Marymount College Awarded "Early Recognition"

Dr. Kenneth Williams, President of Florida Atlantic University, addressed the Marymount College Faculty, Board of Trustees, and Regents at a special dinner held in the College dining room on Sunday, December 13.

Using "Inter-Institutional Cooperation" as his theme, Dr. Williams stressed the historic relationship already established between his large State upper-division university and Marymount's small lower-division college. Particularly emphatic in his expression of gratitude for favors the college has been able to extend the University to date, Dr. Williams pledged his friendship to Marymount and all others interested in cooperating in the great work of education. "We must grasp the hand of friendship intelligently," he stated, as he outlined areas of cooperation in which the two institutions will undoubtedly work together. In physical facilities, student exchange, faculty resources, joint activities, and library and learning resources, Dr. Williams found five areas in which beginnings have already been made.

The dinner followed a specifically concrete example of cooperation between the two institutions: the performance of the Christmas portion of Handel's "The Messiah" by a joint Marymount-Florida Atlantic community chorale and orchestra before an audience of over 300 in the Marymount College auditorium. The performance was conducted by Dr. John Hoover of Florida Atlantic University.

Florida Atlantic President Addresses Marymount Family

SELF STUDY PROGRAM TO BEGIN AT ONCE

As a result of an investigation conducted November 11, 1964, by a visiting committee comprised of Dr. James Wattenbarger, Director of Junior Colleges for the State Dept. of Education, and Dr. Joseph B. Ezell, Assistant Executive Secretary from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Marymount College has been officially awarded the distinction of Early Recognition as a Candidate for Membership in the Southern Association. The following statement was formally issued by the Association to Marymount College:

"This category has been designed to grant recognition to newly established institutions which can qualify as universities, senior colleges or junior colleges. These institutions . . . show projections which evidence rapid progress toward qualifying for full accreditation and membership." In addition to the above communication, Dr. Ezell also conveyed the following information in a telephone conversation from Association Headquarters in Atlanta:

"Instead of waiting the usual 5-year period previously required for membership to the Southern Association, Marymount is earnestly encouraged to begin immediately proceedings for formal application for accreditation."

This entails a Self-Study Program which (Sr. Gerard announced) will be undertaken next semester. It will be a joint project carried out by the administration, the faculty and the students. "The Self-Study project is not just a chore," said the Dean, "but an excellent way of bringing faculty and students together for critical evaluation, thoughtful appraisal and the stimulating challenge of experimentation . . . in curricular and co-curricular planning."

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Reverend Raymond J. Nogar, O.P., S.T.Lr., Ph.D., a brilliant scholar, biologist, philosopher, and theologian (and one of the most knowledgeable as well as most articulate authorities today on evolution) was a guest at Marymount from December 24.

On December 3, Father presented two lectures, one ("The Origin of the Universe") before a dinner attended by students, faculty, and friends of the College, and one in the evening ("The Four Follies: The Meditations of An Evolutionist on the Future of Man"). The author of "Wisdom of Evolution" (Doubleday, 1963), the co-author of "Science in Synthesis" and the future author of "Evolution and the Future of Man"; a contributor to the New Scholasticism, Thomist, the New World, the Critic, and other journals of philosophy and science; the executive secretary of the Albertus Magnus Lyceum, an organization of philosophers and scientists dedicated to the resolution of mutual problems; and currently a professor of Philosophy of Science, Theoretical Biology and Evolution at the Aquinas Institute of Philosophy in River Forest, Illinois, Father Nogar brought to Marymount all the credentials of weighty scholarship and made them enormously attractive by his personal radiance and warm brilliance.

His presence was felt. As the students remarked in their paper: "Please bring Father Nogar back." And Dr.

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Reverend Robert W. Gleason, S.J., a member of the Department of Theology of Fordham University and an internationally known theologian, author, and editor, will speak at Marymount College in Boca Raton on January 22 and 23.

Father Gleason, who is especially known as an American theologian and psychologist who was one of the first to recognize and transfer the dynamism of modern European theological thought to our country, will speak on January 22 at 7:30 P.M. on "Adaptation and Conciliar Insight." This lecture will be open to the public.

On January 23 Father will address visiting Religious in three conferences: "Authority and Freedom (9:30 A.M.), "Personality Development in the Religious Life" (at 12:30 after Mass and lunch), and "Personal Commitment and Contemporary Apathy" (at 3:00 P.M.).

For a time staff lecturer at the University of Namur, Father Gleason has lectured widely at Congresses and Institutes in Spain and Italy. His books, The World to Come, Christ and the Christian, To Live is Christ, Counseling the Catholic, and Grace have been translated into six European languages and gone into some thirty editions. Father Gleason is also the editor of Eyes of Others and Problems and Progress, two challenging symposiums of modern theological insights.

Father Gleason’s lectures are the first in a series of Christian Renewal Conferences to be conducted this year at Marymount College. In February Reverend Daniel Berrigan, S.J., will discuss "The Mission of the Church," and in March, Sr. Charles Borromeo, C.S.C., will lecture on "The Apostolate."

All the conferences will be conducted in the auditorium in Founder’s Hall on the college campus.
BETTER WORLD MOVEMENT RETREAT
AT MARYMOUNT COLLEGE

Rev. Stanley Kusman, S.M., one of the 15 original promoters of "The Movement: For a Better World," conducted the retreat for the Sisters on Dec. 29, 30, and 31.

Nearly 100 Sisters of the Dioceses of Miami and St. Augustine participated in a three-day "collective retreat" according to the plan of the promoters of "The Movement: For a Better World" at Marymount College, on December 29, 30, and 31.

The retreat was conducted by one of the original United States promoters of "The Movement: For a Better World," Reverend Stanley Kusman, S.M. It was based on the "Exercises For a Better World" by Reverend Riccardo Lombardi, S.J., founder and international director of the Movement.

"The Movement: For a Better World" initiated by pontifical proclamation of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, February 10, 1952. Later Pope John XXIII, on June 3, 1959, in a letter bearing his personal signature, stated: "Born with the purpose of giving concrete and immediate execution to the program of renewal, which in 1952 rang out from an ardent appeal of Our Predecessor, Pius XII, of venerable memory, this Movement has responded to the invitation with zeal and fervent intent.

"In confirmation of the heavenly gifts which we invoke upon your labors, and as a pledge of our goodwill, We impart with all Our hearts to you, the priests, religious, and lay people who work with you in the said Movement Our Apostolic Benediction."

Pope Paul VI repeated the blessing in a general audience in Rome last spring: "... how wise and praiseworthy, deserving of every encomium and of my every blessing, is this anxiety for what is better, of doing a little more, of stretching out toward perfection, of rivaling with our fitting correspondence the increased needs of the modern world... Be assured that I support you in your resolutions and your thoughts by my prayers and blessings."


"The Movement is not an organization. It is a spirit to be infused into every existing organization of the Church in order to affect the spiritual renewal envisioned for the post-Council period. It is an ascetical current moving toward a general conversion of our generation through CHARITY in its communitarian applications..."

Differing from the usual personal retreat in that this retreat at Marymount stressed "... the renovation of the collective conscience of man—man in the Mystical Body—to bring about united action for the achievement of man's goal here and hereafter," this retreat included "collective meditation," "collective visits" to the Blessed Sacrament, and encouraged discussion of feelings, experiences, and convictions.

The retreat according to "The Movement For a Better World" is divided into three periods: (a) The establishment of the providential need at this moment in history for the construction of a better world; (b) The stressing of the importance of personal renewal for those who would construct a better world; and (c) The demonstration of how unity can be achieved and maintained between two human beings, and spread to families, parishes, dioceses, states, countries, and the whole world.
TENNIS COURTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

As part of their desire to contribute to the development of Marymount, the students have initiated a drive for new tennis courts.

A fifty dollar pledge by each has made possible the immediate construction of three all-weather green composition tennis courts on the campus. F. C. Feise and Co. from Narbeth, Pennsylvania, the contractors, plan to complete the courts sometime in January.

The tennis courts will provide the first recreational facility on campus—a fitting prelude to the swimming pool the students are so anxious to acquire.

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Kenneth Williams, the President of Florida Atlantic University, in his address to the Marymount Board of Trustees, Regents, and Faculty made an explicit reference to the value of using video-tape to record a great speaker "like Father Nogar" so that his talk would not be limited to the few privileged to attend his lectures, but to all who could use the television facilities of Florida Atlantic University.

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If — as a result of this joint cooperation, the Self Study is completed satisfactorily and all standards are met, by October 1, 1965, Marymount may file its application and await the visitation of a committee whose purpose will be to recommend the College for official accreditation. Meanwhile, Marymount enjoys the status of Candidate for Membership with retroactive clause. (This means that as soon as its accreditation becomes official, all courses ever given at Marymount, since the opening of the college, become fully accredited.)

Dr. Wattenbarger, after his day at Marymount, sent the following communication:

"Marymount is well on the way to becoming one of the really fine institutions of our state. I think you need have no fear or trepidation regarding your program."

Marymount College auditorium was the scene of a cultural first for Boca Raton on Sunday, December 13. There over 800 people witnessed and heard an auspicious and possibly unique example of community cultural cooperation.

Donations to Marymount Development Fund gratefully appreciated.
Mr. James Skakel $5,000
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