

NEWSLETTER OF THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE

March 5, 1971

NEW LOCATION CHOSEN FOR FALL OPENING

Officials of Thomas Aquinas College have chosen a new site for the opening of the College next September. The location is in the hills behind Malibu, north of Los Angeles at Calabasas, California. The experience of the past year has proven that this will be the best location. The College will be on the Claretian Fathers' campus, which will provide excellent academic, athletic, and residence facilities. The setting is spacious and very attractive.

The freshman class for this September will be limited to 50 students. Because of the personal attention given to each student and the desire to introduce this new college and its program with maximum effectiveness, the class will be small.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The new College is interested in students who eagerly accept the challenge to study in depth the best scholarship of our academic tradition. The interest is in young men and women who want to do this in small tutorial groups working closely with teachers, through rigorous discussions which exercise their minds fully. The College believes that our civilization has inherited a great educational tradition which shows us how the past has produced the present, and which is rich in the wisdom that gives meaning to the world around us. The richest source of enlightenment is Christian wisdom, which takes its inspiration from sacred scripture, the "perennial philosophy," and the magisterium of the Church. The College believes that this treasure is to be found primarily in the original writings of the great masters. Textbooks will not be used. Students will go directly to the great books of all the parts of learning and they will learn to converse with these masters through tutorial discussions. It is not enough to be well read; one must learn to read well if he is to call himself educated.

Applications for the freshman class are now being received. Many are already in. We advise those wishing to enter in the fall to begin the application procedure right away. Application forms and information on the College are available on request. Write to:

Director of Admissions
Thomas Aquinas College
26812 W. Mulholland Hwy.
Calabasas, California 91302

(Send all correspondence before March 26th to the present address: Thomas Aquinas College, San Rafael, California 94901.)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I wish to express the delight of Thomas Aquinas College with the new campus and the prospects of a bright future.

On the occasion of this new stage in the development of Thomas Aquinas College, I want to mention the enthusiastic hard work that so many have given in Northern California, where the concept of the College first took shape. Their labors have brought the College this far and they will continue to be among its closest friends and benefactors. The College has been national in concept from the outset; it remains as close as ever to the Bay Area in its spirit and character.

I want to praise the work of the immediate group associated with the College: Dean John W. Neumayr, Executive Secretary Peter L. DeLuca, Dean of Studies Frank Ellis, and the other members of the faculty and staff engaged in the development work.

We are most grateful to His Excellency Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken of San Francisco, who has encouraged Thomas Aquinas College from the beginning and has given all possible assistance.

We are pleased to relate that a member of the Board of Governors of Thomas Aquinas College, the Most Reverend Norman F. McFarland, was made a Bishop on September 8, 1970. He is now an Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco. This is good news not only to the College, already indebted to the new Bishop for his strong support and invaluable assistance, but also to the Church. In these confused times, the Church (and the world, which the Church is to enlighten) desperately needs apostolic fervor and traditional wisdom, above all, in high places. "A city built on a hilltop cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub, they put it on the lampstand where it shines for everyone in the house." (Matt. 5, 14-16). Bishop McFarland is a large man and easy to see; he is also learned, loyal and strong.

The generous help of Mr. John F. Duff and Mr. John E. Schaeffer, members of the Board of Governors, should also be mentioned. Mr. Schaeffer acted as co-chairman for the Benefit Dinner given at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco for Thomas Aquinas College last April. The industry of Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer was a chief factor in making that event a fine success. Mr. Alessandro Baccari, a member of the College's Board of Visitors, was the other co-chairman; he arranged the program and elegant style of the Dinner and acted as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. and Mrs. Baccari have contributed their time and professional talents for much of the publicity of the College. We are deeply indebted to them.

I wish also to single out Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Suhr, Miss Claire Fitzgerald, Mr. Michael J. Nelson and Mr. Joseph A. Wynne as among the most helpful and devoted supporters of the College. We are grateful to all who attended and participated in the Dinner.

Gratitude is extended to Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, who kindly consented to be the featured speaker at the Benefit Dinner, and to Mr. L. Brent Bozell, Editor of Triumph magazine, for the splendid address delivered at that event.

There are many others who have been generous to us and they have our profound thanks. As the circle of friends of the College widens they remain close to the center.

Ronald P. McArthur
President of Thomas Aquinas
College

MRS. SHIPSTAD ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AUXILIARY

Mrs. Edwin H. Shipstad has been elected president of the new Thomas Aquinas College Auxiliary recently formed in Southern California. She is ably assisted by Mrs. Charles Belting, 1st Vice President, Mrs. Carlos Orellana, 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Carl Doria, Secretary, Mrs. Charles Frank, Treasurer, Mrs. William Lewis, Co-ordinating Chairman and Mrs. Paul Arnerich, Ways and Means Chairman.

The dedicated members of this group will foster community interest in the College and in its program of Catholic liberal education. With the help of the College staff, it will provide its members with religious and educational activities.

This enthusiastic group complements the work of the friends of Thomas Aquinas College in the Bay Area and spreads the spirit of the new College across the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Shipstad launched the Auxiliary with a tea on Sunday, February 7, at their home in Bel-Air. Dr. Ronald P. McArthur, President of Thomas Aquinas College, addressed the guests. He outlined the purpose, method and plans of the College. An excellent discussion followed the talk. About 120 attended this event, including His Excellency Norman F. McFarland, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco and a member of the Board of Governors of the College.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Martin will host a second tea on Sunday, March 14, at their home in Pasadena. This event will introduce the College to an additional area of Southern California.

Those interested in joining the Auxiliary are invited to contact:

Mrs. William Lewis
19222 Itasca Street
Northridge, California 91324

Annual dues are \$10.00 per person or \$15.00 for a family membership.

FRANCIS MONTGOMERY APPOINTED TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Mr. Francis J. Montgomery, who has been a member of the Board of Visitors of Thomas Aquinas College and associated with the College since its planning stages, has been appointed to the Thomas Aquinas College Board of Governors. Mr. Montgomery is a businessman and a resident of Beverly Hills, California.

FUND RAISING CONTINUES

A drive to raise at least \$150,000 for next year is still under way. Everyone is asked to help. All contributions and pledges, regardless of size, are important to the College. They add to the fund and they broaden the base of support for this endeavor. It is good to involve as many people as possible in this educational work, which should influence other institutions, and this demonstrates to foundations and other sources of substantial grants, that support for Thomas Aquinas College serves a recognized public purpose.

Contributions, in the form of financial assistance, or by merely spreading the word, will be appreciated. If the College can supply information, or otherwise aid its public, please write to:

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NEW OFFICE TO OPEN

By late March 1971 the administrative and development office of Thomas Aquinas College will be opened on the new campus. The address is:

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