



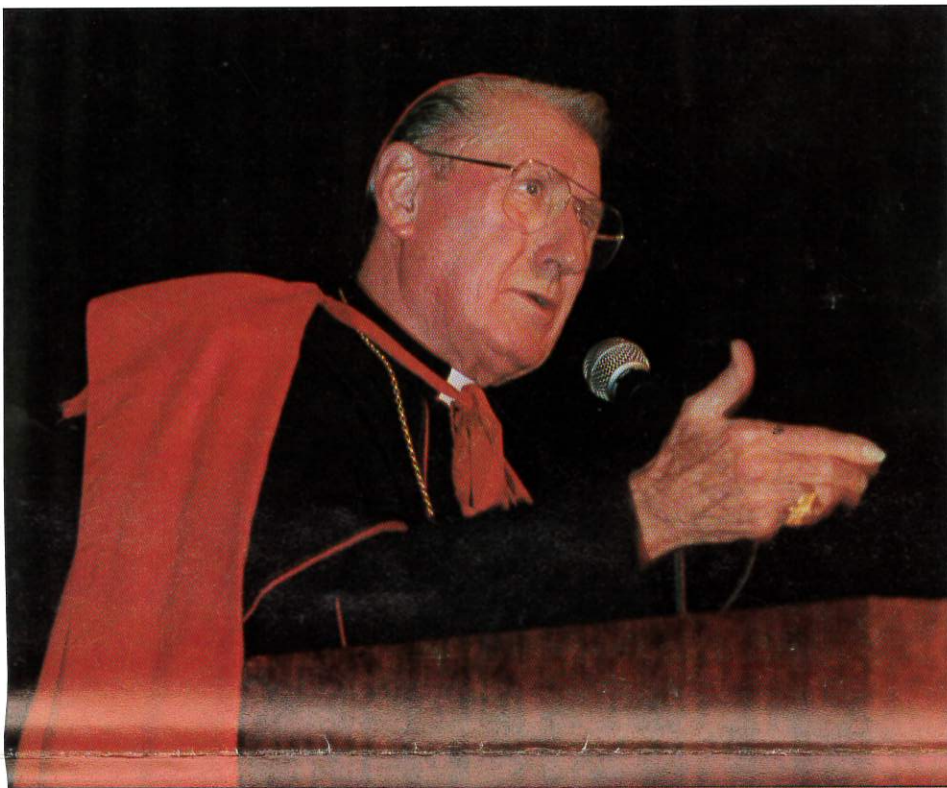
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## THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

WINTER 1995-1996

November 5, 1995

### A Day To Remember: The 25th Anniversary Celebration



*"I want to thank Dr. McArthur, the founder; I want to thank Dr. Dillon, and all of you personally, on this 25th anniversary for the very existence of Thomas Aquinas College, one of the most critically needed colleges in the United States..."*

*John Cardinal O'Connor at the 25th Anniversary Dinner*



*"Sing alleluia, loudly sing alleluia, with hearts devoted entirely to God, sing alleluia."*

*From "Alle Psallite," an anonymous 11th-century work used for the Recessional at the 25th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving*

ON NOVEMBER 5, Thomas Aquinas College formally celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding with a Mass of Thanksgiving held at St. Timothy's Church in Los Angeles, followed by an anniversary dinner attended by 750 persons at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills.

Roger Cardinal Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles, was principal celebrant of the Mass, and John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York, was keynote speaker at the dinner.

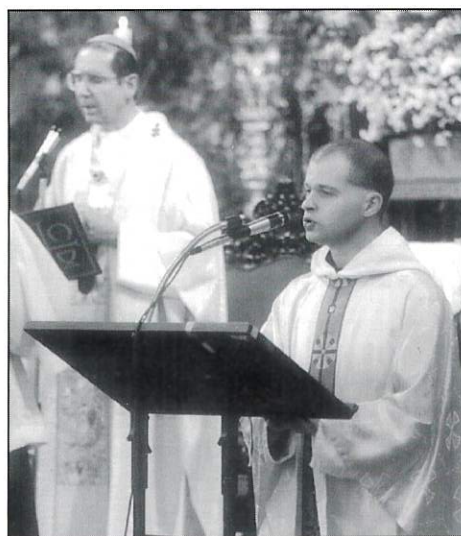
The day's events were aptly summarized by the Hon. William P. Clark, final speaker at the dinner, who said, "I felt a real convergence here of charity, of humility, and of recognition."

#### Charity

Charity was evident in the many friends worshipping Almighty God at the Mass of Thanksgiving; in the graciousness of Cardinal Mahony, who, just before leaving that same day for Rome, celebrated the Mass; and in the hospitality of Bishop John Ward, who welcomed the worshipers to his parish of St. Timothy's. Cardinal O'Connor most kindly traveled to Los Angeles solely for the dinner, returning immediately to New York, while the dinner guests responded in a thunderous standing ovation as the

Cardinal entered the ballroom.

The foundation of this outpouring was the charity shown again and again by all those who through the years have supported the work of Thomas Aquinas College by their prayers, financial gifts, and active participation.



Fr. Bernard McCoy, Class of 1988, was one of two College graduates who concelebrated the Mass with Cardinal Mahony. The other was Fr. James Garceau, Class of 1978.

#### Humility

Humility stems from a proper understanding of man and his works in relation to God. College President Thomas

E. Dillon, in his speech at the dinner, pointed to God as the ultimate source of the good the College accomplishes. "Our deepest gratitude," he said, "is owed to God himself, who has graced Thomas Aquinas College in extraordinary ways. The great good that I see coming out of the College year after year is clearly disproportionate to the meager human efforts that go into it. We can only stand in awe and thank God for his wonderful blessings."

#### Recognition

From the speaker's podium and throughout the banquet hall, friends and dignitaries commended Thomas Aquinas College for its achievements; for truly being a countersign among today's institutions of higher learning by pro-

claiming that faith and reason are complementary rather than contradictory, by believing that education is liberated rather than shackled by adhering to the Magisterium of the Church, by being devoted to truth, and by having high moral and intellectual expectations of its students.

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The College choir in the loft of St. Timothy's Church

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# A Day To Remember

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Sir Daniel Donohue, great patron of the Catholic Church in Southern California, talks with Msgr. Lawrence Baird, Director of Communications, Diocese of Orange

## The Anniversary Dinner

Many persons contributed to the success of the anniversary dinner, with special thanks to Miss Rosemary E. Donohue, chairman of the Dinner Committee. Dr. Ralph M. McInerny, distinguished scholar and novelist, was master of ceremonies, and his urbane commentary seamlessly wove together the evening's events.

Msgr. Lawrence J. Baird, Director of Communications, Diocese of Orange, delivered the opening invocation and blessing, after which Miss Donohue welcomed the guests.

Daniel J. Grimm, Vice President for Development and General Counsel for the College, acknowledged special guests, including the founders of the College present that evening—Marcus Berquist, Peter DeLuca, William Lawton, Jr., Ronald McArthur, and John Neumayr; as well as Charlotte Ellis, widow of founder Frank Ellis; College tutor Molly M. Gustin; and Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich.

James L. Barrett, co-chairman of the 25th Anniversary Campaign Committee, delivered the toast (see sidebar this page), and the Thomas Aquinas College Choir, under the direction of Stephen Grimm, provided a selection of spiritual songs.

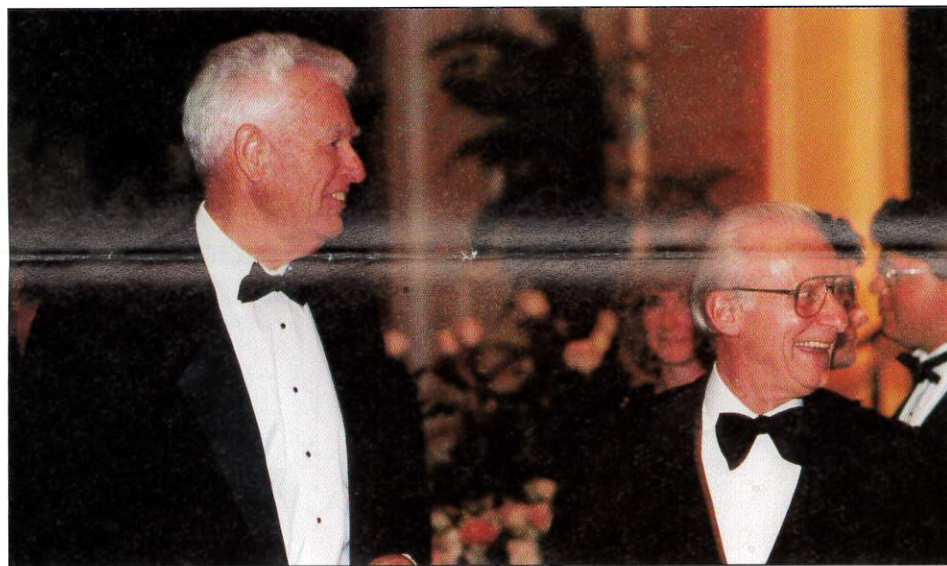
Dr. Ronald P. McArthur, President Emeritus of the College, gave a succinct summary of the College's founding, after which Sir Daniel J. Donohue, President of the Dan Murphy Foundation, spoke movingly of the importance of the Catholic Church and the place of Thomas Aquinas College within it.

## Cardinal O'Connor's Keynote Address

"Why have I come so far just for this dinner," Cardinal O'Connor mused. He then gave part of the answer by reading aloud a letter from Deacon John Higgins, Class of 1990, whom the Cardinal will ordain in May. (See "Letters" sidebar page 3 for the full text of the letter.) "To

me this letter articulates the essential meaning of Thomas Aquinas College," the Cardinal said.

"So why didn't I just send the letter and ask that it be read here," he continued. "[It is] because I want to thank Dr. McArthur, the founder; I want to thank Dr. Dillon, and all of you personally, on this 25th anniversary for the very existence of Thomas Aquinas College, one of the most critically needed colleges in the United States—for the reasons John Higgins delineates.



Ronald McArthur, President Emeritus of Thomas Aquinas College, and Ralph McInerny, Michael P. Grace Professor of Medieval Studies at Notre Dame University

"I read recently an address to the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars by Dr. Dillon," the Cardinal said, "in which he makes it meticulously clear that Thomas Aquinas College will not compromise its Catholic principles for one penny of federal or any other moneys. This makes me proud—it makes me proud enough and grateful enough for Thomas Aquinas College to have flown out here for no other reason than to tell you that. If everyone in this great country of ours reflected the mind of St. Thomas Aquinas, which is lived in the teaching at Thomas Aquinas College, what a culture this would be—a magnificent society."

Cardinal O'Connor then lauded, in an extended meditation, Pope John Paul II for "reflecting quintessentially—scintillatingly" the mind of St. Thomas

Aquinas. In describing the Pope's recent visit to New York, the Cardinal said, "Not only did the Pope have an almost unbelievable impact, but virtually everything he said can be found explicitly or implicitly in St. Thomas Aquinas. This is often forgotten; this is the way this man thinks—with an incisiveness that is often startling."



Miss Rosemary Donohue, Dinner Committee Chairman

## Final Remarks

President Dillon, in his brief address, began by thanking persons who have played a key role in establishing and sustaining the College: Sir Daniel Donohue and the Dan Murphy Foundation; Dr. McArthur, whose "principled leadership, more than anything else, shaped the character of the College"; Henry Salvatore; Dr. and Mrs. Harry Browne; and

the Fritz B. Burns Foundation. As mentioned above, final gratitude was given to God.

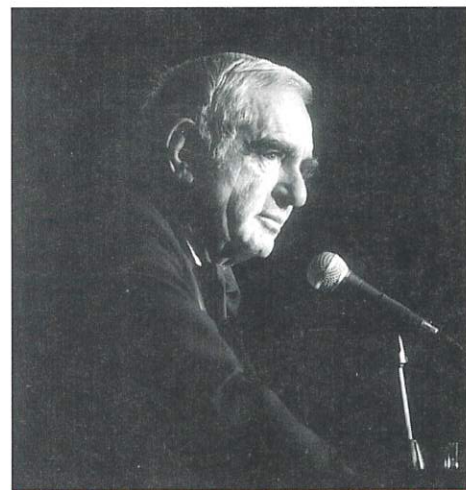
The intent of Thomas Aquinas College, President Dillon said, is "to help cultivate in its students intellectual and moral virtue," qualities which enable them to become not only responsible members of their communities but also leaders, "both in the Church and in our democratic society."

"The future of Thomas Aquinas College looks bright," he said, "so long as we remain true to the intellectual and religious ideals which animate and give strength to the College, and so long as we do not lose sight of our essential purpose: to educate under the light of the Catholic faith."

President Dillon closed by inviting all those present "to make our mission yours as well. We invite you to join with us in helping form future generations of young people who care deeply about our Church, about our country, and about doing great things with their lives."

## A New Chapel, the Heart of the Campus

The Hon. William P. Clark was last to speak. After commending the College, he urged those present—and all the friends of the college—to speedily raise



## The Toast

*"To frame this toast it needs to be said—and I think you would agree—that these are perilous times we live in; dangerous to the extreme.*

*But stop and think about it: What's new?*

*The battle for the minds and souls of men has been going on ever since Adam and Eve—and will go on to the end of time.*

*So through the ages the good guys in this ongoing warfare have needed leaders. Defenders. Champions.*

*And God provides.*

*In the darkest times throughout history, these champions have appeared: Athanasius, Augustine, St. Francis, St. Teresa, the monks of Iona, St. Catherine, St. Thomas Aquinas, the monks of Cluny abbey—to name a few.*

*So here then is the toast:*

*To our champions, the white knights of Thomas Aquinas College, who sally forth to do battle under the banners of truth, beauty, and goodness. May the Holy Spirit continue to sanctify the work of these good, good men and women."*

*James L. Barrett  
Board of Governors,  
Thomas Aquinas College*



The Thomas Aquinas College Choir, under the direction of Stephen Grimm, performed a series of musical selections during the course of the anniversary dinner.

the \$4.2 million necessary to build the new chapel, which, he said, "will be the heart of the campus."

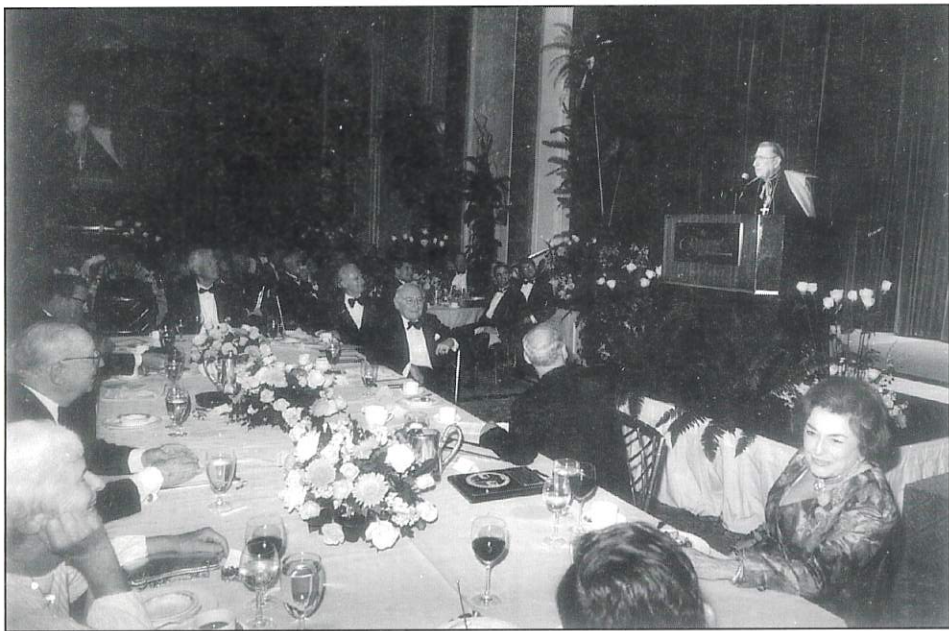
Mr. Clark then announced that he and his wife Joan were donating—with Cardinal O'Connor's kind permission—a replica of the statue of Our Lady of New York which stands in the apse of St. Patrick's Cathedral. (See story on page 5.) The Clarks are also providing a gothic stone arch from a 14th-century French chapel, once part of the Hearst collection, as well as "three beautiful bells saved from the wrecker's ball at St. Cyril's Church in Chicago."

Mr. Clark concluded by saying, "Let's get that chapel built in time for our good Cardinal to come back and say next year's Christmas Mass at Thomas Aquinas College."

Although it is unlikely that the chapel could be built within a year, there is, in the hearts of the Thomas Aquinas Col-

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# A Day To Remember



There was a mutual outpouring of love between Cardinal O'Connor and the audience.



*"Thomas Aquinas College aspires to uphold what is noble and best in our intellectual heritage; it strives especially to devote itself to Christ and to affirm the importance of faith, hope, and charity in our lives.*

*The education at Thomas Aquinas College is built upon sound convictions: that there is knowable truth, that there is a wisdom about the world which is worth striving for, and that there is an objective moral order, in which the happy life is the just and virtuous life.*

*Aren't these convictions right—and isn't this kind of education especially needed in our confused and disordered age?*

*It is indeed our resolve that the College continue to be a light shining in the darkness, a beacon for reason, for truth, and for goodness."*

*Thomas E. Dillon  
President,  
Thomas Aquinas College*

lege community, an urgency concerning its completion. Anyone interested in contributing to the project should contact either Daniel Grimm or Peter Lemmon at the College: 800/634-9797 or locally, 805/525-4417.

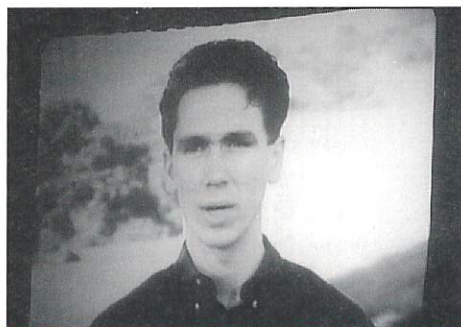
## Making History

On November 5 time's flow stood suspended for a moment as the past of the College was celebrated in the present, and the future was anticipated in hope. That brief moment—glorious—has passed, and once again the College, with its many friends and supporters, is creating a new history, one with its own trials and triumphs, and one which, with God's help, will be equally worthy of celebration. ☩



*"Thomas Aquinas College is truly a place where a candle has been lighted, and we must keep that candle going. The entire campus is a place of prayer—of repentance, reform and renewal; the three Rs that are so important to keep our Church rolling."*

*The Hon. William P. Clark  
Former Justice,  
California Supreme Court;  
Secretary of the Interior and  
National Security Adviser  
to President Ronald Reagan*



A video about the College was produced especially for the anniversary dinner. A copy is available from the admissions office for those friends who would like to show it to prospective students or to others who might be interested in the College.

## Letters

*From Deacon John Higgins, Class of 1990*

I am pursuing a vocation which I found at Thomas Aquinas College. It is not a coincidence that I discovered that God was calling me to be a priest while I was a student there. In an environment in which one is called upon to contemplate the highest, truest and most sublime realities, it is quite natural for him to be enthralled by them. Having been captivated by the truth, I discovered that "it" is a He. All truth leads to the Truth (cf. John 14:6). Moreover, at Thomas Aquinas College I found myself among other students who had made the same discovery, who believed that once Truth is found, it is to be embraced. This belief found expression in the strong faith life of the students: well-attended daily Mass and prayer.

This is only half of the story. I would be remiss if I spoke only of how I found my vocation at Thomas Aquinas College without mentioning how I was prepared for fulfilling it. A priest who will serve the Church at the beginning of the Third Millennium must be prepared to confront a culture of unbelief. He must correctly understand the modern mind so that he will be able to dialogue with his contemporaries. He must know how to think critically and logically if he intends to give a convincing defense of his belief. As a graduate of the College, I believe there is no other college which prepares its students for so demanding a mission as well as Thomas Aquinas College. The curriculum guarantees that the student is led to a solid and consistent knowledge of man, the world and God. Because he has studied the foundations of modern thought, not only is he able to discover the errors of his day, he can also analyze them and trace their origins. By means of the Great Books, the student, seeing the great minds of the Western world at work, learns to think clearly and precisely, to make proper distinctions and to discover the principles which underlie the subject matter.

Though every priest needs these skills, there is no field of endeavor in which they are not useful.

*John Higgins  
St. Joseph Seminary  
Yonkers, New York*

*From Henry J. Hyde, United States Congressman*

November 5, 1995

Dear Dr. Dillon, Staff, Faculty, Students, Benefactors, and Friends of Thomas Aquinas College:

It is a great honor for me to congratulate you on the occasion of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the founding of Thomas Aquinas College. I regret being unable to join you personally, for it is a distinct pleasure to associate with people like you who share my deep concerns about our country's future.

Thomas Aquinas College is producing a new generation of civic and Catholic leaders. You have had my wholehearted support from the beginning.

I have been to your campus; I have spoken to your students; and I have seen first-hand the influence your graduates have had in various governmental and conservative posts they've held on Capitol Hill. This has been enough to convince me that Thomas Aquinas College is a genuine conservative and Catholic resource in this country.

My best wishes and ongoing support for your continued success in producing solid citizens who excel in thinking critically, in discerning wisely, and in living their Faith actively.

God bless you.

*Sincerely,  
Henry J. Hyde*

*From Sr. Mary Gallop, Class of 1982*

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Pax

October 30, 1995

*"Gratias agamus Domino Deo nostro. Dignum et iustum est."!*

Dear Dr. Dillon.

It is with great joy, deep thanksgiving, and a justifiable pride that I join with you and all those associated with Thomas Aquinas College in celebrating the 25th anniversary of its founding.

Although I will not be present in body—I can hardly imagine a cloistered Benedictine nun dining at the Regent Beverly Wilshire Hotel!—I will be very present in spirit, especially during the Mass of Thanksgiving on November 5th. It is only right that we should give thanks and praise to God for the immense blessings which have flowed, and continue to flow, from the College, whose humble but noble beginnings you yourself are a witness of.

I count it as a singular privilege not only to be a graduate of Thomas Aquinas College but also to have lived through those first pioneer years on the new campus: 1978–1982. Through you, Dr. Dillon, I wish to thank all those who together with Dr. McArthur had the vision and generosity of soul to give themselves to the task of giving birth to Thomas Aquinas College, as well as to all those who continue to nurture the goals for which it was established.

My heartfelt congratulations, best wishes, and union of prayer.

*"Abscondita cum Christo in Deo,"  
Sr. Mary (Karen) Gallop, O.S.B.*



# News from the Comprehensive Campaign: Residence Hall Dedicated, Progress on Chapel & Science Building, Giving Update

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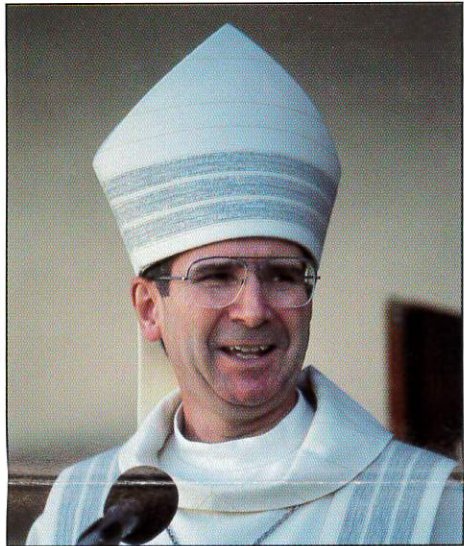
## Cardinal Mahony Officiates

### Blessed Serra Hall Dedicated

ON JANUARY 15, the College dedicated Blessed Junipero Serra Hall, a new residence hall for men housing 56 students. The ceremonies began with a votive mass in honor of Fr. Serra celebrated by Roger Cardinal Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles, and held in St. Bernardine Library. Music for the Mass was provided by the Thomas Aquinas College Choir and the College Schola Cantorum.

#### *Obedience and Faith*

In his homily, Cardinal Mahony drew lessons from the Scripture readings ap-



Cardinal Mahony

plicable both to the life of Fr. Serra and to our own lives. The reading from First Samuel illustrated the importance of obedience: in Fr. Serra's case, to his superiors, and in our case, to the will of God as expressed through the Church.

The reading from Mark's Gospel presents a theme developed more fully as the Gospel progresses, the Cardinal said, and that theme is the virtue of living one's faith deeply as an interior state rather than through outward show. Fr. Serra faced severe obstacles in the evangelization of Mexico and California, Cardinal Mahony pointed out, yet, were it not for the written accounts of his contemporaries, one would never have known about them. Fr. Serra himself quietly entrusted his difficulties to God and persevered in the work to which he had been called.

#### *"To Deepen Our Discipleship"*

"And so, my dear friends," the Cardinal concluded, "as we honor today Blessed Junipero Serra and give thanks to almighty God for his great missionary life and zeal and presence in this state, we also ask the Lord to deepen in us our own personal discipleship with his Son Jesus Christ. We ask the Lord Jesus to help us in our spirit of obedience and fidelity to the will of God and the plan of God through the Church. We also ask the Lord to deepen our sense of prayerfulness and personal sacrifice—but in a way that merits honor and glory for God and does not draw attention to ourselves. And then we too, like Fr. Junipero Serra, will have much more impact on those around us, on our society, our culture, and the world."

After the Mass, the crowd processed to Blessed Junipero Serra Hall for the rite of dedication and blessing, performed by Cardinal Mahony. Following the rite, Mr. Joseph E. Rawlinson, president of the Fritz B. Burns Foundation, spoke. The funds for the construction of Serra Hall were provided by the Burns Foundation, while Mr. Henry Salvatori provided funding for the building's design and its furnishings.

#### *"As Impressed As I Was Today"*

"I don't know when I have been as impressed with a service as I have been here today—the music was so wonderful," Mr. Rawlinson began. "We of the Burns Foundation, and Mr. Burns himself [before he died], truly admire your college and its principles. It is very hard to find a college these days that teaches its students how to think, as well as gives them a strong Christian background—something which is so needed today.



Joseph Rawlinson, president of the Fritz B. Burns Foundation

"Mr. Burns had a great love for freedom and for serving his fellow man. His philosophy was to teach people to solve their own problems and to help people help themselves. You students here have the great responsibility of teaching your friends and neighbors that each of us has duties toward our fellow men. Know, too," Mr. Rawlinson concluded, "that the Board of Directors of the Fritz B. Burns Foundation love you and are interested in what you do."

#### *"Well on Our Way"*

William W. Smith, chairman of the Thomas Aquinas College Board of Governors, then spoke, noting that for him the timing of the dedication was especially poignant. "We are exactly at the half-way mark of our five-year campaign," he said, "and this is the second building completed in that campaign [the other being St. Bernardine Library]. We are well on our way, and I feel great confidence that we will achieve our goal by the end of June 1998. Deo Gratias!"

#### *"Siempre Adelante"*

College President Thomas E. Dillon



Dr. William Weber Smith, chairman of the Board of Governors of the College, addresses the crowd from the patio of Blessed Junipero Serra Hall.

brought the dedication full circle: "Let me," he said, "conclude this dedication where it began, with praise and thanksgiving to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for all the blessings bestowed on Thomas Aquinas College." After thanking Cardinal Mahony and the Fritz B. Burns Foundation, he challenged the students who will live in Blessed Junipero Serra Hall to "let the example of Fr. Serra—scholar, priest, missionary, apostle of California—move you to use all the created things of this world only so much as will help you to the uncreated God. In the words of Blessed Serra's famous motto, *Siempre adelante!*—always forward!"

Architects of Blessed Junipero Serra Hall were Mr. Scott Boydston and Mr. Larry Rasmussen, Rasmussen and Asso-

ciates, and the builder was HMM Construction Company and Associates. Maria Paul, J. H. Interiors, selected the furnishings. ☩

#### *Blessing the students' rooms*



## St. Albert Hall Designed



Artistic rendering of the proposed St. Albert Hall

THE schematic designs for St. Albert Hall, the new science building, have been completed, and the project is moving into the funding stage.

St. Albert's will house five well-equipped laboratories and four discussion rooms. The design also includes a two-story naturally lighted shaft containing a Foucault pendulum. The first and second floor corridors are lined with display cases which will hold exhibits designed to encourage wonder about the natural world.

The building serves as a link between the upper campus, where St. Joseph Commons and dormitories are located, and the lower campus, which is orga-

nized around an academic quadrangle that will contain the library, classroom buildings, and the chapel when completed.

From the upper campus, students enter the building on the second floor; from the quadrangle, one enters through a lobby on the lower level. St. Albert Hall is fronted by an arcade which serves as a unifying architectural motif for the quadrangle. The project includes a grand staircase (not visible in the drawing) connecting the upper campus with the quadrangle.

Donors interested in supporting the project should contact Dan Grimm or Peter Lemmon at the College. ☩

## A Record of Giving

# Dan Murphy Foundation's \$5 Million Pledge Paces Comprehensive Campaign

Daniel J. Grimm

VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT

HALFWAY into the five-year, \$25 million comprehensive campaign marking the 25th anniversary of the College, an amazing \$15 million in gifts and pledges have been received. "Our gratitude to God and to His faithful instruments, our benefactors, can hardly be expressed," said College President Thomas E. Dillon. "The depth of love and concern for the College, its students, and the whole Church shown by this tremendous outpouring of generosity is awe-inspiring."

*Dan Murphy Foundation,  
A Most Generous Patron*

A perfect example of this is the formal pledge of \$5 million for the College's endowment made by the Dan Murphy Foundation. Faced with ever-increasing appeals for assistance from a great number of Catholic organizations, the trustees of this eminent Catholic philanthropic foundation nevertheless renewed—and even increased—their commitment to the future of Thomas Aquinas College, making the foundation the largest single donor to the College.

Under the leadership of President Sir Daniel Donohue, the Dan Murphy Foundation has carried on the work initiated by the late Countess Bernardine Murphy Donohue of promoting gen-

uine Catholic education, worship and apostolic activity. Foundation trustee Miss Rosemary E. Donohue, who also serves as a Governor of the College, has been a tireless advocate for Thomas Aquinas College and for the renewal of Catholic higher education according to the mind of the Church and in obedience to the directives of the Holy Father. As chairman of the 25th Anniversary Dinner Committee, Miss Donohue was the driving force behind this great success which raised nearly \$200,000 for the College.

A remarkable aspect of the \$5 million pledge, worked out by Sir Daniel, Dr. Dillon, and Richard A. Grant, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the foundation, is that the Dan Murphy Foundation will make a scholarship grant of \$250,000 each year, representing the income from the \$5 million endowment, until such time as the principal amount is conveyed. This scholarship help is truly vital; even as we strive to complete the campus, our primary focus remains the education of our students. This marvelous generosity comes in addition to the tremendous gift of the Dan Murphy Foundation for the construction of St. Bernardine Library!

*Dr. & Mrs. Harry Browne's \$1.7 Million  
Lead Gift in Memory of Francis &  
Margaret Browne.*

The campaign opened with a bang

with the announcement in September 1993 of a gift of \$1.7 million in stock from Dr. & Mrs. Harry Browne of Reno, Nevada, and Nashville, Tennessee. The shares represent a major interest in Therapeutic Antibodies, Inc., a corporation recently founded to develop anti-venom medications. On the appeal of this company, Dr. Browne remarked, "I've saved more lives with these medications in the testing program alone than in all my years of medical practice." While the gift was unrestricted as to use, the College apportioned part of it for the completion of St. Bernardine Library. The Browne Board of Governors Room on the second floor memorializes Dr. Browne's parents, Dr. Francis Browne, a well-known southern California surgeon, and Margaret Browne, a Governor of the College and a mainstay of its survival in its early years.

*Fritz B. Burns Foundation  
Builds Dormitory*

The full story on this extraordinary gift to the campaign is found on page 4 in this newsletter.

*Andersen Foundation*

Connected to the makers of Andersen windows, top-of-the-line, high-tech doors, windows and casements, this foundation gives only to schools that receive no federal funding. Since this has

always been the case at Thomas Aquinas College, it was a match made in heaven. The foundation's annual gift to support student financial aid, which this year was \$250,000, is another mainstay of the College's continued existence. Their gifts to the campaign so far total \$725,000.

*Mr. Henry Salvatori*

Mr. Salvatori's support for the College began literally before the College did—with a start-up gift of \$10,000. He is an eminent philanthropist, member of the Ronald Reagan "kitchen cabinet," and dedicated anti-Communist. Thomas Aquinas College is happy to be one of his long shots that paid off. His support for the 25th Anniversary Campaign, in the areas of endowment, buildings, and student scholarships, totals \$525,000 to date.

*Campaign Honor Roll*

In addition to the above, the following persons and foundations have given extraordinary help to make the 25th Anniversary Campaign a success.

JIM & JUDY BARRETT: Dedicated to the Church, to their family, to the pro-life effort, to making the best wines in the world at their Chateau Montelena Winery in Calistoga, California, the Barretts are also dedicated to Thomas Aquinas College. Governor of the College since 1992, Jim is also co-chairman of the 25th Anniversary Committee. The Barretts' gifts to the campaign total \$332,000.

MRS. GEORGE V. CALDWELL: A sports-woman, rancher, and music enthusiast,

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## Statue & Gothic Arch Safely Delivered

# The Chapel Project

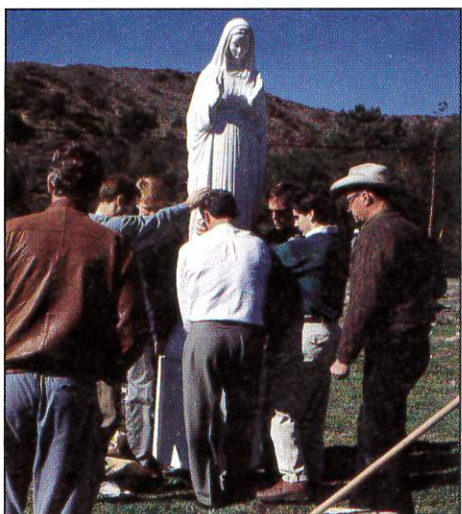
Peter D. Lemmon

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

As reported above, Mr. William Clark, at the 25th Anniversary Dinner, urged friends of the college to quickly raise the money necessary to build the new chapel. He also announced that he and his wife Joan were donating a statue of Our Lady, a trio of bells, and a gothic arch to the chapel project.

*A Wonderful Example*

Setting a wonderful example for other donors, the Clarks have speedily delivered on their promise: A replica of Our Lady of New York, a statue which

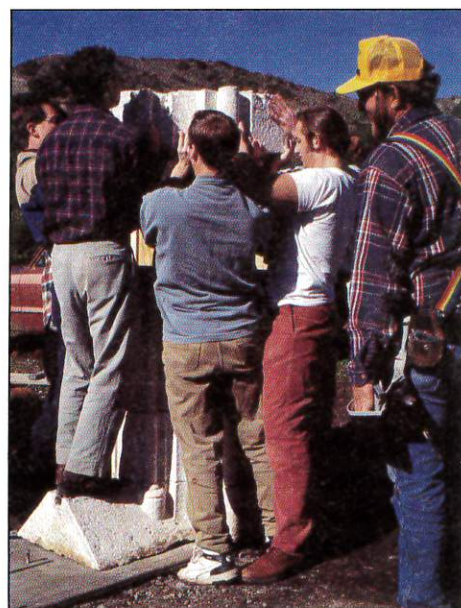


Moving the statue

stands in St. Patrick's Cathedral, arrived on campus on January 22. The replica was crafted by Mario Nollo, a relative of Oronzo Madarelli, the sculptor who created the original in 1940. The new statue is made of bonded carrara marble, a material which makes the statue resistant to the effects of weather.

The next morning, January 23, Mr. Sam Avila, from the Clark Ranch in Paso Robles, arrived with a flatbed truck

loaded down with four tons of worked pink limestone, the parts of a 14th-century gothic arch which once surrounded a stained glass window in a basilica in Montebourg, France. Mr. and Mrs. Clark



One stone weighed 750 pounds.

purchased the arch from the estate of William Randolph Hearst and donated it to the College.

That same morning, Mr. Clark, his co-pilot friend Phil Broadfoot, and Mr. Kelly Wicks, a licensed contractor who works for Mr. Clark, flew to Santa Paula to join Mr. Avila. Mr. Clark and his co-workers had pre-drilled the stone so that the arch could be partially assembled on campus. On a kneeler created from one of the pieces of the arch was fixed a sign which reads, *Aedificate Domum Meam*, "build my church."

Although it was exams week, a group of students and several staff joined Mr. Clark's work crew in assembling the arch and placing the statue of Our Lady—who, including pedestal, stands eight feet



A Rosary was said for the timely completion of a beautiful chapel.

three inches tall—beneath it. By noon, the work was finished.

Following lunch, students, staff and faculty gathered at the site to witness a blessing ceremony performed by Fr. Wilfred Borden, one of three chaplains at the College, after which they joined him in reciting the Rosary.

*Aedificate Domum Meam*

Although Mr. Clark brought all the stones necessary to complete the arch, he felt it was better to leave it unfinished. That way, he said, *Aedificate Domum Meam*, "build my church," can not only mean "build up Christ's church in the world" but also "build the chapel."

*The Most Beautiful, the Most Prominent*

Mr. Clark rightly called the chapel "the heart of the campus," for learning finds its true meaning only in God. For this reason, the chapel will be the College's most beautiful and most prominent building. Dramatically situated at the west end of the academic quadrangle, it will be the visual focus of the campus. The projected cost of the chapel is approximately \$4.2 million.

Friends of the College have, for many years, been donating funds to build a permanent chapel. By 1993 the chapel fund stood at \$33,000. In 1994 alone, more than \$30,000 was added, and in 1995, before the 25th Anniversary Dinner, an additional \$15,000 was received. Since

the dinner, \$110,000 has been donated toward the chapel's construction, including an extraordinary \$100,000 gift from Mr. Nicholas Bez of Seattle. As you can see, the momentum is building.

*A Novena to Our Lady*

While the chapel fund now stands at slightly less than \$190,000, a substantial sum, this is still far short of the amount needed. Because of the urgency and importance of a permanent chapel, President Dillon is requesting that the entire College community say a perpetual novena from March 7, the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, until the dedication of the chapel site on Sunday, May 19. He is inviting the students, faculty, and staff to mark the first and last nine days of the novena by gathering daily to say the novena prayer in front of the new statue of Our Lady. So that all our friends can join in praying the novena, a card on which the novena prayer is printed is included with this newsletter. 🙏



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## Mark Your Calendar

# Summer Seminar: A Feast for the Spirit

THE SUMMER SEMINAR at Thomas Aquinas College is a feast for the spirit. At these special weekends, sponsored by the President's Council, a trio of selections from the Great Books form the main course. Attendees gather in a typical College classroom setting—assisted by College tutors—and discuss each reading in depth.

You will learn to read great works of literature, philosophy and theology with more understanding and enjoyment, and you will meet some wonderful new friends in the bargain. The after-class discussions, complete with firelight, brandy and music, last late into the night.

Daily Mass with College chaplains and visiting alumni priests—with confession always available—adds a spiritual di-

mension to the weekend. The Sunday morning Mass is celebrated with Gregorian chant, polyphony and incense. A champagne brunch at the Hacienda follows—completing a perfect weekend.

Jacqueline Slay and her superbly trained staff of student hosts make sure every detail is conducive to relaxation, good conversation and an exhilarating experience of learning at its best. With the splendid creations of the chefs and the marvelous wines of Chateau Montelena, you won't miss your favorite restaurant.

The richness of the conversation, the clear summer days and beautiful starlit nights, the stunning mountains rising around the campus, all make for an unparalleled weekend vacation.



Photo: Tim Teague

Sunday brunch at the Hacienda is one of the many high points of the Summer Seminar weekends.

This year, two sessions of the Summer Seminar will be held: the first, July 19-21, and the second, July 26-28. For

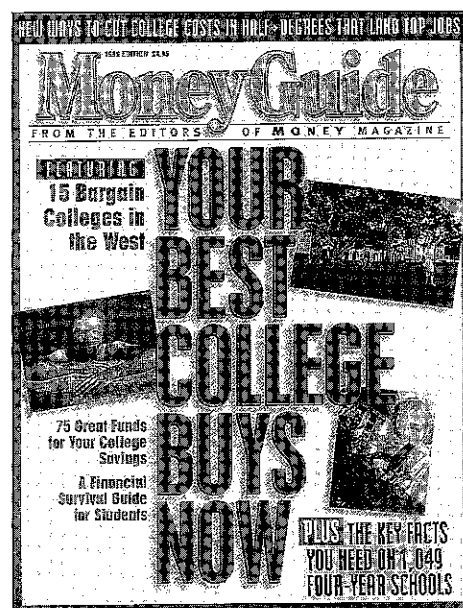
more information, call Jacqueline Slay at the College: 800/634-9797 or locally, 805/525-4417. ☛

## MoneyGuide Ranks College in the Top 10

THE highly regarded *MoneyGuide: Your Best College Buys Now*, published by *Money Magazine*, has ranked Thomas Aquinas College first in California, first west of the Mississippi River, and seventh in the entire nation in the category "top academic religious schools."

The editors assessed the same 16 factors used to rate other colleges and universities; factors such as entrance examination results, faculty resources, freshman retention rate, four-year graduation rates, graduates who earn doctorates, and graduates' business success, among others.

The intent of the *MoneyGuide*, say the editors, is "to identify the schools that deliver the highest-quality education for the tuition and fees they charge." This approach, they state, "makes our ranking an excellent place to start your



college search or to supplement information you obtain on your own from schools and from other guides."

Religious schools are defined as those colleges or universities that "place a premium on religion in their curriculum or campus life." At Thomas Aquinas College, religion is emphasized in both the curriculum and campus life. ☛

## Holding the Line on Tuition

At its most recent meeting, the Board of Governors of the College voted to keep tuition unchanged for the upcoming academic year. This decision will make Thomas Aquinas College an even greater academic value. ☛

## College Mourns the Passing of John Kiely and Patrick Kirby

JOHN R. KIELY

Mr. Kiely, who died January 10, served as a Governor of Thomas Aquinas College from 1975 until 1983, after which he served as a Governor Emeritus until his death. Both he and his wife Margaret generously supported and promoted the College from its early years.

Their daughter Mary, now Sister Maria, graduated from the College in 1977 and lives as a consecrated sister in the Benedictine Monastery of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Vermont.

Mr. Kiely had a distinguished career with the Bechtel Corporation and was involved with some of the largest civil engineering projects in history.

PATRICK JAMES KIRBY

Mr. Kirby, who died on January 16, was a member of the Board of Visitors of Thomas Aquinas College from 1970 until 1979, after which he became a Governor and served until 1986. He also served as the first chairman of the President's Council of the College. He and his wife Betty supported the work of the College from its founding.

Mr. Kirby, an attorney, was active in civic and religious affairs and was an articulate defender of all things Catholic.

The Thomas Aquinas College community gratefully thanks these men for their service and prays for the happy repose of their souls. ☛

## A Record of Giving, continued from page 5

Phila Caldwell's pledge of \$100,000 per year for five years has made a Thomas Aquinas College education possible for ten to fifteen students each year. Her gifts have added \$209,000 to the campaign.

**WILLIAM H. HANNON:** Mr. Hannon, personally and through the William Hannon Foundation, has provided \$325,000 to the campaign in gifts for student financial aid and to endow scholarships. Mr. Hannon served previously as chairman of the Fritz B. Burns Foundation.

**ADELIN PATRICIA McDONOUGH,** *Requiescat in Pace:* Miss McDonough, of New York, a long-time friend of the College and many other Catholic charities, returned to God on January 23, 1994. By her will, she gave the College a magnificent bequest of \$264,000.

**E. L. WIEGAND FOUNDATION:** Based in Reno, Nevada, this foundation has for many years assisted the College to obtain state-of-the-art equipment for the natural science tutorial. Under the leadership of President Kristin Avansino, the foundation has taken an increased interest in the College's innovative approach to education. Their most recent grant of \$195,000 provided the splendid furnishings of St. Bernardine Library.

**THE FLETCHER JONES FOUNDATION:** This southern California foundation, es-

tablished by the late Fletcher Jones, a well-known businessman and investor, has given several major gifts to increase the College's endowment, including campaign gifts totaling \$150,000.

**THE LYNDE & HARRY BRADLEY FOUNDATION:** Based in Wisconsin, this foundation faithfully supports the annual student scholarship effort, and this help during the campaign has added \$150,000.

**MR. & MRS. FRANCIS J. MONTGOMERY:** From the earliest years of the College, the Montgomerys have generously supported the effort to provide student financial aid, as well as many of the building projects on the campus. Their gifts to the campaign total \$118,000.

**MR. NICHOLAS J. BEZ:** Mr. Bez, of Seattle, added to his previous generosity with a major grant for the construction of the new College chapel, bringing his total campaign contribution so far to \$110,000.

**JEROME & ELVIRA DOOLAN FOUNDATION:** At the request of Frances Doolan of Santa Barbara, this foundation provided a gracious grant for student scholarships of \$100,000.

**CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION:** This foundation granted \$100,000 to help fund construction of St. Bernardine Library.

**JOHN M. OLIN FOUNDATION:** This New York-based foundation made grants

totaling \$100,000 to provide student financial aid and to assist in important administrative work involving accreditation.

### PLANNED GIFTS: INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

*Dr. Ruth Hoffman Gift To Endow Student Scholarships*

A deferred gift by Dr. Ruth Hoffman of Santa Barbara will make available several student financial aid scholarships in perpetuity. By designating the College as a beneficiary in a revocable trust, Dr. Hoffman has ensured that \$250,000 will be invested and the proceeds used to provide an education for, at current rates, three to five students each year.

*Catherine G. Rottier Charitable Unitrust*

For many years a member of the President's Council as well as a Summer Seminar alumna, Miss Rottier decided she wanted to do something more to advance genuine Catholic education. Working with College legal counsel, she set up a charitable unitrust of nearly \$400,000 to pay 7% income to the donor during her lifetime, with the assets thereafter going for a purpose designated by the College.

*Adopt a College: Henry & Carol Zeiter's 401(k) Plan Benefits TAC*

Many self-employed business people

and professionals have invested in 401(k) retirement plans which provide tax-free growth. However, unforeseen tax consequences may result upon the death of the owners of the plan. Ordinary income tax, plus extra lump-sum distribution income tax, will ordinarily be levied, as well as estate tax. What's left to pass on to heirs may be as little as 15% of the nominal value of the plan.

Because Henry and his wife, Carol, have both designated the College—not their own estates—as the contingent beneficiary, the whole amount will go to the College to provide scholarships. Henry estimates the value of the plans to be between \$1 and \$2 million.

*Howard & Dorothy Towle Create Irrevocable Charitable Remainder Trust*

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Towle of Rancho Palos Verdes, California, have created a charitable remainder trust with Thomas Aquinas College as the ultimate beneficiary. The two rental properties in the trust, valued at \$336,000, will eventually be sold, with no capital gains tax levied on the sale.

During their lifetimes, the Towles will receive an income of 7% per year; thereafter, all assets of the trust will be distributed to the College. In addition to making a splendid investment in the College's future, the Towles were able to take a current major income tax deduction. ☛