

THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE
SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL WHO HAVE SHOWN AN INTEREST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THOMAS
AQUINAS COLLEGE

FROM: RONALD P. MC ARTHUR, PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: OUR PRESENT SITUATION

Our development office on the campus of Dominican College is now open and in full operation. We are located in room 6 on the second floor of Bertrand Hall, and our telephone number is (415) 457-1033.

In addition to our long term arrangement with Dominican College for the joint use of the library, dining hall, auditorium and lecture hall, and for the use of land provided by Dominican for the eventual construction of dormitories and classroom facilities, the Sisters have graciously offered us the use of an existing building on the campus. This will provide dormitory rooms for fifty men, and classroom facilities adequate for considerably more. It also provides a recreation room and chapel for the use of the students. Arrangements have been made with the Marist Fathers for the use of the athletic facilities of their seminary, which adjoins the Dominican campus. These include a swimming pool, gymnasium, athletic field and tennis court.

A faculty of up to a dozen teachers are ready to join us at Thomas Aquinas College. Many of these men have had experience teaching in programs comparable to ours at St. John's College, Annapolis, and at St. Mary's College, California.

We already have a new edition of our basic document, now headed Thomas Aquinas College: A Proposal for the Fulfillment of Catholic Liberal Education. Copies are available from our office upon request. We also expect shortly to have a pictorial brochure on Thomas Aquinas College, approximately 2500 words in length.

With an awareness of the critical need for the kind of education we propose, and in view of the unexpectedly rapid progress we have made to date, we have decided to aim at opening our doors to a freshman class in September 1970.

Two things stand between us and that goal: students and money. Our aim is to recruit a freshman class of up to one hundred students which will include approximately fifty resident men and whatever number of day students and Dominican girls we can interest. As for money our needs are modest. We require funds to cover the expenses of preliminary work and the operating deficit of our first year.

This memo is addressed to all who would like to assist us in solving these problems. You yourself know how best you can help. Perhaps you have children of your own whom you would like to send us. Perhaps you have friends who might be interested in such an education for their sons and daughters. Perhaps you can help us financially yourself and perhaps you know people who might become interested in us, and to whom you can introduce us. In any event, I know you can remember us in all your prayers. We will look forward confidently to your help in this great work.