

COLLEGE MISERICORDIA

DALLAS, PENNSYLVANIA

62nd COMMENCEMENT CONVOCAATION



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Saturday afternoon, May twenty-first

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at two o'clock*

PROGRAM



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PROGRAM

- Academic Processional: "Trumpet Voluntary" Purcell
Richard Dower, Organ
Michael Amory '90, Trumpet
- Invocation Reverend John Petrasko
College Chaplain
- National Anthem Cheryl Ann Blockland '88
- Welcome Joseph R. Fink, Ph.D.
President
- Address to the Candidates Edward J. Connors
President, Mercy Health Services
- Conferring of Honorary Degrees Murray Ufberg, Esquire
Vice-Chairman, Board of Trustees
- Doctor of Laws Edward J. Connors
President, Mercy Health Services
- Doctor of Humane Letters Sister Helen Amos, R.S.M.
President, Sisters of Mercy of the Union
- Doctor of Humane Letters Thomas P. Shelburne
Chairman, President, (Retired) NEP Communications, Inc.
- Presentation of the Catherine McAuley Medal
to Margaret Husic Spengler '36 Joseph R. Fink, Ph.D.
President
- Presentation of Candidates for Degrees Sister Mary Glennon, R.S.M., Ph.D.
Academic Dean
- Conferring of Degrees Joseph R. Fink, Ph.D.
President
- Remarks Karen Theresa Williams '88
Class Valedictorian
- Alma Mater Suzanne Marie Hatrak '88
- Benediction Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo, J.T.D., D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Scranton
- Academic Recessional: "Recessional" Johnson

MARSHALS

Sister Agnes Brennan, R.S.M., Grand Marshal
Dr. Donald O. Fries, Class Moderator

Benedicta North Matchett '56	David M. Payne, Jr. '85
Monica Ann Yelen Loferski '57	Ellen Payne McLaughlin '86
Delores Saracino Mirro '69	Mary Ellen Gulloti '87
Ann Schofield Palko '75	Diane Kuttentberg '87
Judith Gardner-Price '77, <i>President</i>	Susan M. Payne '87
<i>Alumni Association</i>	Keith Thomas '87

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

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ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Radiologic Technology

Kenneth H. Howe Wilkes-Barre, PA
Kellie S. Johannes Honesdale, PA
Antoinette Peperno Old Forge, PA
Sara A. Ryan Waymart, PA
Daniel Louis Verbeck *Cum Laude* Kersey, PA

BACHELOR OF ARTS

English

Patrice Lynn Brennan Harrisburg, PA
Rosanne Griffin *Cum Laude, Degree Honors* .. Little Meadows, PA
Mary Annette Brennan Kovalcin Swoyersville, PA
Tina Marie Polachek .. *Magna Cum Laude, Degree Honors* Wilkes-Barre, PA

History

William Carl Holweg Moosic, PA
Gregory M. Lopatofsky Meshoppen, PA
Beverly Ann Markowski Harveys Lake, PA
John-David Pallante .. *Magna Cum Laude, Degree Honors*. Shavertown, PA
Suzanne Beth Pallante ... *Cum Laude, Degree Honors* Westville, NJ
Tina Marie Polachek .. *Magna Cum Laude, Degree Honors* Wilkes-Barre, PA
Denise Renee Redenski *College Honors* Kingston, PA
Amy Ann Shwed Dickson City, PA
Gerald F. Strubinger, Jr. Jim Thorpe, PA

Liberal Studies

Patricia A. Bogdan Dallas, PA
Barbara A. Daniels *Cum Laude* Shawanese, PA
Clarence R. Davis, Jr. Dallas, PA
Florence Nitch Harry . *Summa Cum Laude, Degree Honors* Dallas, PA
Roger Allen Heydt *Cum Laude, College Honors* Ashley, PA
Mary Mackin *Magna Cum Laude* Forty Fort, PA
Joanne T. Sarsala Exeter, PA
Larry Stephenson Dallas, PA

Mathematics

Mary Ann Tighe Pittston, PA

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

Music Education

Cheryl Ann Blockland *Summa Cum Laude* Sweet Valley, PA
Christopher A. Bodnar Allentown, PA
Suzanne Marie Hatrak Edwardsville, PA
Joseph John Malocheski Swoyersville, PA
Mary Catherine Rovinski Mountaintop, PA
Mary Wilce Swoyersville, PA
John P. Williams Kingston, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Accounting

Jean Marie Detz Nanticoke, PA
Cynthia Marie Parente Exeter, PA
Judith E. Richardson Shickshinny, PA
Catherine Barry Suttie Dallas, PA
Rebecca J. Tunaitis Stillwater, PA
Karen Marie Ziller Plymouth, PA

Biology

Shari Lynne Austin . *Summa Cum Laude, Degree Honors* . Wapwallopen, PA
Laurie Ann Kinney Hunlock Creek, PA
Gregory D. Kupp Lebanon, PA
Joseph Kutza *Magna Cum Laude* Berwick, PA
Joseph G. Munster Kingston, PA
Corinne Ann Rice Dallas, PA
Karen Theresa Williams *Summa Cum Laude* Larksville, PA

Business Administration

Allison Louise Albert Shamokin, PA
Ricky Norman Aldrich New Milford, PA
Michael Jerome Barry Dallas, PA
Louis Pasquale Cella West Pittston, PA
William R. Coniglio Kingston, PA
Joan M. Cordaro *Cum Laude* Forty Fort, PA
Carolyn D'Annunzio Bridgewater, NJ
Brian Patrick Donahue Pittston, PA
Judith Ann Ellis Wilkes-Barre, PA
Dale Faux Falls, PA
Joseph Gomba Shavertown, PA

Bachelor of Science (Business Admin.) — (cont'd)

John James Gruttadauria Pittston, PA
 Jason A. Harding Noxen, PA
 Neil E. Hess Orangeville, PA
 Lisa Marie Holley Macungie, PA
 Linda James Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Patrick Michael Lehman Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Joan E. Matthiesen Mechanicsburg, PA
 Paul M. Nardone *Cum Laude* Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Ronald Osmanski Plains, PA
 John G. Paltanavich *Summa Cum Laude* Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Lynn Marie Polovitch Throop, PA
 Steven E. Reilly Fishkill, NY
 William A. Schultz Plains, PA
 Richard G. Secor *Summa Cum Laude* Swoyersville, PA
 Suzanne Sharp Clark, NJ
 Laurie Ann Smith West Pittston, PA
 Kimberly Ann Stetzar Scranton, PA
 Todd Joseph Whitley Florham Park, NJ
 John Joseph Wright Fishkill, NY
 Christine A. Yanek *Magna Cum Laude* Dallas, PA

Computer Science/Mathematics

Richard Albert Brassington .. *Magna Cum Laude, Degree Honors* .. Guyana
 Shirley Brennan Edwardsville, PA
 Robert Noel Cartier Dallas, PA
 Nigel I. Fung-A-Fat .. *Magna Cum Laude, Degree Honors* Dallas, PA
 Charles Arlington Vanderhoff Dallas, PA

Elementary Education

Linda Marie Baran *Cum Laude* Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Theresa Marie Condon Endicott, NY
 Molly Ann Cuff Sunbury, PA
 Judi Maura Dessoye Pittston, PA
 Carol Therese Gesumaria Sunbury, PA
 Cheryl Lynn Hines West Pittston, PA
 Karen Leigh King Endwell, NY
 Kellie Maria Knapich *Magna Cum Laude* Hunlock Creek, PA
 Joanne Judith Kotch *Cum Laude* Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Mary Beth Prawdzik Wilkes-Barre, PA

Bachelor of Science (Elementary Education) — (cont'd)

Karen Marie Skrzysowski *Magna Cum Laude* Dupont, PA
 Lisa Lyn Treat *Cum Laude* Tunkhannock, PA
 Denise Marie Yoder Reading, PA

General Studies

Albert James DeHaven, Jr. Edwardsville, PA
 Catherine Josephine Dellario Kingston, PA
 Theresa Ann Emminger Vestal, NY
 Elizabeth Mary Catherine McGrath Chambersburg, PA
 Francine J. Trakes Frackville, PA

Liberal Studies

Sharon Ann Krasner *Magna Cum Laude* Harveys Lake, PA
 Mary Llewellyn Shavertown, PA
 Mary Patricia Redgate Mountaintop, PA
 Suhair El-Shellah Zalatimo Dallas, PA

Mathematics

Barbara J. Crane *Magna Cum Laude* Dallas, PA

Medical Technology

P. Kelley Bertolini Wall, NJ
 Carol M. Gill Scranton, PA
 Lynn Ann Snopkowski Dupont, PA

Occupational Therapy

Laurie Kay Allegar Benton, PA
 Lorraine Ambrose Pittston, PA
 Kathryn Frances Baggarly Mattapoisett, MA
 Cynthia Ann Budzilek Dupont, PA
 Elizabeth Marie Cardell Blakely, PA
 Joseph A. Cipriani, Jr. *Summa Cum Laude* Nanticoke, PA
 Stephanie Ann Colella Avoca, PA
 Janet Rose Cooper Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Susan Marie Corby *Magna Cum Laude* Cressona, PA
 Elizabeth Anne Dalton West Chester, PA
 Judith Frances DeMedio Conshohocken, PA
 Felicia Marie Fezio Gibbstown, NJ
 Traci Smith Giberson Tunkhannock, PA
 Steven Holefelder Aston, PA
 Renee Michalina Hudock Kingston, PA
 Kimberly Ann Jacques Clarks Summit, PA
 A. Louise Kreider *Summa Cum Laude* Stroudsburg, PA

Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy) — (cont'd)

David C. Krukowski Nanticoke, PA
Rita S. Laver Trucksville, PA
Dawn Marie Loftus Wilkes-Barre, PA
Kathleen P. Meyer Honesdale, PA
Nancy E. Moore Dimock, PA
Ellen May Morgantini West Pittston, PA
Keri Beth Nagle Kingston, PA
Maria Ann Nasser Sheatown, PA
Tracy Michele Nornhold Campbelltown, PA
Denise Marie Osmulski Wilkes-Barre, PA
Yvette Marie Przystrzelski Wilkes-Barre, PA
Rebecca A. Stahley *Cum Laude* Lancaster, PA
Rebecca Julia Stoklosa *Magna Cum Laude* Carbondale, PA
Thomas Raymond Swartwood *Magna Cum Laude* Dallas, PA
Stacy L. Zehner Nescopeck, PA

Radiography

Suzanne B. Bergevin Dallas, PA
Elizabeth A. Eife Kingston, PA
Karen Lee Eshelman West Pittston, PA
James Joseph Gorney *Summa Cum Laude* Clarks Summit, PA
Walter John Kierzkowski, Jr. Scranton, PA
Dawn Marie Millan Wilkes-Barre, PA
Susan Evans Naperkowski *Cum Laude* Wilkes-Barre, PA
Loraine Ponzelli Tunkhannock, PA
Joseph Patrick Schofield Scranton, PA

Special Education

Catherine A. Henning Carbondale, PA
Carmela M. Maccarone Wilkes-Barre, PA
Michele Roy Bangor, PA

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Deborah Ann Aigeldinger Dickson City, PA
Joan Ardoline Pittston, PA
Marybeth Bridget Baker *Cum Laude* Edison, NJ
Ellen Lisa Bonham Honesdale, PA
Debra L. Bradley Carbondale, PA
Elaine Marie Breslin Rutledge, PA
Sandee Sue Butz Nanticoke, PA
Colleen Emily Cavanaugh Springfield, PA

Bachelor of Science in Nursing — (cont'd)

Bridget Susan Cretella Berwick, PA
Roxanne Dlugosh Degnan Wilkes-Barre, PA
Lori Ann Drost Wilkes-Barre, PA
Susan Budurka Dule Nanticoke, PA
Tina Marie Fabbrini Wilkes-Barre, PA
Lisa M. Fanucci Peckville, PA
Lisa N. Fasciana Pittston, PA
Michael John Golden Wilkes-Barre, PA
Jennifer Jean Gosart West Wyoming, PA
Karen Haduck Pittston, PA
Michelle Lee Haydock *Magna Cum Laude* Alden, PA
Maria T. Kazmierczak *Cum Laude* Scranton, PA
Kathleen Marie Kelly Scranton, PA
Ellen Mary Kiss Union, NJ
Paula Marie Kobal Exeter, PA
Lisa Marie Kresge Wilkes-Barre, PA
Audra R. LaFratte Pittston, PA
Maureen Catherine McFarland Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mary Catherine Elizabeth McNally Scranton, PA
Sherri Ann Mikolon Mountaintop, PA
Paulette Lee Niznik Dallas, PA
Mary Monica Paley Shavertown, PA
Roberta Catherine Pepperling Ashley, PA
Theresa Marie Romanowski *Cum Laude* West Pittston, PA
Sharon Ann Rome Exeter, PA
Janet W. Saar *Cum Laude* Montoursville, PA
Christine Ann Stravinski Pittston, PA
Angela Marie Valenti *Magna Cum Laude* Pittston, PA
Betty Jo Warner Laceyville, PA
David Allen Wilbur Falls, PA
Janet Anne Bibler Williams *Cum Laude* Laflin, PA
Kenneth A. Williams Shavertown, PA
Cynthia Ann Zaleppa Wilkes-Barre, PA

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

Sharon Lee Baer Hunlock Creek, PA
Debra Jo Benware Wappnors Falls, NY
Betty DiGiovanni Shavertown, PA

Bachelor of Social Work — (cont'd)

Arlene Florence Goble	Macungie, PA
Elaine Patricia Lawville	Ridley Park, PA
Andrea Liguori-Nguyen	Forty Fort, PA
Doreen Ann Mrugal	Kingston, PA
Cynthia Ann Paulikas	Iselin, NJ
Catherine Marie Payne	Harveys Lake, PA
Susan Linda Postlethwaite	Carbondale, PA
Jacqueline Marie Salvaggio	Wyoming, PA
Linda Marie Sperrazza	Pittston, PA

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Human Services Administration

Salem Amer Saeed Al-Nahdi	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Barbara Ann Bradley	Tunkhannock, PA
Mary Ellen Brody, RSM	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Edith I. DeProfio	Kingston, PA
Lynn Susan Durdach	Dunmore, PA
Kathie Flanagan-Herstek	Trucksville, PA
Lori Kathleen Frey	Hunlock Creek, PA
Sherry L. Mooney	Factoryville, PA
Robin S. Rex	Berwick, PA
Marian Louise Towers	Chenango Forks, NY

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Patricia Louise Brainard	Appalachin, NY
Barbara A. Buickus	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mary Joan Burns	Scranton, PA
Beth A. Chakan	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Frances C. Consagra	Mayfield, PA
Mary C. Dalpiaz	Berwick, PA
Marie A. Davis	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Kathleen Anne Devine Gelso	Dallas, PA
Mary Lou Jepko-Cookson	Colorado Springs, CO
Bonnie Jean Kalish	Tunkhannock, PA
Mary D. Krlic	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Mary Ann Krolkowski	Cresco, PA
Debra A. Moran	Pittston, PA

Master of Science in Nursing — (cont'd)

Emily Mary Sisco	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Susan Marie Smeltz	Bloomsburg, PA
Carol Orban Smith	Kingston, PA
Dorothy Marie Sowa	Nanticoke, PA
Helene Speziale	Kingston, PA
Linda S. Stout	Harding, PA
Patricia B. Wysowski	Nanticoke, PA
Sally J. Yoder	Towanda, PA
Michalene I. Zajac	Wilkes-Barre, PA

HONORS AND AWARDS

Annual award contributed by the College Misericordia Board of Trustees to the student exemplifying the College's academic, leadership and service ideals is awarded to:

Richard A. Brassington

Award founded by College Misericordia Alumni for proficiency in SCHOLARSHIP during four years is awarded to:

Karen Theresa Williams

The John F. Kennedy Award founded by the Greater Wilkes-Barre Democratic Club, Inc., for proficiency in AMERICAN HISTORY is awarded to:

Tina Marie Polachek

The Bishop Hafey General Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Award for proficiency in HISTORY is awarded to:

**John-David Pallante
Tina Marie Polachek**

The West Side Knights of Columbus Assumpta Council Award for proficiency in AMERICAN HISTORY is awarded to:

John-David Pallante

The Sister Mary Kateri Dowart Award for Excellence and Leadership in NURSING is awarded to:

Angela Marie Valenti

The Alpha Delta Mu Award for Scholastic Achievement in SOCIAL WORK is awarded to:

Sharon Lee Baer

The Mother Mary Teresa Walsh Award founded by the Walsh Family for proficiency in RELIGIOUS STUDIES during four years is awarded to:

Mary Llewellyn

The Julia Janice Koons Bonin Award founded by Mary R. Koons for proficiency in MUSIC is awarded to:

Cheryl Ann Blockland

HONORS AND AWARDS — (cont'd)

The Division of Nursing Exemplary Service Award is awarded to:

Paulette Lee Niznik

The Sister M. Noreen Mulherin, R.S.M. Award for excellence in EDUCATION is awarded to:

Kellie Maria Knapich

The Pennsylvania Association of Colleges for Teacher Education CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT is presented to:

Kellie Maria Knapich

The Sister Miriam Gallagher and Dr. Mary Santopolo Memorial Award for outstanding LITERARY ACHIEVEMENT, donated by Alicia Murphy Dillon is awarded to:

**Patrice Lynn Brennan
Rosanne Griffin
Mary Mackin**

The Dr. Tatjana Petrychenko Award founded by the College Misericordia Biological Society in recognition of outstanding achievement in BIOLOGY is awarded to:

Karen Theresa Williams

The Mallinckrodt Award for clinical excellence in the study of RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY is awarded to:

Sara A. Ryan

The Rho-Tau Club Award for outstanding academic achievement in the study of RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY is awarded to:

James Joseph Gorney

The Teresa and Frank J. Mehm Prize, awarded annually to that undergraduate student who, by vote of the Deans of the College, most nearly represents the ideal Misericordia man or woman with respect to moral courage, intellectual vigor and participation, on and off campus, contributing to the advancement of the College is awarded to:

Nigel I. Fung-A-Fat

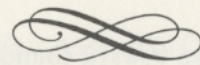
HONORS AND AWARDS — (cont'd)

The Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Award for excellence in ACCOUNTING STUDIES is awarded to:

Sharon Ann Krasner

The Grace Andrews Award, presented to the outstanding non-traditional student demonstrating enthusiasm for lifelong learning, is awarded to:

Mary Mackin



The following alumni are serving as ushers for the Commencement Convocation:

Jeanne Fraley Coyle '49

Bernadette Gesumaria Smith '52

Maxine Minkiewicz Sembrat '53

Regina Carey '63

Sandra Sella '64

Kathleen M. Reiss '69

Cynthia Sutton '83

Kenneth Albert '86

Joseph T. Pallante '86

Maria A. Pallante '86

Andrea DiMarcantonio '87

Duane Frank '87

HONOR SOCIETIES

Students admitted to KAPPA GAMMA PI, National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society:

Shari Lynne Austin

Richard A. Brassington

Barbara J. Crane

Nigel I. Fung-A-Fat

James Joseph Gorney

Florence Nitch Harry

Kellie Maria Knapich

Joanne Judith Kotch

Sharon Ann Krasner

A. Louise Kreider

Joseph Kutza

Mary Mackin

John-David Pallante

Tina Marie Polachek

Rebecca Julia Stoklosa

Karen Marie Skrzysowski

Angela Marie Valenti

Students admitted to SIGMA PHI SIGMA, National Honor Society of Colleges conducted by the Sisters of Mercy in the United States:

Richard A. Brassington

James Joseph Gorney

Rosanne Griffin

Suzanne Marie Hatrak

Michelle Lee Haydock

Joanne Judith Kotch

Joseph Kutza

Cynthia Ann Paulikas

Tina Marie Polachek

Thomas Raymond Swartwood

Angela Marie Valenti

Students admitted to WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES:

Laurie K. Allegar

Shari Lynne Austin

Marybeth Baker

Cheryl A. Blockland

Richard A. Brassington

Shirley Brennan

Susan Marie Corby

Elizabeth Anne Dalton

Nigel I. Fung-A-Fat

James Joseph Gorney

Rosanne Griffin

Kellie Maria Knapich

A. Louise Kreider

Gregory D. Kupp

Joseph Kutza

Mary Mackin

Paul Nardone

Tracy Nornhold

Tina Marie Polachek

Steven Reilly

Michele Roy

Kimberly A. Stetzar

Angela Marie Valenti

Karen Theresa Williams

HONOR SOCIETIES — (cont'd)

Students admitted to **LAMBDA IOTA TAU**, Beta Epsilon Chapter, International Literature Honor Society:

Patrice Lynn Brennan
Rosanne Griffin
Mary Mackin
Tina Marie Polachek

Students admitted to the **PHI SIGMA BETA** Honor Society for the recognition of scholarship and achievement in the promotion of leadership within the Radiologic Technology profession:

James Joseph Gorney
Daniel Louis Verbeck

Students admitted to the Theta Phi Chapter, **SIGMA THETA TAU** Honor Society for Nursing:

Marybeth Bridget Baker
Lori Ann Drost
Michelle Lee Haydock
Lisa Marie Kresge
Theresa Marie Romanowski
Janet W. Saar
Angela Marie Valenti
Janet Anne Bibler Williams
Cynthia Ann Zaleppaa

Students admitted to the Beta Chi Chapter, **ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA**, National Honor Society for Continuing Education students:

Patricia A. Bogdan
Joan M. Cordaro
Clarence R. Davis, Jr.
Judith Ann Ellis
Sharon Ann Krasner
Mary Mackin
Mary Monica Paley
John G. Paltanavich
Janet W. Saar
Richard G. Secor
Larry Stephenson
Catherine Barry Suttie

HONOR SOCIETIES — (cont'd)

Students admitted to the Beta Chapter, **DELTA EPSILON SIGMA**, National Scholastic Honor Society:

Shari Lynne Austin	Sharon Ann Krasner
Cheryl Ann Blockland	A. Louise Kreider
Richard A. Brassington	Joseph Kutza
Barbara J. Crane	Mary Mackin
Nigel I. Fung-A-Fat	John-David Pallante
James Joseph Gorney	Tina Marie Polachek
Florence Nitch Harry	Rebecca Julia Stoklosa
Kellie Maria Knapich	Karen Theresa Williams

Students admitted to the Psi Chapter of **PI THETA EPSILON** the National Occupational Therapy Honor Society:

Laurie Kay Allegar	Renee Michalina Hudock
Cynthia Ann Budzilek	A. Louise Kreider
Joseph A. Cipriani, Jr.	Dawn Marie Loftus
Stephanie Ann Colella	Keri Beth Nagle
Susan Marie Corby	Tracy Michele Nornhold
Felicia Marie Fezio	Rebecca A. Stahley
Traci Smith Giberson	Rebecca Julia Stoklosa
Steven Holefelder	Thomas Raymond Swartwood

Students admitted to the Nightingale Society Academic Honors, for scholarly work in Nursing:

Lori Ann Drost	Theresa Marie Romanowski
Michelle Lee Haydock	Janet W. Saar
Maria T. Kazmierczak	Angela Marie Valenti
Lisa Marie Kresge	Janet Anne Bibler Williams
Mary Monica Paley	Cynthia Ann Zaleppaa

Students inducted into the Epsilon Chapter of **ALPHA DELTA MU** Honor Society in Social Work:

Sharon Lee Baer
Betty DiGiovanni

EDWARD JOSEPH CONNORS DOCTOR OF LAWS, *HONORIS CAUSA*

College Misericordia has chosen to honor Edward Joseph Connors for his distinctive achievements in the field of health service through a life-time of dedication to training health-care providers and public health administrators.

A native of Sioux City, Iowa, Edward Connors earned his Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics at the University of South Dakota, and his Master of Health Administration degree from the University of Minnesota. His professional teaching career began at the University of Michigan, School of Public Health, and included teaching in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the University of Wisconsin, as well as Graduate teaching at the University of Chicago. He also served as Superintendent of University Hospitals at the University of Wisconsin and later as Director of University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Early in his career, Professor Connors engaged in scholarly research; with the support of the Kellogg Foundation he became Project Director for studies of Progressive Patient Care, of Extended Care Units in General Hospitals, of Nursing Homes, of Hospital and Medical Economics. His published works number more than 25 articles in professional health journals, each title attesting to his growing concern for the care of the sick and the needy.

In 1974 Edward Connors became Consultant to the Sisters of Mercy, Province of Detroit, as they assessed their health services through a Professional Standards Review. Studies of the Detroit Mercy Multi-Institutional Health Systems led to his appointment, in 1976, as President of the Detroit Mercy Health Corporation, and his present position of service as President of Mercy Health Services, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Concern for issues of Public Health and Mercy Health Care Services have involved Edward Connors in dozens of service roles in local, state, and national health organizations. He is an active member of The American Hospital Association, having served on a number of its committees, and is currently Chairman-Elect Designate of that group; he is active also in The Catholic Hospital Association and has served on state hospital associations in Wisconsin, Michigan, and, on a local level, in the Greater Detroit Area. His role of voluntary service includes many Executive Boards, Boards of Directors and Boards of Trustees, most recently at Mercy College in Detroit. In the past five years in seventeen states, he has spoken about the changing impact of delivering health services to the poor, addressing groups of hospital administrators and leaders of religious congregations engaged in sponsoring and providing health care.

College Misericordia today presents to Edward Joseph Connors the degree of Doctor of Laws, in recognition of his professional life concern: calling public attention to those in need of health services. He has done it through teaching, through published writing, through public speaking, through professional directing of multi-hospital health systems. He has sought to improve quality of life, not just in a city, not just in a state, not just in a nation, but in the special life each needy person lives.

HELEN AMOS, RSM DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, *HONORIS CAUSA*

Sister Helen Amos, RSM, has been chosen to receive an honorary degree from College Misericordia in recognition of her outstanding achievement as a leader among women religious on a national level. She is currently the President of the 4,000-member congregation of religious women known as the Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Union of America. Her canonical jurisdiction includes nine provinces of the Mercy Order, each with Province Offices in Baltimore, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, New York, Omaha, Providence, St. Louis, Scranton, as well as the Mercy missions throughout the Caribbean, Central and South America.

A native of Mobile, Alabama, Helen Amos entered the congregation of the Religious Sisters of Mercy in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1956. She received a degree in mathematics at a Mercy college, Mount Saint Agnes College in Baltimore. While teaching first in Savannah, Georgia, and then in Atlanta, she began the study of Educational Administration at the University of Georgia. Her Master's degree in mathematics was earned at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, in 1963. By 1970 she had begun to interweave the two major educational thrusts of her life — mathematics and administration — into the one major dedication of her life — the corporal and spiritual works of the Religious Sisters of Mercy.

Helen Amos served as Registrar at Mount Saint Agnes College; after the College closed in 1970, she became Assistant Registrar at Loyola University in Baltimore at the same time she took on the job of Director of Finance for the Baltimore Mercy Province. For six years she performed administrative duties for both the Baltimore Province and the diocese of Baltimore where she held the office of Director of Personnel. In 1979 Helen Amos was elected Provincial Administrator of the Baltimore Mercy Sisters and in 1984, she was chosen to lead all the Sisters of Mercy in the United States as their elected President. Three weeks ago, on April 27, 1988, Sister Helen Amos was unanimously acclaimed President of the Sisters of Mercy for a second term, 1988-1992.

Early in life Helen Amos witnessed the deep dedication of the Sisters of Mercy she knew throughout the southern states; she saw them caring for the poor in Alabama, caring for the sick in Maryland and Georgia, caring very much everywhere for those whose intellectual needs called, perhaps, for the greatest caring of all through elementary and secondary diocesan schools to even the higher levels of education in colleges and universities. And because she understood that Mercy and Justice come about only through caring, she committed her life to goals of the Sisters of Mercy. Under her leadership, three weeks ago, the 4,000 Religious Sisters of Mercy of the Union voted to join the 5,000-member Federation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas in order to combine resources for strengthening their corporate and personal commitment to the ideal of Catherine McAuley: "The care of the poor, the sick, the uneducated."

College Misericordia is proud to acknowledge the quiet achievements of Sister Helen Amos, a mathematician who cares about people, an administrator whose concern is taking great risks that will bring about even greater results, a Religious Sister of Mercy who, like Catherine McAuley, leads her community through difficult times to a wholly new future.

THOMAS P. SHELBURNE DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS, *HONORIS CAUSA*

Thomas P. Shelburne has been chosen by College Misericordia to receive an honorary degree because of his outstanding record of public service in commerce and industry within the local community.

A native of Prince Edward County, Virginia, Thomas Shelburne earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Hampton Sydney College, Virginia, and a Master of Arts at the College of William and Mary.

Although he began his professional career as a high-school principal in Virginia, it was his work with the United States Office of Price Administration in Washington, D.C., and the acquaintances he met there that led to his life-long interest in the power of communication through public media: newspaper, radio, television. He came to Wilkes-Barre to help form a radio station, WILK. From that point on, the expansion of communications media and the consequent economic development of Northeastern Pennsylvania became major concerns in the life of Thomas Shelburne.

Mr. Shelburne's interest in communications led to his public involvement as co-founder, stockholder, station manager, Executive Vice-President, and Chief Executive Officer respectively, of a pioneer TV station, WILK-TV, Channel 34, of the well-established Channel 16, WNEP-TV, of the Public Broadcasting System WVIA-TV, and, finally, as President of Northeastern Pennsylvania Communications, Inc. It was for that work that he was honored in 1987 by the Northeastern Business Hall of Fame whose aim is to acknowledge and award business leaders who have enriched the community with their activities.

Mr. Shelburne's dedication to public service and civic causes has involved him in leadership roles on Boards of Directors and Committees, often as Chairman or President, for the United Way, the Luzerne-Lackawanna Environmental Council, the Economic Development Council, the Northeastern Pennsylvania Image Committee, the Executive Committee of HSA, the Northeast Pennsylvania Marketing Committee, the Pennsylvania State Advisory Transportation Committee, and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Chambers of Commerce.

He has been involved in education and health-care as both college and hospital trustee, and in local cultural activities as Past President of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic Society.

A person whose talents have been for organization and whose concern has been for public service, Thomas Shelburne has been designated Northeastern Pennsylvania Man of the Year, Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Pennsylvanian, and listed in *Who's Who In The East*, 1987. College Misericordia today recognizes the commitment to public service, the dedication to civic and cultural concerns, the varied leadership roles in the community that truly distinguish Thomas P. Shelburne as a worthy recipient of an Honorary Degree.

MARGARET HUSIC SPENGLER

Margaret Husic graduated from College Misericordia in 1936 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics. Misericordia was a very small school with a very large vision of a woman's place in the world: a vision of women as influence, of women as leaders. Today in 1988, College Misericordia recognizes in Margaret Husic Spengler a woman whose own vision and influence have gone out from this high hill to change the lives of women in other parts of the country, and on the other side of the world.

When Margaret speaks of her days here as a student, she speaks not of academic subjects and grade point averages; rather, she speaks of the Religious Sisters of Mercy who influenced her so deeply, especially Mother Catharine McGann, first Academic Dean of the College. It was the Sisters on the faculty who first spoke a name Margaret Husic was to remember for more than 50 years, the name of another Sister Catherine, Catherine McAuley of Dublin, Ireland, founder of the Sisters of Mercy in 1831. Margaret understood that the Sisters on the College faculty were inspired to educate women in particular according to their founder's vision of service and compassion. For Margaret, receiving a degree from Misericordia was the first step in learning how to influence one's own world and how to preserve one's own vision of merciful compassion through voluntary service: to the state of Massachusetts, to the town of Arlington where she lives, and to the Alumni Association of her College.

Margaret Husic Spengler has received the University of Massachusetts Governor's Civic Award for her work on the State Board of Higher Education, the Department of Education Committee on Racial Imbalance, the Attorney General's Advisory Committee on Judicial Crime. In her home town of Arlington she has been awarded the Teachers Association Citation for work on the Board of Public Welfare, the Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Directors Department of Youth Services.

It is, however, as a member of the Alumni that Margaret Husic Spengler has carried forth into her world the vision of her teachers, of their founder. As former President of the College Misericordia Alumni Association, she has permanently influenced graduating classes by her own example of voluntary service. In 1985 she became the first official Alumni representative to the Board of Trustees at College Misericordia, serving as a liaison between the Alumni Association and the Board.

The mother of five sons, Margaret is married to Kenneth Spengler, executive director of the American Meteorological Society, Boston.

Therefore, when the World Meteorological Society held its meeting in Beijing, China, it was Margaret Husic Spengler who influenced the Communist Chinese government to send to College Misericordia two young meteorologists, Junxue Zhang and Xaio Mai Zheng. Her vision of their world led her to bring them to a vision of her world, to the Catholic College where that vision first took tangible form.

College Misericordia is proud to present the Catherine McAuley Medal for "compassion" and for "service" to a most worthy Alumna, Margaret Husic Spengler. She remembered the Sisters of Mercy who taught her in this College; most of all, she shared their vision of compassionate service.

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Shall proudly o'er us wave
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Denote your spirit brave.

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and to you we will e'er be true
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Your shield of honor, strength and might
Shall ever be our guide.



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