities, and in educational institutions.

The Honor Roll has a three-fold purpose: First, to recognize colleges and universities that promote character and value development; second, to inspire other schools to develop similar programs; and third, to provide a reference list of schools for prospective students and their families as well as for donors interested in supporting higher education. ☩

Every Student Should Know about Thomas Aquinas College: How You Can Help

Every student who hungers for an education that roots him in the truths concerning God and the material world He created will naturally be attracted to the curriculum of Thomas Aquinas College.

Studying those truths within an academic program that rests ultimately on Christian wisdom as the final arbiter of truth leads to the character development for which Thomas Aquinas College was cited by the Templeton Foundation in the article above.

The majority of students currently at the College are here because someone recognized in them those qualities that would make them ideal candidates for admission. Friends of the College have proven to be our most effective recruiters of new students.

In this newsletter is a card for you to fill out with the names of prospective students and/or to request literature to distribute. Please return the completed card in the envelope provided.

Thank you very much.

College Launches The Aquinas Review

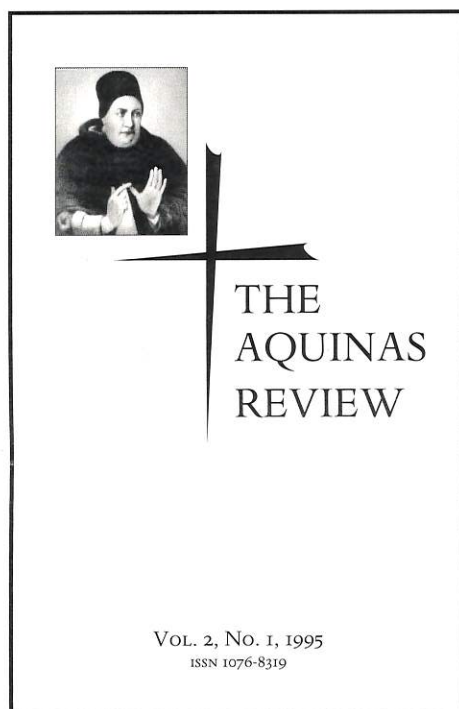
Thomas Aquinas College has begun publishing an academic journal, *The Aquinas Review*, edited by Ronald P. McArthur, president emeritus of the college. The intent of the review, in the words of Dr. McArthur, "is to stimulate



Ronald McArthur, editor of the *Aquinas Review*

a continuing conversation with an ever widening audience about some of the important topics which should concern us as men and as Christians, topics which we ignore at a risk which is much too dangerous for the health of our souls."

The premier issue of the review contained articles on the philosophical poetry of Lucretius, the contrast between Aristotelian and Newtonian physics, St. Thomas's use of Scripture in the *Summa Theologiae*, and the Eucharist. The sec-



ond issue, just out, includes articles on the proper nature of a university, Aquinas and proportionalism, and modern confusions about the final cause, among other topics.

The review, while maintaining fidelity to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church and abiding within the great tradition of liberal learning that is our common heritage, will become, it is hoped, a lively sounding board for ideas that matter. Any interested person may submit an essay for consideration. Such material should be addressed to: The Editor, *The Aquinas Review*, 10000 North Ojai Road, Santa Paula, CA 93060.

A subscription form for the review is included immediately below this article. Simply fill it out and return it with your payment in the envelope provided with the newsletter. ☩

J. Peter Grace, Bishop Jerome J. Hastrich, Bishop David M. Maloney—R.I.P.

J. PETER GRACE

J. Peter Grace, a member of the Board of Governors of Thomas Aquinas College for 17 years, died April 19, 1995. To the world at large, Mr. Grace was best known as an able and astute businessman who built up W.R. Grace & Co. into a twentieth-century international industrial giant. For 47 years he served as CEO, a record among major U.S. industrial companies.

However, as John Cardinal O'Connor, who presided at Mr. Grace's funeral Mass, pointed out, to focus solely—or even primarily—on Mr. Grace's life as a businessman would be misleading, for he was, above all, a man of faith.

One way in which he expressed that faith was in his support of the work of Thomas Aquinas College, support which could take unusual forms. For instance, in 1982 the College hoped to have Mother Teresa of Calcutta as the commencement speaker, but her crowded itinerary made it impossible for her to keep her other commitments given the flight schedules of commercial airlines on commencement day. It appeared she would have to decline the invitation.

Peter DeLuca, at that time senior vice-president of the college, called Mr. Grace and explained the problem. Mr. Grace had a simple solution; he put the company jet at Mother Teresa's disposal, and she was able both to deliver the commencement address and keep to her busy schedule.

BISHOP JEROME J. HASTRICH

The Most Rev. Jerome J. Hastrich, retired Bishop of Gallup, Gallup, New Mexico, died May 12 after a brief illness.

Bishop Hastrich first became involved in the life of the college in 1978 as

commencement speaker, and later that year he was invited to join the Board of Visitors of the college. He also served as presiding prelate at commencement in 1990 and 1992.

Bishop Hastrich had an intense devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and he spoke movingly in his homilies about the goodness and love of a Savior who would make himself so readily available to the world.

In his writings and in his conversations, Bishop Hastrich faithfully held Thomas Aquinas College up as an example of what Catholic liberal education could and should be.

BISHOP DAVID M. MALONEY

The Most Rev. David M. Maloney, retired Bishop of Wichita, Wichita, Kansas, died February 21. He had been a member of the Board of Visitors of the college since 1978. Even before joining the board, he helped arrange the loan from the DeRance Foundation which was so important in establishing the college in its present location.

Bishop Maloney was a man of great intellectual gifts for whom the pursuit of truth—whatever the cost—was of the highest importance. He was also a faithful shepherd who protected his diocese from the errors and excesses which followed the Second Vatican Council. "Whatever the church grants, I grant," he said. "Whatever the church does not grant, I do not grant."

PLEASE PRAY ALSO FOR OTHER FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED.

Francis W. Conn, S.J.

Mr. N. F. Lucero, Jr.

Mr. Thomas J. O'Toole

Mrs. Joseph Wynne

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