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Cardinal Schönborn to Preside over June Commencement

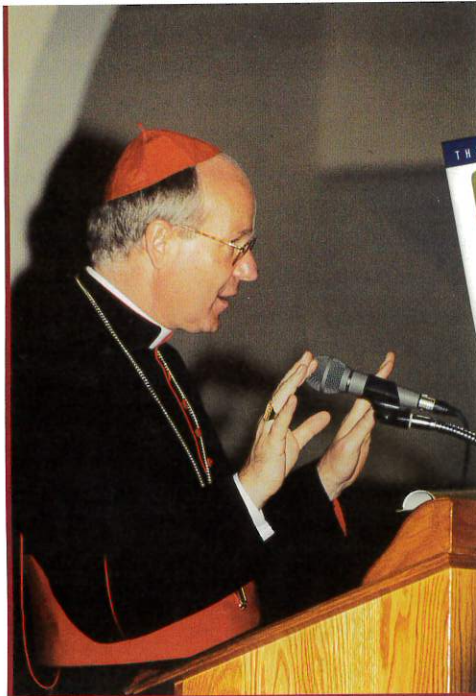
Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, O.P., Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna, will preside over Commencement Ceremonies in June. This will be the Cardinal's second visit to the College. He last visited two years ago while on a rare visit to the United States.

Cardinal Schönborn is one of the world's most visible prelates, having served as Director of the Catholic Catechism. His work brought him in touch with bishops and theologians around the globe in assembling what has come to be recognized as one of the most important single documents in the history of the Catholic Church.

In 1995, Pope John Paul II appointed him to the See of Vienna, one of the most troubled in the world – a sign of the Pope's confidence in him. Since then, he has been credited with having helped restore order and faith to his archdiocese.

In his remarks at the College in September, 1999, Cardinal Schönborn explained how he first learned of Thomas Aquinas College. While in Boston in the early 1980s, he met a young graduate student at Harvard University, Michael Waldstein (class of '77) and his wife Suzie (née Burnham, class of '78). It was the start of a lasting friendship.

"It was then that Michael told me about Thomas Aquinas College, and it was for me like a dream. I thought, 'He must be telling me a fairytale. Does a college exist where you really study the great Masters just like that?' I couldn't believe it. This was my dream, after experiencing the collapse in theology, I had to share with my generation."



Cardinal Schönborn was Director of the Catholic Catechism before Pope John Paul II appointed him cardinal archbishop of Vienna

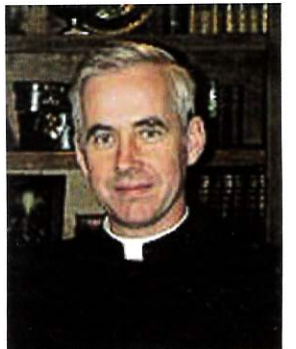
Schönborn and the Waldsteins became fast friends over the years, and in 1997, when Pope John Paul II asked Schönborn to establish a theological institute dedicated to marriage and family issues, Schönborn recruited Waldstein from his tenured teaching post at Notre Dame University to head it up. Waldstein now serves as President of the International Theological Institute on Marriage and the Family in Gaming, Austria.

Joining Schönborn at the 2002 Commencement Ceremonies will be Fr. C. John McCloskey III, S.T.D., a priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei and Director of the Catholic Information Center of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. He also serves as the U.S. representative for the ecclesiastical faculties of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome and the University of Navarre in Pamplona, Spain.

He is perhaps best known for guiding (along with many others) such luminaries as Dr. Bernard Nathanson, Lawrence Kudlow, and Robert

Novak into the Catholic Church. His articles and reviews have been published in major Catholic and secular periodicals, including *The Catholic World Report*, *Crisis Magazine*, *National Catholic Register*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Times*, and *The New York Times*.

Father McCloskey has done extensive work in radio and television, most notably at EWTN where he has hosted series on Cardinal Newman, Catholic authors, and ecclesial movements, and has worked as a commentator on Papal trips. His secular TV appearances include CNN Fox Cable News, MSNBC, and Reuters TV. He serves as an advisor to the Coming Home Network, Returning Home, Culture of Life, The Mary Foundation, and Ave Maria Single Catholics Online.



Father C. John McCloskey III

— For Dissertation On Thomistic Theology

Pope John Paul II Awards Academic Prize to College Alumna, Dr. Pia de Solenni

Pope John Paul II awarded the Pontifical Prize of the Academies to Dr. Pia de Solenni, a 1993 graduate of Thomas Aquinas College who recently earned her doctorate in Rome. The pope presented the prize, which comes with a research grant worth about \$27,000, to de Solenni on November 8 during the annual joint session of the pontifical academies. (See profile on page 7).

Pope John Paul told the assembly that he was awarding the prize to her "for her work in Thomistic theology," citing her doctoral dissertation, *A Hermeneutic of Aquinas's Mens Through A Sexually Differentiated Epistemology: Towards An Understanding Of Woman As Imago Dei*. The thesis, which she had submitted to the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, examined various feminist theories in light of the anthropology and theology of St. Thomas Aquinas.

In an interview with ZENIT, the international religious news service, de Solenni expounded on her thesis, explaining that "woman is created in the image of God. Like man, she is created for the purpose of knowing, ultimately knowing God. True feminism, therefore, respects woman's essential identity as an image of God. Where she differs from man, a true feminism understands that these differences are constructive and complementary."

Pope John Paul gave the award during the sixth public session of the Pontifical Academies of Theology and of St. Thomas Aquinas. He reminded the as-



de Solenni had the Holy Father autograph her dissertation

sembly that he had instituted the prize "to raise up new talent and encourage the efforts of young scholars, artists and institutions who dedicate their activity to the promotion of Christian humanism."

A regular columnist for the *National Catholic Register*, de Solenni currently serves as a Policy Analyst – Life Studies at the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C., where she makes frequent media appearances defending prolife issues.

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From the Desk of the President Ten Signs of Campaign Success



Earlier this spring, I was honored to be invited by George W. Bush to the White House for a reception for Irish American Leaders. The room was filled not only with Irish American members of Congress and other leaders, but also with Irish

government officials and ambassadors.

In his address to the assembly, the President quoted an Irish proverb that has stayed with me: "You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind."

Last fall, I had been turning over in my mind whether to launch the public phase of our Comprehensive Campaign. I had the usual concerns that attend the start of any campaign: Is this the right time? Is the goal realistic?

But as the Irish proverb notes, there comes a time when the thinking must stop and the action must begin, and I am now grateful that we picked up the plough, as it were, and started to till. If early indicators are reliable, we have much to look forward to. Having ventured 18 months into this Campaign, I see ten positive signs that give us hope for success.

1. **A Strong Lead Gift.** The \$10 million gift from The Dan Murphy Foundation, announced by foundation president Sir Daniel Donohue at our 30th Anniversary gala dinner last fall, is a magnificent base for a successful Campaign. This gift alone amounted to more than 10% of our goal. And the extent to which this gift will help us rally support from other friends and benefactors is inestimable. Altogether, this marked a stunning opening.

2. **Full Board Involvement.** Our 30-member Board of Governors is comprised of extraordinary men and women who are singularly unified in their commitment to this Campaign. Indeed, members of our Board account collectively for more than 17% of Campaign gifts and pledges so far – yet another good sign.

3. **Success of Our Initial Appeal.** Last December, I sent a personal appeal to more than 11,000 of our friends. The response was overwhelming and unlike anything we had ever experienced – more than one-half million dollars contributed. Truly, we are humbled by the generosity of so many, so early in our Campaign.

4. **New Dormitory Completed.** In opening our new men's residence hall, Sts. Peter & Paul, we are now, for the first time in the school's 30-year history, poised to reach optimum size – recently revised to roughly 375 students – in just four years. Such a prospect generates excitement in our Campaign all the more.

5. **New Chapel Plans.** Similarly, the prospect of constructing the most beautiful and important building on our campus – our new chapel – is also of intangible value. Our design architect, Duncan Stroik of the renowned school of classical architecture at the University of Notre Dame, is preparing drawings of the chapel, which I will share with you soon. When you see them, you too will see why we should be optimistic about this Campaign.

6. **Planned Giving Options Pursued.** Thanks to the abundant opportunities available through modern tax laws, many people have inquired about our planned giving options. Planned gifts will be a significant factor in our success.

7. **Encouragement From Foundation Representatives.** Over the past several months, I have been greatly encouraged by the remarks of several leading foundation representatives who have suggested that the College apply for funding. These invitations are an excellent sign.

8. **Strong Interest From Alumni and Students.** Our alumni giving percentages are already among the highest in the nation. With their energetic response to our Campaign, I expect rates to soar even higher. Alumni comments and gifts are greatly encouraging.

9. **Prayerful Support From Many.** The most valuable contributors to our Campaign are those who earnestly pray for us. The response of so many priests, religious, and others has been edifying. While many have little treasure in this world to contribute, they are, instead, offering prayers for our success. How abundantly blessed we are with friends like these.

10. **Vibrant Faith In God.** We are nowhere if we do not praise and thank God from Whom all blessings flow. Of ourselves, we are nothing. But with God, all things are possible. Since we have put this campaign in His hands, we have every confidence that He will bless it with success.

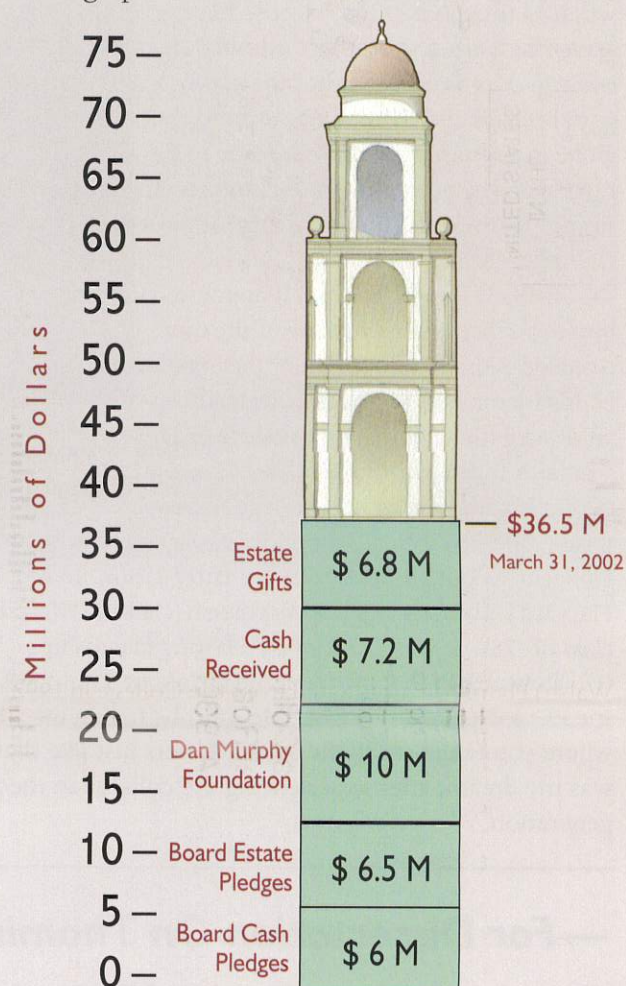
So, yes, it was good to begin ploughing the field. And lest we relax, I am reminded of another Irish proverb: "God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it into its nest."

Campaign Update December Mailings Raise Record \$500,000

Last December, friends and benefactors of the College responded in record levels to President Dillon's appeal for funds to support the College's Comprehensive Campaign. More than 11,000 friends received the College's new promotional video, a brochure setting forth our campaign goals, and a holy card of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of our Campaign.

Altogether, \$585,000 was given in response to that single appeal. "We are both edified and humbled by that response," said Vice President for Development John Q. Masteller. "Thanks to the sacrifices of so many good people, we can look forward in hope to finishing this campus and to cultivating many more leaders for the Church and society."

The results of the Campaign, as of March 31, are broken down by major gift category and are reflected in the graphic below.



College's Accreditation Reaffirmed in Historic Joint Visit

"Thomas Aquinas College has matured significantly as an institution," declared Dr. Ralph A. Wolff, Executive Director of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), one of the five regional agencies responsible for accrediting public and private schools, colleges, and universities throughout the U.S.

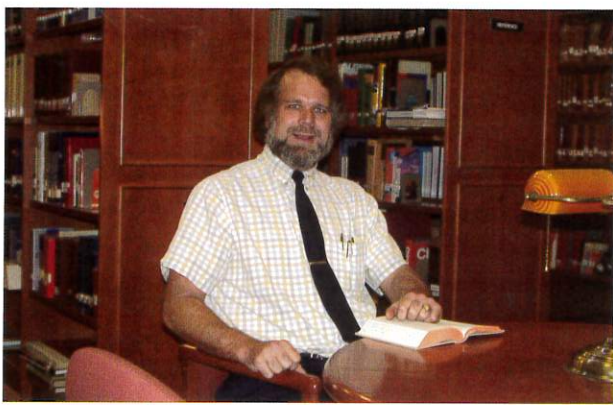
"It has maintained financial health, successfully completed a capital campaign, improved its campus facilities, engaged in planned growth, expanded its faculty, and undertaken an extensive review of its curriculum," he said in a March 1 letter advising Dr. Thomas Dillon of WASC's decision to reaffirm the College's accreditation for an additional full eight years.

WASC's decision followed upon an extensive review, on-site visit, and report by an evaluation team comprised not only of WASC representatives, but of representatives from the American Academy for Liberal Education (AALE), a national accrediting organization of liberal arts programs that Thomas Aquinas

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College helped found. The assembly of such a team marked the first time these two accrediting organizations had participated in a joint accreditation review.

Until 1995, WASC was the exclusive accrediting agency for colleges and universities located in Califor-



Accreditation Liaison Officer, Dr. Kevin Kolbeck

nia, Hawaii, and U.S. territories in the Pacific. But AALE became enabled to accredit liberal arts programs throughout the nation when the Department of Education agreed to recognize its accreditation certifications as well. AALE's educational standards are specially designed for liberal arts programs.

The upshot is that dual certification has now become available for liberal arts programs in pursuit of the highest educational standards. (Thomas Aquinas College is, incidentally, among the handful of colleges and universities nationwide that refuses to accept any federal funding.)

"We were very gratified by this visit," said tutor Kevin Kolbeck, who served as the College's Accreditation Liaison Officer for this accreditation review and oversaw the College's comprehensive self-study report for the WASC/AALE team. "Team members were very

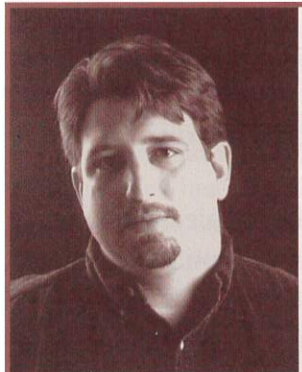
impressed by our program, and offered several insights on how we can improve certain administrative and academic matters without changing our fundamental mission here one iota."

AALE's final report on the College's accreditation status will be issued this fall, but AALE president, Jeffrey D. Wallin, was eager to offer a preliminary comment in anticipation of it: "There is no question about Thomas Aquinas College's academic excellence, for few institutions take undergraduate education as seriously as it does. And it's good to see the noticeable progress being made in finances, physical plant, and all the other supportive structures of education."

Some of the team's recommendations for sustaining growth and stability related not to matters about its program but simply to "additional expenditures" for such things as sabbaticals, faculty exchanges, and improvements to the library's collection. And yet the team recognized that the College's "past record of success suggests a high likelihood of success" with the College's new Comprehensive Campaign.

While the College will report back to the commission in November on certain action items concerning policies and procedures on academic freedom, student records, and grievance procedures, Dr. Wolff made clear the consensus of the team regarding the College overall. "[A]s found by the evaluation team consistently in its review across the College, the College community is clear about its mission, organized and aligned effectively to accomplish it, and is providing effective evidence that it is being accomplished."

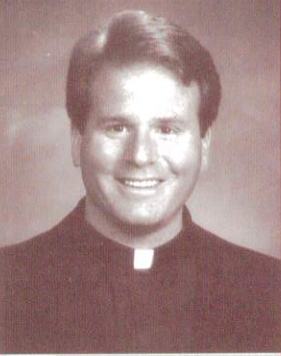
Catholic Writers Offer Tips, Encouragement



BUD MACFARLANE, JR.

Founder of The Mary Foundation, Saint Jude Media, and *CatholiCity.com* * Co-founder and director of Catholic Marketing Network * Author of several popular books, including *Pierced By A Sword*, *Conceived Without Sin*, and *House Of Gold* * 1984 graduate *cum laude* of the University of Notre Dame

Director of Spiritual Formation at Jesuit seminary at Gonzaga University * NBC's Color Commentator for Cardinal Bernardin's funeral and Cardinal George's installation * Correspondent for the Religion News Service at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City * Regular contributor to religious and secular press



FR. MATT GAMBER



BARBARA NICOLOSI

Director with *Act One Programs: Writing for Hollywood* * Consultant on many film and television projects * Reader for Humanitas Prize * Co-creator of children's series, *Angel Force One*, Paulist Productions * Writes media columns for national magazines on screenwriting and the arts * MA in film, Northwestern University

Bud Macfarlane, Jr., author of the bestselling Catholic novel, *Pierced By The Sword*, received the St. Augustine Award for Excellence in Writing at the 2nd Annual Catholic Writers' Conference held on the campus of Thomas Aquinas College on January 26, 2002.

More than 100 writers – veterans and beginners – attended the event, which featured talks and workshops for journalists, screenwriters, and novelists. College Relations Director Dave Shaneyfelt moderated the event.

In his luncheon keynote, Macfarlane challenged fiction writers to view their work as an opportunity for evangelization. He also led a workshop on novel writing.

Father Matt Gamber, S.J., presented a mini-retreat for writers on "Writing and Spirituality," drawing from St. Ignatius of Loyola and Flannery O'Connor.

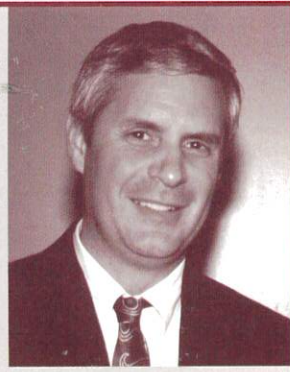
Tim Drake, features editor for the *National Catholic Register*, spoke on "Secrets of Getting Published." Drake, who has published more than 300 articles in the Catholic press, offered tips on dealing with editors and gave a workshop on the craft of writing feature articles.

Barbara Nicolosi of *Act One Programs: Writing for Hollywood* spoke on how Christians can and should work their way into Hollywood, stressing that they must first learn the tricks of the trade. Nicolosi, who offers a month-long training program for Christians interested in the screenwriting trade, challenged writers to see Hollywood as important mission territory that should be pursued.

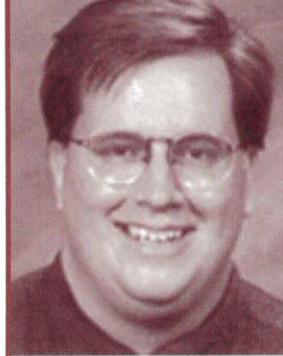
Finally, Tom Allen, president of *CatholicExchange.com*, spoke on opportunities for writing through the internet. He gave examples of how writers can establish bylines that can be used for advancement to better writing positions.

Participants attended Mass before the luncheon and closed the day with Rosary. Tapes of the conference are available for \$20. Contact Amanda Atkinson at Thomas Aquinas College, (805) 525-4417.

Conference organizer and moderator * Director of College Relations (class of '81) * Trial attorney formerly with U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., and then in a Chicago law firm * Freelance writer for numerous Catholic periodicals * Author of scholarly and professional publications * J.D., Willamette College of Law

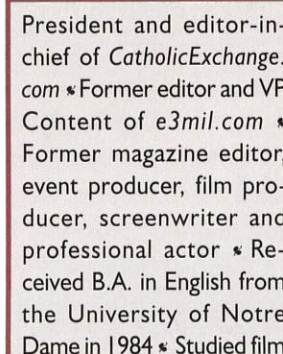


DAVE SHANEYFELT



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Features correspondent for the *National Catholic Register* * Associate editor of *Envoy Magazine* * Full-time Catholic writer and author of the best-selling book, *There We Stood, Here We Stand: Lutherans Rediscover Their Catholic Roots* * Author of more than 200 articles in numerous Catholic magazines and periodicals



President and editor-in-chief of *CatholicExchange.com* * Former editor and VP Content of *e3mil.com* * Former magazine editor, event producer, film producer, screenwriter and professional actor * Received B.A. in English from the University of Notre Dame in 1984 * Studied film production at NYU



TOM ALLEN

60 High School Students to Meet C.S. Lewis and Plato This Summer

"I have found as a tutor in *English Literature* that if the average student wants to find out something about Platonism, the very last thing he thinks of doing is to take a translation of Plato off the library shelf and read the *Symposium* . . . The error is rather an amiable one, for it springs from humility. The student is half afraid to meet one of the philosophers face-to-face."

C.S. Lewis penned these words in England during the bleak days of World War II. Could he have imagined that one day, high school seniors would take two weeks – even in peacetime – out of their summer holidays for the express purpose of meeting Plato "face-to-face" and for testing their minds against Plato's original works and those of other great minds of Western Civilization?

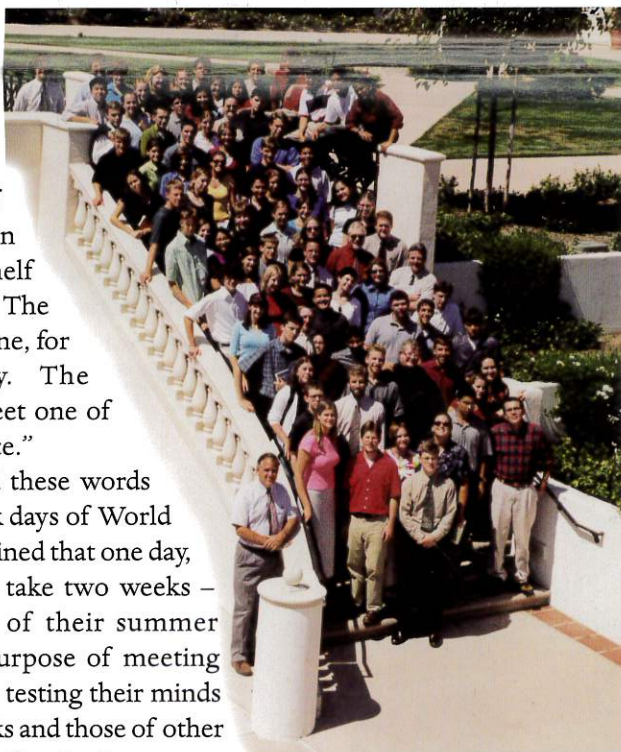
Perhaps not. But for the sixth successive summer, young men and women from across the nation will meet on the campus of Thomas Aquinas College to do this very thing. With the guidance of tutors, they'll join a conversation which has been underway among thoughtful individuals since before Plato wrote his famous *Dialogues*.

They'll read, discuss, and enjoy some of civilization's most important works of literature, philosophy, theology, political theory and mathematics. For these two weeks at least, their teachers will be Plato, Sophocles, Euclid, Pascal, Kierkegaard, Shakespeare, St. Thomas Aquinas, and C.S. Lewis himself.

After discussing fascinating matters in daily tutorials, the young philosophers will put down the tools of learning to refresh themselves with a wide variety of recreational activities both on- and off-campus: a barbeque on a Pacific Ocean beach, an afternoon at the J. Paul Getty Museum of Fine Art, a concert under the stars at the Hollywood Bowl, coffee at a secluded Moorish-style fountain patio in beautiful downtown Santa Barbara, a hike in our adjacent national forest, as well as daily basketball, volleyball, and other activities.

"The program is ideal for testing whether the program is right for you," said Admissions Director Tom Susanka. He noted that 42 participants from last year's program ended up applying for admission to this coming fall's freshman class – many of whom probably never would have applied had they not gotten the chance to experience the life of the College during the Summer Program.

Cost for the two-week program, which runs from July 21 through August 2, is \$750. For more information, contact the Admissions Office at (805) 525-4417, or visit our website at www.thomasaquinas.edu.



New Reprint of Christopher Derrick's *Escape from Skepticism; Forward by Fr. Rutler*

In 1977, just six years after the College opened its doors, English writer Christopher Derrick published a book inspired by his visit to the new College at its campus in Calabasas, CA: *Escape from Skepticism— Liberal Education as if Truth Mattered*. Derrick, a friend and disciple of the great Oxford Don, C.S. Lewis, wrote this book "to

bear witness to the fact that a liberal education, when . . . conceived [on the truth of the Catholic faith and its application to the educational process] does in fact liberate – and not only in the spiritual and otherworldly sense which matters most of all, but also in any number of immediate, personal, and human senses."

Now, twenty-five years later, Derrick's book remains fresh and insightful about the principles undergirding Thomas Aquinas College and the problems of higher education in general. In a new reprint of his timeless essay, author and popular EWTN host Fr. George Rutler adds his own introduction and endorsement.

Fr. Rutler extols the book because Derrick "dares to say that truth should matter in institutions consecrated to truth." "The majority of our institutions of higher learning," Fr. Rutler observes,

"are stuck in the tar pit of modern subjectivism such as Nietzsche heralded. Only because of modern political calamities is he an officially unwelcome uncle on most campuses, but his refrain is almost a universal academic mantra: 'Nothing is true; everything is permitted.'"

In contrast, Pope John Paul II has written an encyclical, *Veritatis Splendor*, on why truth matters. Fr. Rutler points out that Derrick "anticipated the very marrow of the encyclical in a way more entertaining than the diction of curial documents allows. At the very least, he was the 'vox clamantis in deserto' before the appearance on our horizon of the Church's instruction on norms for Catholic academies, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*."

Of Thomas Aquinas College students, Derrick found "[t]hey represent a great hope for the future, an example which ought to be followed widely; and if I may say so, they carry a message of particular importance for a nation whose most sacred text speaks of happiness as something which can be 'pursued.'" As Fr. Rutler attests, words no less true today.

Copies of the 151-page book, published by Ignatius Press, are available. Contact Shannon McAlister, Admissions Assistant, at (805) 525-4417, or smcalister@thomasaquinas.edu.

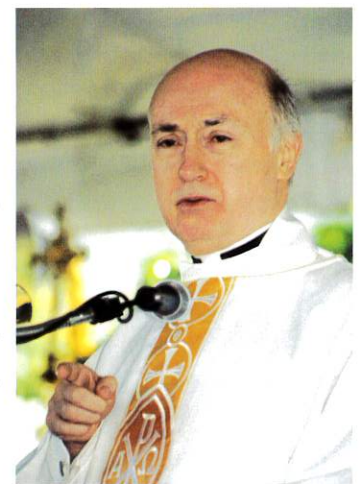
CHRISTOPHER DERRICK

Escape from Scepticism

Liberal Education as if Truth Mattered



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EWTN host Fr. George Rutler at 2001 Baccalaureate Mass



Readings Selected From
The First Letter of Peter

Gird up your minds, be sober, set your hope fully upon the grace that is coming to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

So put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander. Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Beloved, I beseech you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh that wage war against your soul. Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles, so that in case they speak against you as wrongdoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil; but live as servants of God. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God.

Let the time that is past suffice for doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry. They are surprised that you do not now join them in the same wild profligacy, and they abuse you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

The end of all things is at hand; therefore keep sane and sober for your prayers. Above all hold unfailing your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins. Practice hospitality ungrudgingly to one another.

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you.

Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world.

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

(Ch.1:1-2, 13-16; 2:1, 4-5, 11-20; 4:3-9; 5:1-3, 5-11.)

The Rock and the Apostle to the Gentiles:

Thomas Aquinas College celebrated the completion of a new men's residence hall on January 17. The 23,900 square-foot building provides living space for 106 men and a private suite for a resident priest and will allow the College to grow to its projected maximum enrollment.

Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. Curry presided over ceremonies, that began with Mass in the College's St. Bernardine Library and continued with a procession to, and blessing of, the building named after Saints Peter and Paul.

More than 200 students, faculty, friends, and College Board members attended the event, which featured remarks by Bishop Curry and College President Thomas E. Dillon. Members of the Board of Governors Paul Griffin III, president of Griffin Industries in Westlake Village, and Ed Mills, founder and former CEO of The Milsolv Companies in Butler, WI, also gave remarks.

When the New Testament lists the apostles, Peter heads the list. When the apostles needed a spokesman, Peter spoke first. When Pentecost arrived, Peter was the first to preach to the crowds, the first to work a healing. Christ gave His flock to Peter to shepherd. Peter directed the replacement of Judas, received the first converts, excommunicated the first heretic, led the first council in Jerusalem, and announced its first decision. All this, and more, occurred after Jesus told Simon that his name would now be Peter, the "Rock" on which Jesus would found His Church.



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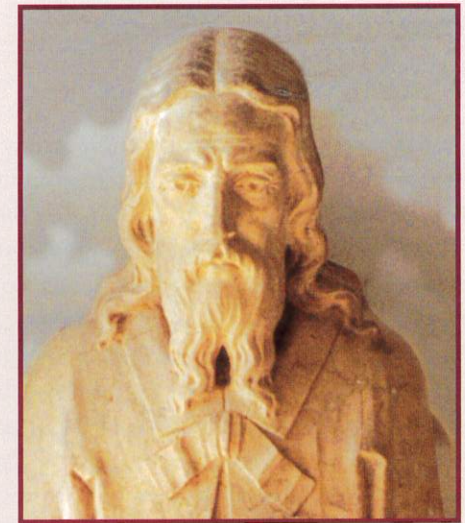
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Patrons of New Men's Residence Hall

The residence hall was dedicated to Saints Peter & Paul, said President Dillon, to "obtain the dual patronage of the 'Rock' and the 'Apostle to the Gentiles' so that our students may be inspired to live similar lives of faith."

The new hall has a gated-entry with a fountain and inner balcony. Featuring a soaring, beamed ceiling and fireplaces on each level, the two-story common area has a spacious first floor and smaller second floor lounge opening onto two side sitting areas.

College chaplain Fr. Michael Perea, O. Praem., a Norbertine priest on assignment from St. Michael's Abbey in Orange, CA, now lives in the Chaplain's suite there and is available for spiritual direction and regular confession.



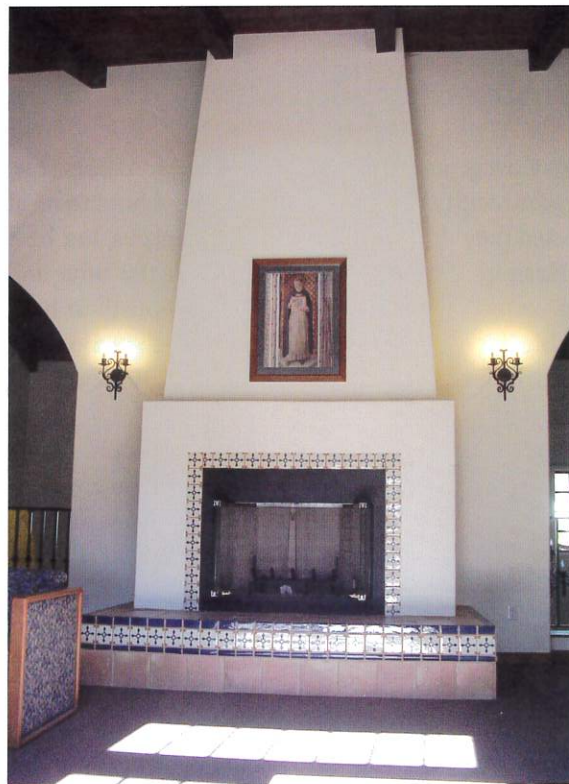
Readings Selected From
The First Letter of Paul
to the Corinthians

A pharisee named Saul, dedicated to destroying the Early Church, converted and became its greatest missionary. He wrote almost half of the 27 books in the New Testament. He endured sickness, rejection, and attacks on his life to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles.

He spoke before Jews, Greeks, and Romans, before kings and emperors.

By the end of his life, much of the Mediterranean world had heard the Gospel.

For this, and more, he is known as the "Apostle to the Gentiles."



I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord."

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

(Ch. 1:10, 22-31;13:1-13).

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The College Board of Governors Member Emeritus in Profile:

J. Edward Martin

“When it comes to shaping Los Angeles, few architectural firms have had as much of an impact as AC Martin Partners,” said the *Los Angeles Business Journal* in a 1998 profile. And the same might be said when it comes to shaping Thomas Aquinas College: few individuals have had as much of an impact as that firm’s long-time managing partner, J. Edward Martin.

For more than 30 years, Martin has lent his vast expertise in business and fundraising for the benefit of the College. Indeed, in certain respects the College would not have existed without him.

As Martin explains it, he’s had a knack for being in the right place at the right time. In 1916, Martin was born, the fifth of six children, into a family with founding roots in Southern California. Martin’s great-great-grandfather, Christian Borchard, was the first Anglo settler in Ventura County, where Martin’s father, Albert C. Martin, Sr., built many landmark buildings, including the Ventura County Courthouse, with the firm that bore his name.

Albert had two sons, and he declared that one would be an architect and the other an engineer. After Ed’s older brother by three years, Al, Jr., went to the University of Southern California to become an architect, Ed pursued studies to become the architectural engineer – a field well-suited to him, given his remarkable ability to solve simultaneous mathematical problems in his head. He spent his first two years at USC’s architectural program and then completed his engineering degree in 1939 from the distinguished program at the University of Illinois.

Over the next two years he worked as a construction superintendent for one of his father’s clients. But watchful of mounting global tensions, Martin sought to enter the Navy’s civil engineer corps. In December, 1941, he made an appointment to interview for a commission in San Diego. The next day, Pearl Harbor was bombed.

In April 1942, he arrived at Pearl Harbor as a public works officer, one of a handful of civil engineers in the entire 4th Naval District. There he was involved in the seven-month salvage operations of the many vessels sunk there, the success of which was heralded at the time as an astonishing engineering feat, later confirmed when 19 of those ships were re-commissioned and in Tokyo Bay when the Japanese surrendered.



Ed and Betty Martin

Such performance earned him the right to pursue the assignment of his choice. He picked Kodiak, Alaska, where the war was thought to be heading next. It didn’t, but he spent a year-and-a-half acquiring even more hands-on engineering skills in Spartan conditions.

Ed Martin and his brother Al ran the company which designed about half of all office space in downtown Los Angeles.

In 1944, as he was returning to his next assignment at Port Hueneme back in Ventura County, he stopped in Chicago to marry Betty Hines, a pretty young liberal arts co-ed who had worn his fraternity pin at the University of Illinois. Betty then left her family in the Hyde Park district of Chicago to start a home out West.

At Port Hueneme, he served as a technical training officer for more than 30 different Naval schools and as a martial officer in over 1,000 disciplinary cases. By the time the war ended, he had acquired a portfolio of experience that made him exceptionally well-qualified to assume management control as a partner back at his father’s firm.

Over the next forty years, Martin and his brother Al ran the company. By the late 1980s, it had grown to 385 employees and had designed about half of all office space in downtown Los Angeles. Much of the company’s success arose in the 1950s through the space technology industry when two young scientists, Simon Ramo and Dean Wooldridge, acquired government support for strategic testing analysis and hired his firm to design its research and development facilities. This new client grew to 12,000 employees the following year,

becoming aerospace giant TRW.

Martin’s firm went on to build other facilities and office buildings for TRW as well as for such companies as Aerospace Corp, Space Technology Laboratory, Lockheed, North American, and for Edwards Air Force Base. The firm also designed offices for Parker-Hannifin Aerospace, the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, and the U.S. Air Force.

In 1964, Martin’s firm designed the first high-rise in Los Angeles, the Union Bank Square, which was the first building designed, in close association with Dr. Charles Richter, to account for potential movement of the earth. Other prominent earthquake-resistant skyscrapers followed: the Arco Plaza, the Security Pacific World Headquarters, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Hydrill Technology Center, Century City Twin Towers, and what many say is the prettiest building in the Southwest, the Sanwa Bank Plaza. Nine regional shopping centers were also part of their building legacy.

And because of the Martin family’s commitment to the Catholic Church over the years, the firm designed and built such magnificent churches as St. Vincent’s, St. Basil’s, and Padre Serra’s. In 1975, his firm prepared the Master Plan for the College at its new campus in Santa Paula, together with all the preparatory site development work, and the design of the College’s first permanent multi-purpose building, the St. Joseph Commons.

Through the years, Martin’s main hobby was horses. He rode, trained, and bred them, and for more than 30 years was the Field Master and Master of Fox Hounds for the West Hills Hunt Club. He and Betty were also past grand marshalls for the Forum International Horse Show in Inglewood. But in 1986, while readying a horse for a steeplechase race his horse fell and Martin sustained a serious concussion. He spent two years recuperating. His son Chris took over management of the firm, as Al resigned along with Ed. An early retirement at age 70 was not what Ed had in mind, but he accepted it nevertheless.

Having been instrumental in funding the College at its founding, Martin joined the Board of Governors just before the College opened in 1971. In 1998, he was elected a Governor *Emeritus*.

Ed and Betty have three sons, two daughters, and 15 grandchildren, including Jenny Martin who graduated in the class of 2001 and Brian Martin who is currently a sophomore.

Thanks in part to Ed and Betty, the College has been built on solid ground. They would know.

Q. How did you first come to hear of the College?

Sometime in 1970, a good friend of mine, an excellent priest by the name of Fr. Harry Marchowsky, approached me and told me about a group of educators from St. Mary’s College in Northern California who were interested in founding a college in accord with the traditional philosophy and theology of the Catholic Church. He said they had just hosted a kick-off dinner in San Francisco and had gotten Archbishop Fulton Sheen and Brent Bozell as the principal speakers for the event.

Bozell was the publisher of *Triumph* magazine and I had been a big fan of his and the magazine’s ideas. Fr. Marchowski told me that Bozell was coming to Southern California to help raise money for this new college and he wanted to know whether I would be interested in meeting him. I said, certainly.

So I hosted a reception at the California Club in downtown Los Angeles – I think it was the first reception hosted in Southern California for the College. And there I got to meet Dr. Ron McArthur, the founding president of the College, and hear his plans. And I could see that his vision was sound and good. I became a supporter then from day one.

Q. What was it that interested you in their plans?

I thought the Church at the time was in a crisis. In many respects, it still is. I was concerned that the time-tested philosophy and theology of the Catholic Church was being set aside in many quarters. I could see that Dr. McArthur wanted to recover those principles in founding a college according to the philosophy and theology of St. Thomas Aquinas. I thought it was critical, and I still do think it is critical, to have a college that is committed to the sound theological principles of the Catholic Church and its metaphysical reality.

Q. You were involved in a critical “go/no-go” decision for the College. What happened?

I had been trying to get Dr. McArthur in touch with different people who I thought might be in a position to help out the school. I had founded a group known as the Roman Catholic Latin Mass Society and I got to know not only Fr. Marchowsky through it, but several other exemplary people who became instrumental in the school’s founding, namely Rube Hayden and Sid Sidenfaden.

An Interview with Ed Martin



The Wells Fargo Building, one of many designed by Ed Martin and his firm.

I met with Hayden and Sidenfaden from time to time, urging them to give their support to the school, which they did. One day in June of ’71, I got a call from Dr. McArthur. He told me that things weren’t looking good enough for the school to be able to open. He said that he had the students, he had a campus, but he had no money to open it up. He was very discouraged at the time and said that if he didn’t have the money raised by the Fourth of July, that he would have to call everybody up and tell them the school was off. So several of us started scrambling around to see if we could line up support from certain people.

The day was approaching and still we were having no success. McArthur said that he had contacted everyone he could think to contact and was out of time. The deadline came and he called me and said, “Ed, it looks like we’re going to have to call the project off; the money just isn’t there.” I told him to wait one minute while I tried to get a hold of Rube Hayden. I knew he was on vacation at Lake Arrowhead. I called him there and told him the urgency of the situation. He said, “Ok, count me in for \$30,000.” I called McArthur back, who called Hayden to confirm the commitment. McArthur was able to open the school.

Q. You were the linking agent for all sorts of other people, too?

I went to Fritz Burns to interest him in the school. Fritz was a large real estate developer in Southern California. Fritz said he was happy to hear about the plans, but said he was involved already with Loyola’s law school. I made the case to him that undergraduate education was vitally important because it was more formative than graduate school. He agreed and later became a very generous patron of the College. While he has since passed away, his foundations have remained strong generous supporters to this day.

Other friends of mine have been wonderfully generous to the College over the years: Sir Daniel Donohue, president of the Dan Murphy Foundation, Francis Montgomery, Felix McGuinness, Tom Sullivan, the Honorable William Clark, and the Honorable William Wilson, and many others. It has been my distinct pleasure to have helped out when I could.

Alumni Profile: Dr. Pia Francesca de Solenni, S.T.D. Winner of the 2001 Award of the Pontifical Academies

“It’s the kind of thing they said that only an American woman can get away with.” Pia de Solenni (class of ‘93) recounted her reaction on hearing her name announced as the winner of the Pontifical Prize of the Academies last November. “It was all so surreal to me. It didn’t seem like it was happening to me, but to someone else. You just don’t think of yourself getting an award from the Holy Father.”

Against standard protocols, on receiving the award, she asked Pope John Paul II to autograph a copy of her dissertation. He did so, graciously, even if others were a little amused. Later in the week, the Pope’s theologian, with a grin, asked for *her* autograph on his copy of the dissertation.

In the future, de Solenni may have more autographs to sign. Already her dissertation – an analysis of feminist theories and a developing of an integral feminism in light of St. Thomas Aquinas’ philosophy – has sold-out in *Dissertationes*, a limited publication of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, where she received her doctorate in sacred theology, *summa cum laude*.

Now, the University of Valencia in Spain intends to publish it in Spanish through a Spanish publishing house; the College of the Holy Cross in Rome, will republish it in English, with a possible Italian translation. And speaking invitations are starting to roll in. The \$27,000 grant that came with the award was also well-received.

All of this attention, most notably in the international Catholic press (and with headlines blaring, “American Woman Wins Pontifical Prize”), has come as a surprise to the 29-year-old native of Crescent City, California. She knew the subject of feminism had been overlooked in expositions of Thomistic theology, and her aim certainly was to fill a hole in that void. But she never anticipated the wide-spread interest that would ensue.

‘So I told him that an entire JP II generation thanks him and prays for him.’

“If people are interested in understanding how St. Thomas would understand woman as an ‘image of God,’ that’s a good thing,” she said. “I’m perfectly grateful to help recover the proper notion of *woman* according to traditional Church teaching.”

Unlike what passes for feminism in modern parlance, true feminism, she explains, respects woman’s essential identity as an image of God and understands that a woman’s differences from man are constructive and complimentary.

“As a result of many feminist theories, woman begins to be considered an atomistic individual, an individual without relations to others. Yet, we see that in every aspect of our life – for both men and women – we need others. Our happiness relates intimately to our relations with others because we come to know ourselves and others, including God, through these relations.

“The Christian tradition has shown us that the feminine vocation is lived out in countless ways – look at the women saints. You can’t put it in a box and say that a woman should do x, y and z. True feminism concerns itself more with how a woman exists, rather than the jobs that she can do. Whatever she does, she does as a woman, not as a genderless creature. The same is obviously true for a man.”

Her interest in Thomism came, not surprisingly, from her undergraduate studies at Thomas Aquinas College. But as a public high school student from a northern California coastal town, she had mixed interest in attending the College initially. She was attracted to the curriculum only, and attended because her father said it was the only College he’d help pay for. Soon after she arrived, she realized the program was for her.

“During my freshman year, I knew I wanted to study theology. When you see the unity of truth, you want to pursue the highest truth, which

is theology.” She took a year off after graduation to teach and decided to pursue theology studies in Rome.

Often the lone woman in classes of mostly priests and seminarians, she was careful to respect the boundaries.

“Being one of the only women there, I was a little nervous at first,” she said. “But you get used to it and people were generally gracious. As a woman, it was important for me to be aware of my role there, that I was not a seminarian, that I was not a priest, that I had no thought whatsoever of becoming one. The only real downside was that everyone noticed when I missed a class.”

One of the most difficult things she found getting used to was the educational program there. “I was really spoiled at TAC,” she said. “I went into these graduate programs thinking that we’d be reading from primary source material, that we’d be able to ask questions during class, and that all my fellow students would be prepared.”

Not so. “But I was, in any case, able to deepen my studies in St. Thomas, thanks

to the openness of Santa Croce and several excellent professors I had there who encouraged me and who became my mentors.” Four priest professors she cited in particular: Rev. Robert A. Gahl, Jr., Rev. Stephen Brock, Rev. Luke Dempsey, O.P., and the famed Vatican Latinist, Rev. Reginal Foster.

In addition to the doctorate in theology, she also earned a bachelor’s degree *magna cum laude* in theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (the Angelicum) and a licentiate in theology *summa cum laude* from Santa Croce. She also had almost five years of Latin under Fr. Foster. (She is fluent in Italian and Spanish, proficient in Latin and French.)

Six years in Rome brought her four encounters with the Holy Father: i.e., when he attended a Saturday rosary for university students throughout the world at which she read a short Gospel text; second, when she was permitted to attend one of his private Masses; the third, when she received the award, which was followed by a private audience the next day.

“Before I went to the award ceremony, I had all these people telling me, ‘If you get to talk to him, tell him this!’ or ‘tell him that!’ So I summed it up and told him that an entire JP II generation thanks him and prays for him. She gave him a published article she had written on fatherhood and a copy of her dissertation. The next day at the private audience, when the Pope’s secretary, Bishop Dziwisz, introduced her, the Holy Father took her face in his hands, smiled, and said, “I remember you!”



Having received advance notice of the award, de Solenni’s family and friends flocked to Rome for a chance to celebrate with her and to attend her private reception with Pope John Paul II.



De Solenni (right) shown after the reception in Rome with her schoolmates from the College, Vicky (née Wallace) Norton (class of ‘93) and Elizabeth (née Johnson) Gallagher (class of ‘92), with baby, Benedict.

Attending the private audience with her were family and friends, including Vicky (née Wallace) Norton (class of ‘93), who had first joined her in Rome for graduate studies, and Elizabeth (née Johnson) Gallagher (class of ‘92), who had studied there as well. Knowing the Holy Father’s love for children, they both brought their infants and small children.

Six years in Rome made Pia realize just how American she really was and how much European life had to offer. “They know how to relax there. They put beauty and family at the center of life. The food is simple, but it’s all good – only the best wines, only the best cheeses are served. Art, culture, history – they’re all around you, and people of all ages take an interest in them. Where in America would you see a line of young people waiting to get into a museum? Unfortunately, Italy is now becoming more American in these things.”

“I was awestruck by the sense of history there. Every piece of the city witnesses some aspect of the Church, favorable or not. You participate in liturgies at the Vatican and see people from all over the world. And they’re all united in one thing. You come to appreciate the universal Church in a phenomenal way. And you also put the problems of our own time into perspective.”

She also acquired an enormous appreciation for Pope John Paul II, having worked as a copy editor at the Vatican’s official newspaper, *L’Osservatore Romano*. “Until you see all the meetings he is attending, all the places he is traveling, all the publications he is issuing, you can’t quite comprehend how amazing his schedule really is. He reads constantly. I know of a priest whose job is to get the pope a book whenever he wants it – imagine that for a job! – and the pope keeps him busy. By sheer volume of activity, you can’t do the things he does unless you have an incredible spiritual life, which he does.”

Since returning to the United States last year, she has continued scholastic activity and has a number of works in progress, including a book she is co-authoring with Fr. C. John McCloskey III, Director of the Catholic Information Center, which reexamines the basis for coeducation. She has been asked to write a book on the theology of woman to be used for a course in Rome. She also has been a regular columnist for the *National Catholic Register*.

Recently, she became a Policy Analyst at the Family Research Council in Washington, D.C., where she works on a wide range of prolife issues. She moderated a panel on women’s health and the culture of life this month, and is participating in a comprehensive policy initiative on building a culture of life.

In short, expect to see more of her. And if you do, don’t hesitate to hand her one of her works and ask for her autograph. She’d get the joke.

Campus Upgrade: Improving the Improvements

Water System Renovation

To meet growing water needs, renovations were made to the College's water system. A second water well was drilled, the St. Joseph Commons was retrofitted with fire sprinklers, and an outdated neoprene water tank was replaced with a 350,000 gallon steel tank.



Athletic Facility Improvements

To meet growing athletic needs, a second basketball court was added to the existing basketball and tennis court area, which received a two-inch asphalt overlay and similar colored surface. Also, the sand volleyball court was refurbished and afforded better drainage.



Underground Utilities

To enhance the beauty of the campus all remaining overhead utility lines in the campus core were removed and replaced with underground conduits.



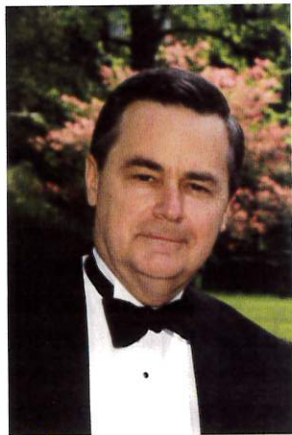
Hacienda Renovations

Repair and upkeep of the President's House, the historic Doheny Hacienda, designed by Architect Wallace Neff and built in 1928, is a continuing task. The College has undertaken a long term plan to restore the building while making it liveable for the President and his family. Repairs were recently made to the roof and the plumbing system and insulation was improved.



New Members of the College Board of Governors

The Thomas Aquinas College Board of Governors recently added four members to its ranks: Howard Walsh, a retired businessman from Pennsylvania, Frances Hardart, an active Catholic laywoman from New York, Ronald Richard, a long-time tutor of Thomas Aquinas College, and John Masteller, Vice President for Development and General Counsel of Thomas Aquinas College.



Howard J. Walsh

Howard J. Walsh was the founder and CEO of Accurate Screw Machine Products Company, a manufacturer and distributor of precision component hardware headquartered in North Wales, Pennsylvania. He retired in 1998, after spending 30 years with the company, to devote himself

full-time to Catholic causes. He holds a Degree in Science from Brooklyn College.

Among his many interests, Mr. Walsh is Director of Keep the Faith, Inc., a Catholic apostolate engaged for more than 20 years in the world-wide distribution of millions of Catholic tapes and books, including the sermons, talks, and retreats of the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He is also President of Keep the Faith Foundation and Publisher of *Latin Mass Magazine*. In addition, he serves as a board member for several Catholic organizations, including the lay advisory board of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, and the boards of the American Catholic Lawyers Association, Coalition in Support of *Ecclesia Dei*, Catholic Views Broadcasts, and the National Coalition of Clergy and Laity.

He and his wife of 36 years, Eleanor, reside in Saddle River, New Jersey. They have five children and twenty-four grandchildren. Their daughter, Tara (née Walsh) Hamilton, graduated from the College in 1992.

"Thomas Aquinas College makes an irreplaceable contribution to the desperately needed restoration of authentic Roman Catholicism in North America," said Walsh. "My own pastor, Fr. Robert Fromageot (class of '94), is a product of the College. Fr. Van Vliet, another Thomas Aquinas product (class of '91), is overseeing the construction of the Priestly Fraternity's North American seminary. These fine priests are only two of innumerable

examples of the College's contribution to the formation of Catholic men and women who will help rebuild the Church in this time of crisis."



Frances O. Hardart

Frances Hardart is a long-time resident of Bronxville, New York, where she and her husband Frank raised 6 children. Frank passed away in the spring of 2000 after more than ten years with Lou Gehrig's disease. He had a very successful practice as an obstetrician and gynecologist at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Manhattan.

The Hardarts had been supporters of the College for many years, and recently, when Dr. Dillon asked Frances for special help with the construction of St. Thérèse of Lisieux Women's Residence, she immediately responded with great generosity.

Frances has a keen understanding of the problems in Catholic higher education and therefore, a deep appreciation for how Thomas Aquinas College is an antidote to those problems. "I was first attracted to Thomas Aquinas College because it is about the life of the mind and at the same time is unabashedly loyal to authentic Catholic teaching. As I became more familiar with the College, I was convinced that the unique program it offers is vitally necessary for our Church and our country today."

Frances has been a Dame of the Order of Malta since 1987 and has served on its Board of Councillors. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the St. Vincents Hospital and Medical Center Auxiliary since 1963. In addition, she has been a Lady of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem from 1979 to the present. Frances is also a member of the Board of Directors of Mohawk Paper Mills, Inc. She is now serving as Hospitaller of the American Association of the Order of Malta.

John Q. Masteller

John Q. Masteller is Vice President for Development, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Governors. See story below.



Ronald J. Richard

Ronald J. Richard, Ph.D., is a Senior Tutor at the College, where he has taught for more than 25 years, indeed, in all but six classes in the curriculum. He has been a member of the College's Library, Admissions, Lecture, and Instruction Committees, and its Administrative Council, and for three years was the

Director of Computer Systems. He served on committees to select candidates for President and for Dean.

He received his B.S. in Physics from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1960 and then an M.S. in Aeronautics and Astronautics from the University of Michigan in 1962. At the same time, Richard did extensive graduate work in physics. For several years he served as a research engineer at Jet Propulsion Laboratory where he was involved in the preliminary design of trajectories for spacecraft sent to the moon, Venus, Mars, and the outer planets, and then, later, in the design of space trajectory computer programs.

While at JPL, Richard received a NASA traineeship and once again took up his graduate work in physics, receiving a Ph.D. in 1975. While at UCLA, he served as a teaching assistant and developed what would become a life-long love for teaching.

He thereafter became an assistant professor in the Physics Department of Benedictine College in Atkinson, Kansas, where he taught courses in physics and astronomy for six years. There, he learned of the founding of Thomas Aquinas College, and in 1973, during the College's second year, traveled to the College to present a Friday Night Lecture. He joined the faculty in 1976.

Dr. Richard is a member of Sigma Xi, an international science and engineering honor society, and Sigma Pi Sigma, the national physics honor society. He and his wife, Caroline, a successful first grade teacher, live in Ojai and have three grown children.

Upon his election to the Board, Dr. Richard said, "I am honored to be a member of the Board of Governors. I know that the College could not do the good work it does without the Board's active involvement."

Daniel J. Grimm Joins Int'l Theological Institute

Daniel J. Grimm (class of '76), recently left his position at the College as Vice President for Development to help advance an international graduate school headed by his close friend and College schoolmate Dr. Michael Waldstein (class of '77). Grimm has become president of an organization dedicated to providing financial help to the International Theological Institute (ITI) for Studies on Marriage and the Family in Gaming, Austria.

The Institute was founded five years ago at the request of Pope John Paul II by Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, Archbishop of Vienna and former Director of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Since 1993, Grimm worked as Director of Development and later as Vice President for Development and General Counsel for the College, helping the College complete a \$25 million campaign and launch the new \$75 million Comprehensive Campaign. During his tenure, three new buildings were funded completely, and several others were partially funded.

"Dan was pivotal in helping the College meet financial goals that we never dreamed of meeting," said President Tom Dillon. "We are all deeply thankful to him for his service here which will have lasting impact."

He and his wife Rosalind (née Teichert) Grimm (class of '76), have seven children. Wendy-Irene (class of '99) received her master's in theology from ITI in May, while son William graduates in the Class of 2002. Daughter Thérèse is a sophomore, while son Daniel, Jr., will be a freshman next fall. Grimm remains involved at the College, serving as Choir Director, having succeeded his brother Stephen Grimm (class of '75).

John Q. Masteller Appointed Vice President for Development

The Board of Governors recently appointed John Quincy Masteller to be Vice President for Development, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Governors. Previously "Quincy" served as Director of Development and Assistant General Counsel. "He is a tremendous asset to the College," said President Tom Dillon, "and I have complete confidence that Quincy will successfully lead the College's development effort."

In January, Masteller was unanimously elected to the Board of Governors. "I am very impressed by Mr. Masteller's abilities; he is a great addition to the Board," said Dr. William W. Smith, Chairman of the Board of Governors.

After graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1975, Masteller served as a legislative assistant to U.S. Senator John Culver of Iowa first in Washington and later in Des Moines by running the Senator's Iowa operation. In 1977, he joined his father in founding a hotel and restaurant management company which serviced numerous properties in Iowa, while also obtaining an MBA from Drake University working nights. He attended St. Louis University School of Law where he was Note and Comment Editor of the *Law Review*, graduating in 1982.



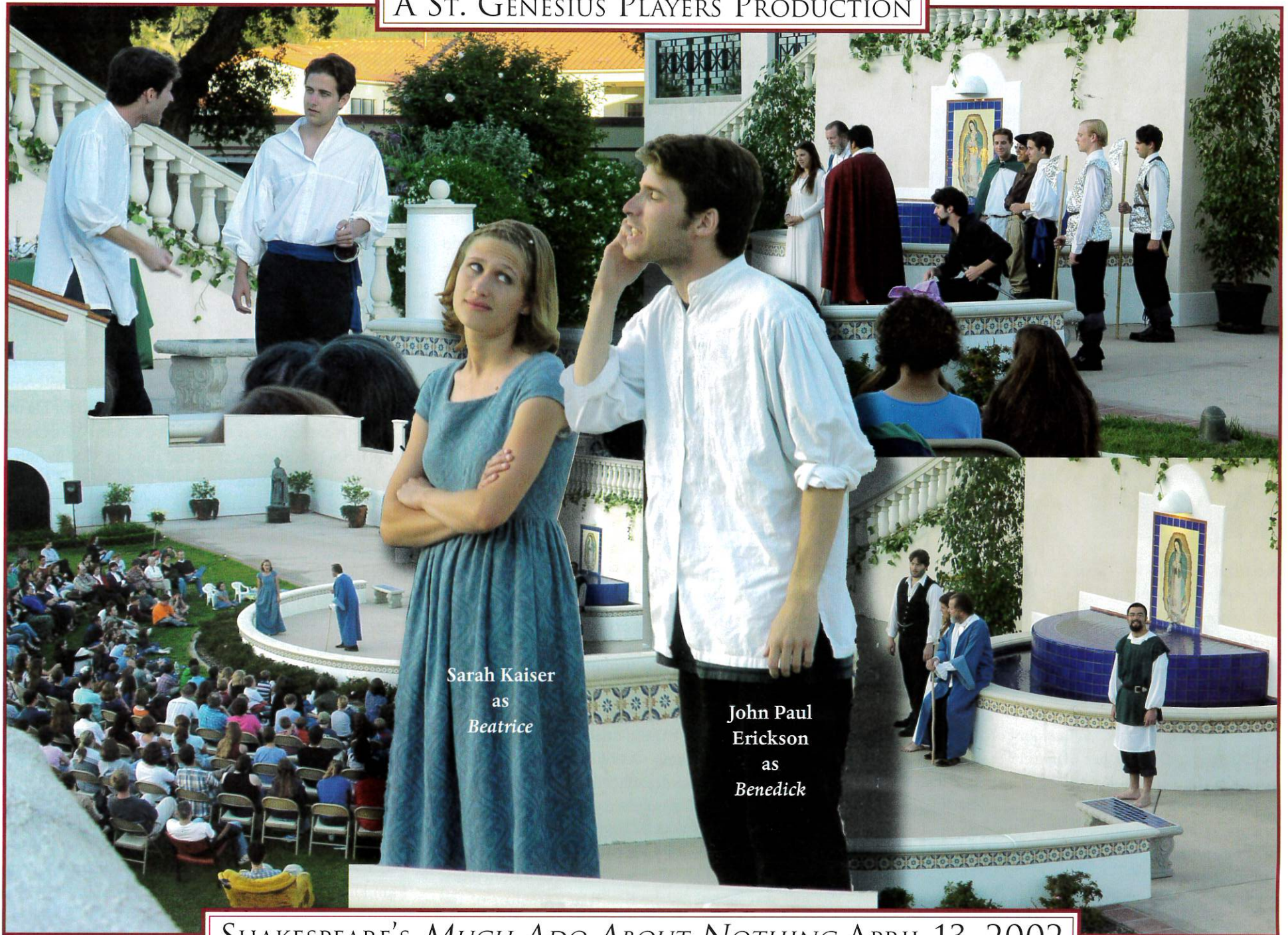
He clerked for Judge Carl Gaertner, Missouri Court of Appeals, for a year and then joined the law department of Emerson Electric Company, a fortune 500 company in St. Louis. As Senior Attorney at Emerson, he managed product liability litigation across the country and handled numerous corporate mergers and acquisitions for the company. While at Emerson, he met his future bride, Katie Blewett (class of '82), on a business trip to Los Angeles.

In 1990 he left Emerson for California and joined the Ventura County law firm of Lowthorp, Richards, McMillan in Oxnard, becoming a partner in 1994. He specialized in business/corporate law and estate planning. He also has performed pro-life legal work assisting in the defense of the sidewalk counselor defendants in the Santa Barbara Planned Parenthood cases.

He was a founder and long-time Director of Saint Augustine Academy, a private Catholic middle and high school in Ventura, a Director of the Oxnard Rotary Club, and has been active in his parish's Knights of Columbus. He and Katie live in Santa Paula and are the proud parents of two boys and two girls.

"I'm deeply honored that Tom Dillon and the Board of Governors have reposed their trust in me to help lead the Comprehensive Campaign to complete the campus and fully endow the College," said Masteller. "I've been here long enough to live the truth of St. Augustine's maxim, 'work as if everything depends on you; pray as if everything depends on God.' With a lot of hard work, and a lot of prayer, we'll succeed in our Campaign."

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| Freshman Orientation | August 23 |
| Convocation Ceremonies | August 26 |
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