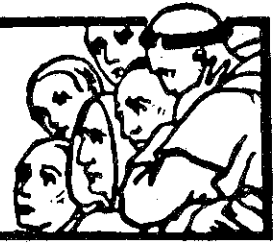




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COLLEGE GRADUATES SECOND CLASS

On a clear and sunny June 5th, Thomas Aquinas College conferred on its fifteen seniors the traditional baccalaureate hood signifying the culmination of their studies for the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts.

Fittingly, the day began with the graduates, their families and friends attending the Baccalaureate Mass in the College chapel. Principal celebrant and homilist at the Pontifical High Mass was Most Rev. Nicholas T. Elko, Auxiliary Archbishop of Cincinnati, Ohio. In addressing the graduates, he charged them "to look the world in the face and courageously live the Catholic Faith without compromise. Christ started with only twelve - you are already ahead by three." Concelebrating Mass with Archbishop Elko were Msgr. John F. Gallagher, College Chaplain, and Rev. Thomas A. McGovern, S.J., tutor.

Commencement exercises were held on the west lawn of the campus. The graduates were addressed by the distinguished Notre Dame Law Professor, Charles E. Rice. Dr. Rice spoke on the necessity and importance of the natural law in understanding the American Constitution, noting that the perfidious doctrine of legal positivism



Bishop Ward, Presiding Prelate at graduation.



College President Ronald P. McArthur addressing graduates.

has undermined the Founding Fathers' concept of Constitutional Law.

Following Dr. Rice's presentation, Dean of the College, John W. Neumayr, publicly attested to the fact that the fifteen graduates had completed a thorough course in all the disciplines of classical learning: logic, language, geometry, music and astronomy, as well as natural philosophy, ethics and Sacred Theology.

After receiving their degrees, Dr. Ronald P. McArthur, College President,

sent the graduates forth with this admonition: "always try to lead men to the truth - to lead them to see how important it is, how it must be cherished, and nurtured, and defended. You must be a spokesman for the greatest things - for the most noble, the most beautiful, the most sublime. You must never compromise them, or deface them, or let them perish."

The ceremonies were presided over by Bishop John J. Ward, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles.

CHARLES RICE AWARDED THE ST. THOMAS AQUINAS MEDALLION

The St. Thomas Aquinas Medallion was awarded to Charles E. Rice, Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame, during commencement exercises June 5, 1976.

The medallion, struck in silver by the firm of Damiano Colombo in Milan, Italy, in commemoration of the 7th Centenary of St. Thomas Aquinas' death, is

awarded annually by the Board of Governors in recognition of those who "have demonstrated by their life and work, an extraordinary dedication to God and His Church."

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

President's Charge To Graduates

The following is the complete text of the Charge delivered to the Graduates by Dr. Ronald P. McArthur at the Commencement Exercises June 5, 1976.

You have studied, or begun to study, in the works of the greatest *theologians*, the greatest *philosophers*, the greatest *scientists*, the greatest *writers*, and the greatest *historians*, to say nothing of your study of *Holy Scripture*. You have done this under the patronage of St. Thomas Aquinas, the greatest expositor of the Catholic Religion. This has meant not only that you have gained but that you have acquired a burden, a weight. Your burden, your weight, is your greater responsibility to God-the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and



to His church, our country, your families and your friends.

You must try always to lead men to the truth - to lead them to see how *important* it is, how it must be cherished, and nurtured, and defended. You must be a spokesman for the greatest things - for the most noble, the most beautiful, the most sublime. You must never compromise them, or deface them, or let them perish.

If you, who through the grace of God have been given so much, fail, we are all the poorer - the world is poorer, the church is poorer, and our country is poorer.



Now if the burden is greater it will never crush you, for you will not carry it alone. That burden, with all its joys and sufferings, is another version of the cross, and you will carry that cross with Christ Himself - with the Christ who dwells in you by grace - and with His Holy Spirit, who will enlighten you on the way.

You will further be led to accept your

burden by your complete and loving devotion to the Ever-Virgin Mary, will lead you to extend Her Son's cross so that it embraces all you touch.

If you give to all men what you have given to this college, and persist in that giving to the end, you will have discharged your duty to God and man. I, for one, have no doubt that you will do so.



SENIOR ADDRESS

Following is the Senior Address delivered by Senior Class Representative Daniel Grimm.

Your Excellencies, Reverend Fathers, Tutors and Administrators of Thomas Aquinas College, Parents and Friends:

We, the class of 1976, the second graduating class of Thomas Aquinas College, are glad of this opportunity to offer our thanks for the experience of the past four years. We know that in coming here we have received an extraordinary three-fold blessing, for which we render unto God our prayerful thanks.

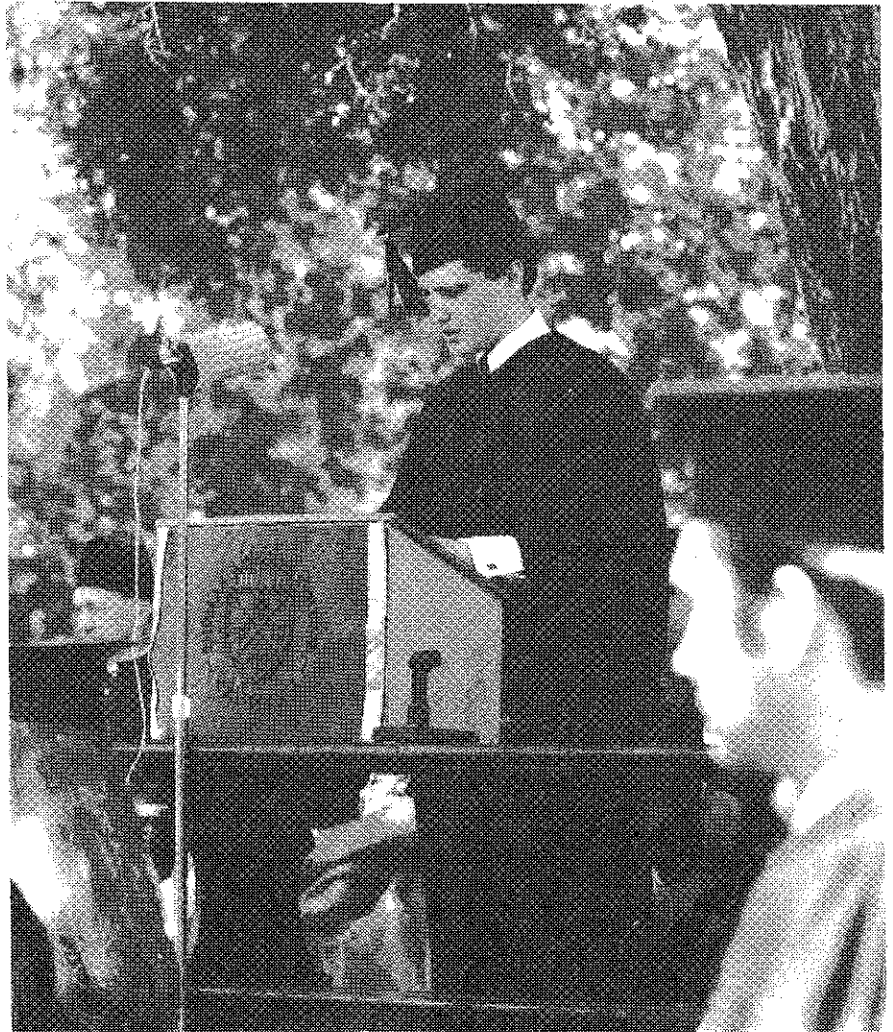
First, we have been able to live and study in a place where the ancient faith of the Holy Catholic Church is held and defended, where we may enjoy its guidance and protection. In this place the life of faith is pursued with the aid of reason through the study of theology; it is supernaturally fed through liturgical worship; and it is shared in a community whose actions are guided neither by appetite nor by pragmatic considerations but by the law and custom of the Church.

Second, along with the life of faith the life of reason is made possible and allowed to flourish. Not above mundane investigations, we seek the truth of each thing, but do not lose sight of the Truth behind all things. Further, each person is considered a thinker to be taken seriously and as such is held responsible for what he or she says, in contrast to our society, where slogans and lyrics are taken for wisdom, without questioning what, if anything, they mean.

Third, in this community, where men and women pursue the truth together without rancor, where they bear each other's burdens, and bear with each other's faults, we enjoy a friendly harmony found by most only in family life, and by some never at all.

But the blessing of God which is this institution has not come directly from the Divine Hand, but through the work of many of God's servants. Confident of their complete reward at the Judgment, we still offer to them the acknowledgement and small thanks in our power.

Therefore, to you, the founders of Thomas Aquinas College, who abandoned careers and positions to strive for many years and against great odds to establish this school, who have struggled even harder to maintain it,



and who have constantly pleaded with and encouraged others to assist your cause; to you who answered this plea with your time, your reputations, your counsel, your prayers, your financial support, who have become governors, visitors, advisors, benefactors, and friends; to the tutors, our friends and guides, who have instilled in us your enthusiasm and love of learning, and to the chaplains who have not only shepherded but also taught us; to our parents, whose individual sacrifices have made our attendance possible; to our

fellow students, who in sharing the life of this Christian Community have become our close friends; to these, and to all who have by prayer and sacrifice furthered the cause of Thomas Aquinas College and brought us to this happy beginning, we give our deep and lasting gratitude. To you, before God and St. Thomas, our Patron, we pledge that we will live what we have learned, and that we will further, as best we can, the holy and heroic ends of this college. To our Alma Mater we promise our constant loyalty and love.

MR. LAWRENCE BARKER, JR., REV. THOMAS MCGOVERN, S.J., ELECTED TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Mr. Thomas P. Sullivan, Chairman, has announced the election of Mr. Lawrence Barker, Jr. and Reverend Thomas A. McGovern, S.J. to the Thomas Aquinas College Board of Governors.

Mr. Barker is President of Cinta Oil Company of San Francisco and is the son of the late Lawrence Barker, president of Barker Bros. Furniture. Mr. Barker is

the donor of the site for the college's permanent campus on the Ferndale Ranch in Ventura County.

Father McGovern is a senior tutor and member of the Instruction Committee at Thomas Aquinas College. A graduate of Weston College (A.B.) and University Laval (Ph.D.), Fr. McGovern has been on the faculty of the college since 1972.

'76 FRESHMAN CLASS FILLED

The freshmen class for next year has been filled and a waiting list formed according to the college's Director of Admissions, Dennis Koller. "It is unfortunate that our present campus makes it necessary to limit the number of students we take," stated Mr. Koller. "With the number of applications received this year we could easily have added another section. Construction of our new campus will alleviate the situa-

tion where we are forced to turn away deserving students."

The quality of the students applying to Thomas Aquinas College remains high. Based on the national average of College Board scores the school is attracting the top 25% of college bound students in the country. "The average composite College Board score for next year's freshman class is 1124," points out Mr. Koller, "as compared to a national average of 904."

Mr. Koller expresses his thanks to all those who have helped spread the news of the college throughout the country.

MASTER PLAN FOR NEW CAMPUS COMPLETED

The Los Angeles architectural firm of Albert C. Martin & Associates has recently completed the college's *Master Plan for Site Development*. This plan is an important milestone in the development of the new Ferndale campus. Published in an attractive 42-page illustrated booklet, the plan details the projected growth of the college from the present 110 students to its planned maximum of 350.

The plan outlines a three phase development program. The first phase, which the college hopes to complete in 1977, will include much of the campus core and dormitory accommodations for 160 students. Phase II, to be completed in 1980, will add those buildings necessary to accommodate 240 students. Phase III will see the completion of the campus.

This report marks the end of the planning phase of the program of development for the new campus. Work continues on the design of the individual buildings.

The college is currently seeking capital funds to implement Phase I of the program. This phase includes the first of two planned classroom buildings; the science building; and the student commons building, housing eating and recreational facilities and a small chapel. Also to be built are four dormitories and a faculty-administration office building. The first phase also includes most of the landscaping, grading, utilities, roads, and other site improvements for the complete campus as well as a portion of the planned athletic facilities.

Peter DeLuca Named Vice-President for Development

Dr. Ronald P. McArthur, President of Thomas Aquinas College, has announced that Mr. Peter L. DeLuca has been named to the position of Vice President for Development, succeeding Mr. William S. Lawton, Jr., who recently resigned from the position which he held since 1973.

Mr. DeLuca, one of the original founders of the college, has served as both Vice President in charge of Administration and tutor since the school opened in 1971.

Two Tutors Added To Faculty

Two additional tutors have been appointed to the faculty of the college for the coming year, according to Dean John W. Neumayr.

Mrs. Molly Gustin is returning to the college after a two year absence. Mrs. Gustin served on the faculty of the college from 1972 to 1974. Prior to her initial appointment to the college's faculty, Mrs. Gustin taught at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland and Portland State University in Portland, Oregon. She has recently published a book on music theory entitled *Tonality*.

Dr. Ronald Richard received his

Bachelor of Science degree in Physics in 1960 from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts, his Master of Science degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics in 1962 from the University of Michigan and his Master of Arts and Doctorate in Astronomy in 1975 from UCLA. Dr. Richard worked as a research engineer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California from 1962-67 and taught science at Benedictine College in Kansas from 1970-76.

BRIEFS...

The 1976-77 student Bulletin and other literature is available from the college office.

The college is offering for sale a high quality recording of Medieval and Renaissance music. The stereo album contains a number of selections by the Grimm Family Choir, six of whose members have attended the college. The cost of the recording is \$6.75. (This includes postage). Proceeds benefit the Thomas Aquinas College Student Fund. This record can be purchased by sending your check to the college office.

Mr. Peter L. DeLuca, Vice President for Development, reminds friends of the college that many business firms match employee contributions to educational institutions.

Copies of
Dr. Charles Rice's
Commencement
Address
"The
U.S. Constitution
and the
Higher Law"
can be obtained
by writing the
Admissions Office
at the college.