Highlights of the Dedication

There was evidence of the unity and interest of the whole Marymount family in the newest college when greetings from the sister Marymounts arrived for Dedication Day. Telegrams of congratulations were received from the four colleges in the United States and from Umtali in Southern Rhodesia. From Rome came a special letter:

"May the Sacred Heart of Mary be with you as the formal blessing of Boca Raton adds another house to the Institute. I know all that this foundation meant to Reverend Mother Rita and only God can understand why it is I and not she that am assuring you of prayers. May her spirit of wisdom guide you to do much for the Church . . . We have made the development of Boca Raton the subject of prayer.

Devotedly in Christ,
Marguerite-Marie, R.S.C.M.
Superior General"

Tarrytown's greetings were threefold: the telegram from the college, the official delegation and the beautiful message from Very Reverend Mother M. Baptiste:

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COLLEGE DEDICATED
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The solemn blessing and dedication of the buildings and campus at Marymount College, Boca Raton, Florida, took place on December 14, 1963. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Coleman F. Carroll, D.D., Bishop of Miami, officiated. The Dedicator Address was given by Dr. George N. Shuster, Assistant to the President, University of Notre Dame, and former President of Hunter College in New York City.

As the guests and faculty assembled, the Bishop, going in procession through the ranks of academically-grown students, intoned the Veni Creator and blessed the exterior of the building. The choir from the Major Seminary of the Diocese sang the responses while Reverend Joseph O'Donnell read a commentary on the ceremonies. After the blessing of the interior and the erection of the dedication crucifix, His Excellency and the Board of Trustees went to the temporary outdoor platform on the terrace to hear Dr. Shuster's address. Stressing the importance of woman in the modern world, Dr. Shuster also emphasized the need for her proper education. In closing the ceremony,

Bishop Carroll spoke of the role of Marymount College in the diocese:

"The Diocese of Miami is extremely happy on this occasion when there comes into existence in a formal manner a school under the direction of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary. We appreciate more than you will ever know the fact of this institution being here because we can foresee in a general way the tremendous amount of good which will come as a result . . . This kind of an institution will do much to save the world from the kind of mess it is in at the present time and to bring happiness and peace to the world. The world is as good as the women in the world."

A large audience of clergy and religious as well as members of the laity were present at the exercises. Tours of the campus were conducted by the students and the guests were greeted at a special reception in Founders' Hall at four o'clock.

Standing with Bishop Carroll are (left to right): Dr. George Shuster; Mothers M. Robert, M. Brendan, M. Jogues, M. Stanislaus, M. Walter.
DEDICATION ADDRESS

The following are some excerpts from the dedication address by Dr. George Shuster:

"In Marymount ... you have a very specific kind of institution: one committed as no college except a religiously inspired one can be, to the spirit of man.

... The Vatican Council ... is a source of inspiration in the present day education of women. (It is time) for redefinition of the role of women (especially in the) area of theology. Women have played a much greater role here than we have given them credit for ... it was a woman, Julian of Norwich, who made the most remarkable statement in the whole of mystical theology: 'I saw God in a point of light.' When I left Hunter College, I was asked if I could prescribe a rule for the education of women. I answered in a paradox that has become hard to explain, but I think the two principles abide: you cannot educate a woman as if she were not a man; but you cannot educate a woman either as if she were a man.

(There are) two basic changes in education today; one comes from the impact of new knowledge. The impact of all the sciences, including the social sciences, has given us two new languages: the language of speech and mathematics. The second change is in the attitude towards moral life ... this is the major challenge to American education today. There is a glorious opportunity for a college of this type to rephrase in modern terms with a deep awareness of the nature of contemporary times this challenge which goes deep to the heart of things ...

Another part of the modern American challenge is the commitment to art ... there is a definite relationship of leisure time, which has increased so much, to the activities of the mind."

In concluding, Dr. Shuster stressed the new emphasis on freedom in education which is now apparent in the education of religious ... a development which he called "highly refreshing and promising." He foresaw, he said, that Marymount would play a very valuable and memorable role in education in Florida and that those who were in any way responsible for the establishment of the college would have every reason to thank God for it.
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First Christmas at Marymount

The Christmas celebrations, traditional in all Marymount Colleges, took on some special aspects in the newest and most southern branch. A tradition dear to the heart of the Foundress of Marymount, Mother Butler, was not neglected: gifts to the needy. The children of migrant workers in nearby Delray Beach benefited from a Christmas party arranged by our CCD workers. On campus, the Glee Club contributed a program of Christmas carols, with community singing at the end. The Candlelight Dinner on the evening before vacation was preceded by a Christmas tree ceremony. The tree, already adorned with the usual lights and tinsel, was hung with the Jesse Tree symbols. An explanation of the ceremony was read and then each student hung a different symbol while reading an interpretation of its significance. This, the students voted, would become their traditional proceeding. Before the dinner, Margaret Daly in the name of all the students, presented the community with the first beautiful, carved figures for the crib, Reverend Mother and the community in their turn distributed to the students medals of Our Lady.

STUDENT COUNCIL BEGINS

The first councilors are inaugurated.

The first concern of the faculty of Marymount was to involve the students directly in the governance of the college. For this reason, shortly after college opened, work began on organizing a student government. Nominations and elections were held. Margaret Daly of West Hempstead, New York, became the first Student Council President. Assisting her are Mary F. Plaia, Resident of Panama; Mary De Mambro, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts; and Hope Clegg, Jacksonville. The Student Council will draw up a constitution for ratification by the faculty and students. Meantime, they are fulfilling their role representing the students to the faculty and bringing rules and traditions into an organized form.

The first students of Marymount, Boca Raton, registered formally for their classes on September 23. The famous Florida sunshine had decided to absent itself for a week and the campus presented a rather distal appearance as the bewildered Freshmen trudged back and forth in steady and sometimes torrential rainfall. The fact that all but two survived that initiation could well be called the first success on the campus.

Classes soon became the major occupation as assignments piled up, but the lighter side of life was attended to also when the neighboring Junior Colleges sent their Newman Club members to the first mixer. In the ensuing weeks, the students found themselves very newsworthy in the local papers. Many of them were interviewed by the Fort Lauderdale News as well as the Boca Raton News. On two occasions, they were in the audience on Florida Forum and questioned the personalities of the evening: Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York and Elliott Roosevelt.

Investiture

The Marymount College student body was invested with the “responsibilities and blessings of true academic excellence” during ceremonies held in the chapel on November 5. The collegiate garb was blessed by the Reverend Joseph O’Donnell, S.M., from the Major Seminary in Boynton Beach, after he had spoken to the students on the significance of the attire. Mother M. Jogues and Mother M. Gerard then invested the students in their caps and gowns. Benediction followed.

BOARD OF REGENTS

As an auxiliary advisory board to the Board of Trustees, Marymount College has formed a Board of Regents. Presently serving are the following: Mr. Duval Headley, Lexington, Kentucky; Mr. Charles R. Graham, Miami, Florida; Mrs. June Janetzki, Delray Beach, Florida; Mr. Frank J. Kelly, Coral Gables, Florida; Mr. Edward D. Lewis, Palm Beach, Florida; Dr. Lloyd Morey, Pompano Beach, Florida; Mr. Vincent O’Neill, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Mr. Frank J. Rooney, Miami, Florida; and Mr. Thomas J. Walker, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
"United in heart and prayer with you today; begging God's blessing on the newest Marymount. May the great spirit of Our Holy Founder and our Beloved Mothers guide you always. Holy Mass offered for Faculty and Students. Ad Multos Anno.

Mother Baptiste, R.S.H.M. Assistant General"

Mother M. Brendan, R.S.H.M., President of Marymount College, Tarrytown, New York, with Mother M. Stanislaus and Mother M. Robert represented the first Marymount at the dedication. In the unavoidable absence of Very Reverend Mother M. Majella, Provincial, Reverend Mother M. Walter, represented her.

Amongst the other distinguished guests were the Presidents of the neighboring colleges: Dr. Joe B. Rushing, Broward Junior College; Dr. Harold C. Manor, Palm Beach Junior College; Reverend Edward J. McCarthy, O.S.A., Biscayne College; Sister M. Dorothy, O. P., Barry College. Representing Florida Atlantic University's President Kenneth B. Williams was Dr. Roger Miller, Dean of Administrative affairs. Dr. James Carney represented President Stanford King of the University of Miami.

The four lay members of the Board of Trustees and their wives were present at the Dedication: Mr. Clarence F. Gaines, Mr. Michael O'Neill, Mr. Stuart W. Patton and Mr. Arthur Quinn, Mr. William E. Delehanty, the architect, and Mr. Frank J. Rooney, the contractor, and their wives were also among the honored guests.

FACULTY NOTES

The faculty of Marymount College, has assisted at many of the college days and nights in the Dade County and Broward County high schools. Both lay and religious participated in these.

Mother M. Gerard, Academic Dean, attended the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities held this year in Memphis, December 1-5, 1963. Mother also addressed the Rotary Club of Deeray Beach at their weekly luncheon meeting in October.

Mother M. Jogues, President and Mother M. Gerard, Dean attended the annual national meeting of the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges, the American Council of Academic Deans and the Association of American Colleges held in Washington D.C., January 14-15. Mother Jogues addressed a breakfast meeting of the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce held at the Boca Raton Cabana Club in January.

Mother M. Thomas, Mother M. Gerald and Mrs. Angela Galen attended the meeting of the Guidance Directors of the region held at Palm Beach Junior College in October.

Miss Ann Ackourey represented the college at the national meeting of the Council of English Teachers held in San Francisco at Thanksgiving. Miss Ackourey was chairman of a panel on communications media.

On December 6 and 7, the college was host to Florida Atlantic's Press Conference for the Junior Colleges. The Board of Control of the University also held its meeting in the Marymount auditorium where the Learning Resources Library had a complete demonstration of their electronic facilities.