THE MOST REVEREND COLEMAN F. CARROLL, BISHOP OF MIAMI
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“This school over the years will develop and train young women who will be good Americans, good citizens of Boca Raton, good Christians and who will be a credit to the community, the Diocese of Miami and everyone in the United States.”

Extract from an address.
VERY REVEREND MOTHER MARGUERITE-MARIE, R.S.C.M. 
Superior General

"(Our Holy Father) spoke of the great vitality and active spirituality of our religious. Since he is now our Protector, His Holiness said he wished to follow our work closely and to help us as much as possible to fulfill our role in the Church. It seemed evident to him that we were very devoted to the Church since we had expressed our willingness to submit with filial attention to the directives that the Second Vatican Council would give to religious... His Holiness was very impressed by the international aspect of the Institute...

(He said) He would celebrate the Holy Sacrifice for those who were guiding the Institute, for all our religious and for the souls entrusted to our care."

Extract From A Letter.
Dear Mother de la Croix,

"The Hour is great, and it is sacred." These were the words pronounced by Pope Paul VI relating to the Second Vatican Council. We dare to make them our own as we rejoice with you over the dedication of a new Marymount. Such an undertaking is great, indeed; such a trust, truly sacred.

We shall be with you in spirit December 14, 1963 as we recall another wintry day when, on December 8, 1907, two Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary founded in Tarrytown, New York the first of many Marymounts.

We are grateful to God for the blessings which have already been shed in abundance on this newest Marymount; we appreciate the loyalty and devotion of friends; we congratulate you and the faculty on the success of your undertaking, and we are confident that you will continue to be worthy ambassadors of God, dispensing wisely the treasure entrusted to your keeping: the Catholic education of young women.

May the great and sacred character of this memorable moment of Dedication deepen and develop as the years unfold before you. May there be many of them for you and for Marymount College, Boca Raton.

Affectionately yours in J.C.,

Mother M. Magdala, R.S.H.M.

Rev. Mother de la Croix, R.S.H.M.
Marymount College
Boca Raton, Florida
The official seal of the college is adapted from the seal of the parent institution in Tarrytown. The shield is surmounted by the trefoil cross distinctive of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. The three fleur-de-lis indicate the French origin of the Congregation while the five stars commemorate the existing colleges and the country — the United States. The Heart of Mary is set in a symbol of the State of Florida and the Maltese cross is taken from the coat of arms of the Most Reverend Bishop Coleman F. Carroll, Bishop of Miami and Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Latin motto "In lumine tuo, videbimus lumen" is taken from Psalm 34 and summarizes the educational philosophy of the college: "In Thy light, we shall see light," for it only is by divine guidance that learning and education are truly wise.
The solemn blessing and dedication of Marymount College, Boca Raton, Florida mark the formal admission of a fifth member to the family of Marymount Colleges in the United States.

The story of the Marymount Colleges began in 1907 in Tarrytown, New York, when Mother M. Joseph Butler opened a private school for girls on an estate donated to the Religious by her cousin, James Butler. It was named Marymount in honor of the Mother of God and in memory of James Butler's wife, Mary Ann. By 1924, the school had developed into a four year college with a permanent charter. Thereafter, Mother Butler and Mother M. Gerard, the dean of the college, established Marymount Colleges in Paris, Rome, Los Angeles, London, Barcelona, New York City and Arlington, Virginia. The European branches were founded for the express purpose of affording the American students an opportunity of spending the Junior year abroad. Marymount College was the first American college to establish such a program. Mother Butler had long since gone to her eternal reward and Mother M. Gerard was Superior General of the Congregation when Mr. Clarence F. Gaines and Mr. George Bengert proposed first to Mother M. Rita and then to His Excellency Bishop Coleman F. Carroll, the need for a new Catholic college for girls in Florida. With the blessing of Bishop Carroll and under the guidance of Reverend Mother M. Rita, late Superior General, who was then Provincial Mother of the Congregation, Mr. Ben Arvida asked to have a ground for the construction October 24th, 1965. This is an international school in the United States.
but who succeeded Mother Gerard in 1960, Mr. Gaines and
stained a tract of land for the site of the college from the
ion. Fifty acres were included in this first donation. In 1963,
chased an additional fifteen acres to the southwest of the
he architectural firm of Chapman, Evans and Delehanty was
up preliminary plans for the college and on June 9, 1962,
sen for the new construction. The Frank J. Rooney Com­
pany started the erection of the first four buildings in
of background of the institution but the roots of the educa-
from which the Marymount concept emerged go back still
France of 1849 where in the little southern town of Beziers,
hac with the aid of Appolonia Pelissier, founded the Con-
Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. From its origin, the
ad one object: the sanctification of its members through their
or the salvation of souls. The educational projects of the
read rapidly through Portugal, France, England, Ireland and
es. Today, the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary conduct
ages in all these countries and in Italy, Spain, Brazil, Co-
lombia, Southern Rhodesia, Mozambique and Canada. In each country, the
Religious have adapted their fundamental ideal to the national standards,
but they have never deviated from the deep original conviction of the
Founders. Education is for them based on the idea of “an individual with a
supernatural destiny.”

Following in this tradition of an individualized education, Marymount Col­
lege, Boca Raton, sets as its goal the formation of well instructed women
with a responsible attitude toward the pluralistic society in which we live.
This formation is to take place in an atmosphere that emphasizes the inte­
gration rather than the departmentalization of knowledge. Moreover, the
faculty strives to bring about in the student the development of a sense of
personal responsibility. The main function of the faculty is to give the
student a VISION of life as God sees it; a CHALLENGE to live life that
way and AN OPPORTUNITY to prove to themselves that they can do so.

To carry out these ideals, Marymount plans to permeate the curriculum with
them; to provide a rich liberal arts background for all students, while at the
same time giving the needed technical or pre-professional skills to those who
seek them. The integrating factor in the curriculum will always be the phi­
losophy and theology core required of all students.
The Buildings of Marymount College

CARROLL HALL

FOUNDERS' HALL
CARROLL HALL The academic building. The lecture rooms, assembly room, faculty offices, lounge and laboratories are located in this building. The art studio is also here as well as the Dean’s Office. The pastel color scheme of the exterior is continued in the interior — lecture chairs, teachers’ desks and storage cabinets are all in light greens, blues and yellows. A two-story structure, Carroll Hall has outside stairs and corridors. The central court, with its wooden benches shaded by live oak trees, gives an air of scholarly calm to the building. The ornamental sun screens relieve the stark simplicity of its lines.

FOUNDERS’ HALL This building is planned to become eventually a student center. The ingenuity of the architect, while preserving this original concept, has adapted the Hall to serve its present purpose of combined student center and administration building. The temporary chapel, library and auditorium are also here. The exterior, a combination of white concrete brick and green and white cast stone is characterized by the skillful use of ornamental sun screens and arches. Inside, the warmth of the beautiful woodwork emphasizes the architect’s plan of combining simplicity and beauty with utility. The lobby is paneled in French walnut with alternating strips of vinyl fabric. The staircase is in macasjar ebony. The paneled library with its beautiful outside terrace is also wood paneled. Here, a South American wood called amazoue was used. The French walnut is repeated in the folding door of the dining room while the chapel has American walnut. In the private dining room, another type of walnut is used: Australian, also called Oriental.

TRINITY HALL The residence hall. Double rooms accommodate 118 boarders. There are also recreation rooms, visitors lounges and laundries. On the ground floor, there are faculty offices and a lounge for the day students. Trinity carries out the characteristics of the other two buildings. The terrazzo floored lobby is paneled in Brazilian rosewood with a blazed brick trim. The student rooms were planned to adapt to a study during the day. The striking, boldly patterned drapes in gay blues and oranges harmonize with the solid colors of the tailored caps for the beds.

ST. JOSEPH’S This building houses all the air conditioning machinery, the boiler, the incinerator and the central control for all lighting and mechanical work.
In naming one of its buildings, Founders' Hall, Marymount seeks to commemorate all those who were instrumental in the foundation of the college, as well as honoring the venerated founders of the Congregation of the R.S.H.M. The Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary are especially grateful to Mr. Clarence F. Gaines who was responsible for obtaining the land and to the Board of Directors of the Arvida Corporation for their generous gift as well as for their continued cooperation in many of Marymount's projects.

Without the approval and encouragement of the Most Reverend Coleman F. Carroll, the Religious could not have begun their work. Only with the assurance of his blessing can work continue. Every religious congregation has its great men and women; the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary have been blessed with many who merit this distinction. The most recent is the religious who was directly responsible for the foundation in Florida, Very Reverend Mother M. Rita Rowley, late Superior General. In the breadth of her vision she saw the newest Marymount College as an important step in Catholic education in the South and it is through her careful planning and selection that the buildings and campus came to be. Her death in July 1963, in human terms, was indeed untimely, but in the greater plans of God, it was the perfect moment. Mother Rita's name will always be honored and revered at Marymount College.

While Mother Rita initiated and fostered the project, it was the present Provincial Superior, Mother M. Majella, who with unfailing calmness and clarity of judgment guided the uncertain beginnings and with the deep understanding and generosity characteristic of all her ways, lent
advice and encouragement when it was most needed. To her and to the dynamic leadership of her delegated administrator, Mother M. de la Croix, much of the credit for the development of the college must be attributed.

It was through the intervention of another staunch friend of Marymount, the late Mr. Thomas J. Shanahan, that the architectural firm of Chapman, Evans and Delehanty was chosen to design the over-all plan for the campus. The four buildings completed in 1963 are evidence of the wisdom of the choice. Mr. William E. Delehanty's talent and skill were fortified by his personal interest in the project so that future students and teachers at Marymount will long rejoice in the beauty which he planned for their surroundings. It would be impossible to mention the architects without a special word for Mr. Stanley Smosna who carried the designs into their final state with meticulous care.

The builder, receiving his inspiration from the genius of the architect, carried out the project with more than routine faithfulness. To the firm of Frank J. Rooney and to each worker on the buildings, the college expresses its sincere appreciation.

In Florida, nature is frequently lavish in her productions, but she needs human assistance to bring order and beauty from profusion. The landscaping architect, Edward J. Stone, lent that help in beautifying the site and when time and nature have fully cooperated with him, beauty will wander everywhere.

A college always needs legal advice, especially in the initial days of deeds and mortgages. Lawyers are usually associated with cut and dry opinion "handed down," but Marymount has had the benefit of expert legal advice coupled with exquisite Southern courtesy and personal interest from the firm of Walton Lantaff, Schroeder, Atkins, Carson and Wahl in the persons of Mr. C. Clyde Atkins and Mr. Chalmers R. Wilson. To all these friends, Marymount College and the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary are deeply indebted. There are other names which should be listed — parents, alumnae of the various Marymount Colleges, relatives of the Religious — but the list would be endless. To all who assisted in any way with the founding of the College and its operation, a prayerful thank you.
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