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Dallas, Pennsylvania

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CONVOCATION



Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Sunday evening, May twenty-eighth

nineteen hundred and sixty-one  
at eight-thirty o'clock



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1961

PRAESES AC PROFESSORES  
COLLEGII MISERICORDIAE  
OMNIBUS AD QUORUM NOTITIAM HAE LITTERAE  
PERVENERINT SALUTEM ET PACEM IN DOMINO

Et manumissae servitutis limitibus quos antiquitas pagana in eis imponit et causa doctrinae spiritusque Christiani liberatae, regnum provocationum quod eis dignitatem institit et ab eis repoposcit maximi momenti rationem, attigerunt mulieres. Itaque verba Summi Pontificis Pii XII memorare possunt: "Orta sunt nova genera mulierum quae, tamquam Christiana cultus exempla, auctoritatem imposuerunt et tantae sunt pro religione martyres, et sanctae, et apostoli, et virgines, et morum mutationum amplissimarum auctores, et omnium humanorum dolorum adjutrices, et denique animarum perditarum conservatores et educatores."

Ut vero hanc dignitatem persequeatur, ut quibus societas sine fine imperat placeat, mulier Catholica esse debet vasa virtutis quae, quod utile est, quod pulchrum, quod bonum verumque, et conservat et diffundit per omnia et singula opera et tandem in mulierum moribus est quaerendum semper ut omnia in Christo reficiant. Oportet ergo omnibus saeculis mulierum et naturam et educationem et fidem conspirare ad fortis e mulieribus producendas necque fortis determinatione stabili constantique Judith et sanctae spiritu casto et caritate Mariae. Saeculo undevicesimo Dublinii talis fuit Mater Maria Catherina McAuley, Sororum Misericordiae auctor et quidem saeculo nostro qualis est Mater Maria Bernardina quae hodie a nobis honoratur.

Bene educata viis Dei et vitae religiosae in novitio Sororum Misericordiae, Cincinnatiensii, et docta scientia paedagogiae litterisque humanis in Universitate Catholica Americae, haec misericordiae naturam primo radiavit et in scholis suae communitatis se consecravit. Annos quidem quadraginta in causa Dei servorum administrator laboravit tamquam, ut ita dicam, aedificator et pro tempore et pro aeternitate. Dum autem Domum Maternum complet, dum Consiliaria Generalis agit, dum secunda Mater Generalis Sororum Misericordiae regit, in quibus terris familia religiosa viguit, opera sua et devotio completa coronata sunt.

Non solum perfectioni personali religiosa devota sed etiam Sororum administrator princepsque ad excellentiam summam percucurrit. Ut quidem excellentia et nutricis et doctoris continuaretur, fundamenta pro nosocomiorum Societate perpetua et Annuo Colloquio ad disciplinam Sororum Misericordiae posuit; ut pro minimis Christi adessent excellentiae copia et pro Sororibus quae sine cupiditate juvenibus debilibus adjuvarent scientiae educatio, Mater M. Bernardina clarissimam scholam Sancti Mauritii ad specialem disciplinam constituit. Utique et lege ecclesiastica et spiritus vita docta Mores et Sanctam Legem Sororum Misericordiae emendavit, majorem educationem asceticam pro Professis instituit, et tandem visione paene prophetica de Formatione Sororum Doctrinam expectavit ita ut novae religiosae operibus munirentur et educatio sive intellectualis sive spiritualis sive apostolica amplificaretur.

Quae cum ita sint, muliere forte e libro Sapientiae inventa cuius "lucerna in nocte non extinguetur, quae manum suam aperuit inopi et os suum sapientiae et legi clementiae, surrexerunt filii ejus et beatissimam praedicaverunt." Itaque, solemnni contione convocata, nos etiam, et Praeses et Professores Collegii Misericordiae, nostram humanam praedicationem Scripturae laudi adjungemus et quidem, ut sorores solent, familiae amore guadentes valde magno gaudio creamus et decalaramus.

MATREM MARIAM BERNARDINAM PURCELL, R.S.M.  
LEGUM DOCTOREM, HONORIS CAUSA

Quod ut omnibus innotesceretur et ut Doctor omnibus hujus honoris juribus ac privilegiis frueretur, nomina nostra his litteris subscrisimus atque easdem sigillo magno Collegii munivimus. Data Dallas, in Statu Pennsylvaniae, die duodetricesimo, mensis Maii, anno Domini millesimo nongentesimo sexagesimo primo et hujus nostri Collegii tricesimo septimo.

Decanus      Soror Marianna, R.S.M.

Praeses      Soror Maria Celestina, R.S.M.

THE PRESIDENT AND PROFESSORS  
OF COLLEGE MISERICORDIA  
TO ALL THOSE TO WHOSE KNOWLEDGE THESE DOCUMENTS  
MAY COME GREETINGS AND PEACE IN THE LORD

Liberated from the chattered bondage of pagan antiquity, and emancipated by the ennobling doctrine and spirit of Christianity, womanhood walked into a new world of challenge, a new dignity, and pressingly new responsibilities. In the words of Pope Pius XII, "new types of womanhood came to life and made their influence felt under Christian civilization, such as those who were martyrs for religion, saints, apostles, virgins, promoters of wide-scale reforms, assuagers of all human sufferings, savers of lost souls, and educators."

To fulfill this dignity and to satisfy society's never ebbing demands, the Catholic woman must be a vessel of virtue, preserving and diffusing the useful, the beautiful, the true and the good through a lifetime of service, seeking in womanly fashion to restore all things in Christ. For every century, womanhood's nature, education, and faith must conspire to produce valiant leaders from feminine ranks: women with the pioneering, resolute determination of Judith, women with the pure, charitable, sanctifying spirit of Mary. In nineteenth-century Dublin, such a woman was Mother Mary Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. In our own generation such a leader is Mother Mary Bernardine whom we are pleased to honor today.

Educated in the ways of God and religious life at the Sisters of Mercy Novitiate, Cincinnati, and in the humanities and the science of pedagogy at the Catholic University of America, Sister first radiated the quality of mercy and vowed dedication in the schools of her community. Thereafter, followed forty years of administrative service for the servants of God, during which she became a builder for time and eternity. Be it completing the new Generalate Motherhouse, or as General Councilor, or as the second Mother General of the Sisters of Mercy, her devoted governance of her scattered religious family was crowned with achievement.

Not only as a religious vowed to personal perfection, but as an administrator and leader of her Sisters, was she quickened in her pursuit of excellence. To perpetuate excellence of service in nursing and teaching, she laid a lasting foundation for the Hospital Institute and the Annual Educational Conference of the Sisters of Mercy. To assure excellence of opportunity for the least of Christ's little ones and scientific training for the Sisters whose selfless labors seek to supply nature's deficits in retarded youth, Mother M. Bernardine established the renowned St. Maurice School for Special Education. Well-informed in matters of ecclesiastical law and the life of the spirit, she revised the Customs and Holy Rule of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union, inaugurated advanced ascetical training for the Professed and with piercing vision anticipated the Sister Formation Movement to fortify young religious and to intensify their intellectual, spiritual and apostolic training.

Wherefore, having found the valiant woman of Proverbs whose "lamp of merits shall not be put out in the night, who hath put her hand to strong things, hath opened her hand to the needy and her mouth to wisdom and the law of clemency, her children rose up and called her blessed." And therefore now, in solemn convocation assembled, we, the President and Professors of College Misericordia, add our human praise to scriptural encomium, and pulsing with familial pride and sisterly affection, we joyfully create and proclaim

MOTHER MARY BERNARDINE PURCELL, R.S.M.  
DOCTOR OF LAWS, *Honoris causa*

And that she might enjoy all the rights and privileges attached to this our highest honor, and that this our act be known to all men, we have signed our names to these presents and thereto affixed the Seal of the College. Given at Dallas, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on this twenty-eighth day of May, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-One and the year of our College, the thirty-seventh.

Dean      Sister Marianna, R.S.M.

President      Sister Mary Celestine, R.S.M.

## Bachelor of Arts

Consolata Maria Arcudi .....	Pittston
Diane Barney .....	Forty Fort
Marilyn Teresa Carr .....	Forty Fort
Jean Ellen Comiskey .....	Kingston
Margaret Anne Comstock .....	Springfield
Mary Ann Jessie Drobnicki .....	West Wyoming
Elizabeth Jeanne Galvin .....	Jersey City, N. J.
Joan Elinor Gettler .....	Pearl River, N. Y.
Elizabeth B. Glosser .....	Plymouth
Barbara Sheila Isaacs .....	Kingston, Jamaica, W. I.
Judith Frances Jordan .....	Hillside, N. J.
Rosanna Mary Krivenko .....	Tremont
Mary Alice Lawlor .....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Dorothy Ann Lawrence .....	Swoyersville
Judith Louise Leydecker .....	Rochester, N. Y.
Pamela Kathleen Roch .....	Chatham, N. J.
Marie Ann Spinelli .....	Harrisburg
Beth Mary Turnbach .....	Hazleton
Mary Eloise Ann Zelenok .....	Kingston

## Bachelor of Science

Mary Ann Judith Atmonavage .....	Pittston
Ann Marie Ruth Brussock .....	Kingston
Patricia Ann Byrne .....	Jersey City, N. J.
Ann Marie Carlotta De Luca .....	Pittston
Marianne Louise Erceg .....	Swoyersville
Ann Mary Gabriel .....	Kingston
Assunta Marie Giordano .....	Pittston
Kathleen Patricia Heidelberger .....	Cum Laude
Mary Theresa Kascak .....	Edgewater, N. J.
Patricia Ann Kelly .....	Wilkes-Barre
Catherine Marie Lawryk .....	Jersey City, N. J.
Michaeline A. Markowski .....	Wilkes-Barre
Maryann Jean Mislavitz .....	Plymouth
Mary Patrice Mundy .....	Nanticoke
Marion Paula Norkaitis .....	Wilkes-Barre
Constance Mary Ostrowski .....	Wilkes-Barre
Sandra L. Riscavage .....	Wilkes-Barre
Sylvia Susan Romanoski .....	Larksville
Clarella Mary Rovin .....	Edwardsville
Sally Antionette Sliwinski .....	Wilkes-Barre
Teresa Ann Thomas .....	Wilkes-Barre
Julia Mary Wallace .....	Wilkes-Barre
Mary Ann Elizabeth Wichowski .....	Wilkes-Barre
Antoinette Marie Wisnewski .....	Dallas

## Bachelor of Music

Madelyn Christina Gloe .....	Magna Cum Laude	Staten Island, N. Y.
Annemarie Jamilkoski .....	Wilkes-Barre	
Margaret Mary Kennedy .....	Oakhurst, N. J.	
Jean Marie Neff .....	Wilkes-Barre	
Geraldine Marguerite Orowicz .....	Wilkes-Barre	
Carole Ann Robinson .....	South Fork	
Patricia Bette Ann Sladish .....	Hicksville	
Thea Marie Waldrop .....	Lebanon	

## Bachelor of Science in Secretarial Science

Nathalie A. Brown .....	Harrisburg
Emma Elizabeth Engler .....	Trucksville
Katherine Louise Heiss .....	Saddle Brook, N. J.
Rose Mary Margaret Ippoliti .....	Freeland
Helen Marie Kelly .....	Pittston
Barbara Marie Kohl .....	Elizabeth, N. J.
Margaret Ann McAneny .....	Wilkes-Barre
Mary Ann Piazza .....	Luzerne
Sally M. Schwartz .....	Wilkes-Barre
Marianne Lucille Svetz .....	Ashley

## Bachelor of Science in Home Economics

- Helen Cecilia Alpaugh .....	West Pittston
Agnes Angela Bradley .....	Harrisburg
Anna Chu .....	Taipei, Formosa, China
Rosemary J. Fitzpatrick .....	Ashley
Marie Patricia Ginley .....	Wilkes-Barre
Regina Lee Miller .....	Arlington, Virginia
Janice Florence Udzela .....	Luzerne

## Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

Nora Ann Barrett .....	West Pittston
Madelyn P. Brader .....	Wilkes-Barre
Sharon Bratkowsky .....	Kingston
Mary Josephine Brennan .....	Wilkes-Barre
Esther Mary Burke .....	Elizabeth, N. J.
Mary Frances Byrnes .....	Bridgeport, Conn.
Jacqueline Marie Campbell .....	Wyoming
Adele Barbara Cioban .....	Linden, N. J.
Margaret M. Connor .....	Kingston
Judith Ellen Connors .....	West Wyoming
Sandra Ann Della Croce .....	Hazleton
Kathleen Lorraine Dillon .....	Pittston
Ann Catherine Dougher .....	Avoca
Judith Ann Doyle .....	Harrisburg
Kathleen M. Eberhard .....	Hawley
Mary Louise Evans .....	<i>Cum Laude</i> ..... Wilkes-Barre
Catherine Ann Fahey .....	Inkerman
Marilyn Joan Gaita .....	Douglas, N. Y.
Ann Elizabeth Gallagher .....	Wilkes-Barre
Lois Ann Holzbach .....	Elizabeth, N. J.
Noreen Imelda Hopkins .....	Pittston
Mary Sue Jennings .....	Haddonfield, N. J.
Mavreen Margaret Kelly .....	Dallas
Annette Lois Kraynak .....	Swoyersville
Mary Rocereto Luchi .....	Wilkes-Barre
Nan Heston McCarthy .....	Avoca
Mary Alyce McGroarty .....	<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> ..... Ashley
Marjorie Virginia Moll .....	Honesdale
Barbara Jean Olsheski .....	Duryea
Elaine Ann Patyk .....	Wilkes-Barre
Patricia J. Ridzon .....	Kingston
Claire Marie Schall .....	Harveys Lake
Regina Patrice Shehadi .....	<i>Cum Laude</i> ..... White Haven
Josephine M. Stilp .....	Wilkes-Barre
Joan Mary Synave .....	Louisville, Kentucky
Mary O'Donnell Toole .....	Clover Hill Gardens, N. J.
Mary Redington Vas Korlis .....	Wilkes-Barre

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education

Mary Alice Bahl .....	Towanda
Helen F. Bonk, R. N. ....	Avoca
Mary Kathryn Brennan .....	Wilkes-Barre
Anne Marie Comiskey, R. N. ....	Kingston
Cecile Marie Kerber, R. N. ....	Avoca
Irene Margaret Kester .....	Luzerne
Annmarie Toole Leidinger, R. N. ....	Scranton
Juel Ann Margaret Loughney, R. N. ....	Pittston
Mary Jo Luksic .....	Wilkes-Barre
Barbara Ellen McKeefe .....	Hollis, N. Y.
Jessie W. Olshefski, R. N. ....	Glen Lyon
Bernice Coval Poch, R. N. ....	Scranton
Anna A. Ravina, R. N. ....	Hazleton
Ann Catherine Smyden, R. N. ....	Wilkes-Barre
Mary Endler Stoneham, R. N. ....	Kingston
Gloria Joan Capitan Strumski, R. N. ....	Wilkes-Barre

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1961 Summer School Graduation

Mother M. Teresa Walsh Auditorium

Friday, August fourth

nineteen hundred and sixty-one  
at two p. m.

# PROGRAM

## PROCESSIONAL

Invocation .....	Right Reverend Monsignor James T. Clarke College Misericordia
National Anthem .....	Audience
Address to the Graduates .....	Reverend Donald A. McAndrews Church of the Immaculate Conception, West Pittston
Presentation of Candidates .....	Right Reverend Monsignor James T. Clarke College Misericordia
Conferring of Hoods .....	Sister Mary Celestine, R.S.M. President, College Misericordia
Conferring of Degrees .....	Mother Mary de Lourdes, R.S.M. Mother Provincial, Scranton Province
O Mio Fernando from the opera "La Favorita" .....	Donizetti
A Memory .....	Ganz Patricia Ungemach, soloist Mrs. Anne Abood, Accompanist
Closing Remarks .....	Mother Mary de Lourdes, R.S.M. Mother Provincial, Scranton Province
Salve Mater .....	Audience

## RECESSIONAL

(The audience will please remain standing until the graduates have filed out.)

## B.S. IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Sister Mary Dominica Fellin, R.S.M.  
Sister Marie Assunta Gillis, R.S.M.  
Sister Dolorosa Marie Kolnoskas, C.J.C.  
Sister Mary Don Bosco Rocks, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Campion Williamson, R.S.M.  
Sister M. Bernardita Winiarski, C.S.B.

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Sister Marie Chabanel Erzal, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Margaret Loretta Link, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Rosamistica MacDermott, C.S.B.  
Sister Mary Johnnine Miller, R.S.M.

### BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Sister Marise Fabie, R.S.M.

### B.S. IN SECRETARIAL SCIENCE

Sister Mary Jane Kelly, R.S.M.

Sister M. Concepta Abbott, D.M., R.N.  
Genevieve Balavage Balogh  
Sister M. Corona Beltran, C.S.B.  
Sister M. Bononia Bieniasz, C.S.B.  
Bina Pallini Brominski  
Sister Marie Corona Crouse, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Annrita Culp, R.S.M.  
Sister Marina Culp, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Vincentia de Cheubell, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Anne de Beaupre Doggett, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Shaun Duffy, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Nadia Ehnot, O.S.B.M.  
Sister Mary Mechtilde Endler, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Dolorosa Fleming, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Lambert Hagg, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Margaret Alacoque Hearn, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Lenore Heiser, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Martina Hurley, R.S.M.  
Sister M. Materna Jaracz, C.S.B.  
Sister Mary Carmela Kashmere, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Paschal Kline, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Ambrose Kovac, R.S.M.  
Sister M. Nativitas Kruszynski, C.S.B.  
Sister Mary Edna Lamb, R.S.M.

B.S. IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (Cont'd)

Sister M. Gratia Majkrzak, C.S.B.  
Sister M. Edmund McNally, S.C.C.  
Sister Mary Agnese Mikolaj, R.S.M.  
Sister M. Helen Obuhanick, C.S.B.  
Sister Mary Nadine Pretti, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Lucina Pulling, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Canisius Redding, R.S.M.  
Sister M. Montmarie Rees, C.S.B.  
Sister M. Martin Rogala, C.S.B.  
Sister Mary Boniface Schuck, R.S.M.  
Sister Mary Corelle Turek, C.S.B.  
Sister Mary Clare Francis Watkins, R.S.M.  
Reba Bransdorf Winkler  
Sister M. Florine Witek, C.S.B.  
Sister M. Carlene Zebracka, C.S.B.

B.S. IN NURSING EDUCATION

Sister M. Vitalia Azarewicz, C.S.B., R.N.  
Joan Ann Horan Connors, R.N.  
Marcella Kozmoski Jones, R.N.  
Sister Mary Eugenio Kelly, R.S.M., R.N.  
Mary Louise K. Ruane, R.N.  
Marjorie Woodruff, R.N.

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