

SCRIPT

LA SALLE UNIVERSITY

THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1999

3:00 PM

GOLA ARENA IN HAYMAN CENTER

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STAGE SEATING FOR INAUGURATION OF BROTHER MICHAEL MC GINNISS

BRO. BENEDICT
OLIVER

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GRADY

DR. MARJORIE
HEINZER

HON. DONNA REED
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FRANCIS

DR. RICHARD
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BRO. MICHAEL
MC GINNISS

DR. JOHN
ROONEY

MR. JOHN
SHEA

DR. MICHAEL
DUZY

DR. ZANE
WOLF

BRO. JOSEPH
BURKE

MR. CHARLES
QUATTRONE

BRO. CHARLES
EICHELMEIER

MSGR. FRANCIS
BEACH

MSGR. PHILLIP
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TWENTY-EIGHTH PRESIDENT OF La Salle University

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ORDER OF PROCESSION FOR THE STAGE PARTY

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(OVER)

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CALL CEREMONY

***(DR. NIGRO GOES TO MICROPHONE)**

**DR. NIGRO: WELCOME. IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO
CONVENE THE INAUGURATION OF BROTHER
MICHAEL J. MCGINNISS AS THE 28TH PRESIDENT OF
LA SALLE UNIVERSITY. AS WE BEGIN, PLEASE RISE
FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.**

***(DR. NIGRO STAYS AT ONE MICROPHONE WHILE BR.
CHARLES ECHELMEIER PERFORMS NATIONAL ANTHEM
AT OTHER MICROPHONE)**

BR. CHARLES ECHELMEIER:

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave.
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

DR. NIGRO:**I WOULD LIKE TO ASK**

**ANTHONY CARDINAL BEVILACQUA, ARCHBISHOP OF
PHILADELPHIA, TO LEAD US IN PRAYER.**

*(CARDINAL BEVILACQUA LEADS INVOCATION AT
OTHER MICROPHONE)

DR. NIGRO:**I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME**

**MR. JOHN SHEA, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF LA SALLE UNIVERSITY AND A
GRADUATE OF THE CLASS OF 1959.**

*(MR. SHEA WELCOMES GUESTS AT OTHER
MICROPHONE)

**DR. NIGRO: PLEASE JOIN ME IN
WELCOMING REVEREND MONSIGNOR PHILIP
CRIBBEN, SECRETARY FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION
IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA.**

***(MSGR. CRIBBEN MAKES HIS PRESENTATION AT OTHER
MICROPHONE)**

**DR. NIGRO: I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME
DR. DON FRANCIS, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION
OF INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF
PENNSYLVANIA.**

***(DR. FRANCIS MAKES HIS PRESENTATION AT OTHER
MICROPHONE)**

**DR. NIGRO: I AM PLEASED AT THIS TIME
TO WELCOME THE HONORABLE DONNA REED
MILLER, 8TH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
FOR PHILADELPHIA.**

***(COUNCILWOMAN MILLER GREETED AT OTHER
MICROPHONE WHILE DR. NIGRO IS SEATED)**

*(AFTER FINISHING GREETING, COUNCILWOMAN MILLER IS SEATED)

*(VIDEO ROLLS AND THEN CONCLUDES)

*(BROTHER CHARLES ECHELMEIER APPROACHES MICROPHONE AND LEADS HYMN)

Psalm 100: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

William Kethe, 1561

Adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992

Tune: OLD HUNDRETH L.M.

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
Delight in God whose praise you tell,
Whose presence calls you to rejoice.**

**Know that there is one God, indeed,
Who fashions us without our aid,
Who claims us, gives us all we need,
Whose tender care will never fade.**

**Enter the sacred gates with praise,
With joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always
As people whom the Spirit calls.**

**Proclaim again that God is good,
Whose mercy is forever sure,
Whose truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**

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***(HYMN ENDS AND DR. NIGRO RETURNS TO MICROPHONE)**

**DR. NIGRO: AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE
TO WELCOME BROTHER JAMES GAFFNEY,
PRESIDENT OF LEWIS UNIVERSITY IN ROMEVILLE,
ILLINOIS AND A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF LA SALLE UNIVERSITY.**

***(BR. GAFFNEY ADDRESSES AT OTHER MICROPHONE)**

**DR. NIGRO: NOW, THE CALLS TO SERVICE
WILL BE ISSUED BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:
BROTHER BENEDICT OLIVER, PROVINCIAL FOR THE
BALTIMORE DISTRICT OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE
BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
REVEREND MONSIGNOR FRANCIS BEACH, THE
REGIONAL VICAR FOR PHILADELPHIA -- NORTH IN
THE ARCHDIOCESE;**

**DR. MARJORIE HEINZER, PRESIDENT OF THE
FACULTY SENATE OF LA SALLE UNIVERSITY;
MR. CHARLES QUATTRONE, PRESIDENT OF THE
LA SALLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND A MEMBER OF
THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION;
MS. MEGAN BARNETT, PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION; AND
MR. JOHN SHEA, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD,
ACCOMPANIED BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES, MR. NICHOLAS GIORDANO AND MS.
EILEEN SLAWEK.
AND, NOW, BROTHER BENEDICT OLIVER.**

***(DR. NIGRO IS SEATED AND BR. OLIVER APPROACHES
OTHER MICROPHONE TO PRESENT HIS CALL TO
SERVICE)**

BR. OLIVER:

*In **The Rule of the Brothers of the Christian Schools**, we read:*

“As he became aware, by God’s grace, of the human and spiritual distress of ‘the children of the artisans and the poor’, John Baptist de La Salle devoted himself to forming schoolmasters totally dedicated to teaching and to Christian education. He brought these teachers together in a community and subsequently founded with them the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

“The Brothers, in fidelity to the call of the Spirit and the charism of their Founder, consecrate themselves to God in order to exercise, by association, their apostolic ministry of education.”

The “Mission Statement of La Salle University” makes clear reference to this 300 year old, yet still living, tradition when it says:

“As a Christian Brothers university, La Salle continues in the Catholic traditions of the innovative educator John Baptist de La Salle, who founded the order. The university engages in programs in which students’ personal, social and religious values may take root, and in which students may grow in mature attitudes and behavior in all human relationships. The university strives to foster an environment of faith which produces a reciprocal respect among all persons in the community and to establish an atmosphere in which community members may openly bear witness to their convictions on world peace and social justice.”

At this point the speaker may insert his/her own prepared remarks to the call. The speaker should be aware, however, that the entire call should not exceed 3 minutes.

I, Brother Benedict Oliver, as Provincial of the Baltimore District of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and representing the thousands of men and women who minister “together and by association” in

Lasallian schools world-wide, call you to remain conscious of and faithful to this tradition as you serve the La Salle University community as its president.

***(AS BR. BENEDICT IS BEING SEATED, MSGR. BEACH APPROACHES OTHER MICROPHONE)**

MSGR. BEACH:

In his Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities, *Ex corde ecclesiae*, Pope John Paul II, has written:

“A Catholic university, as any university, is immersed in human society; as an extension of its service to the Church and always within its proper competence, it is called on to become an ever more effective instrument of cultural progress for individuals as well as for society. Included among its research, therefore, will be a study of serious contemporary problems in areas such as the dignity of human life, the promotion of justice for all, the quality of personal and family life, the protection of nature, the search for peace and political stability, a more just sharing in the world’s resources, and a new economic and political order that will better serve the human community at a national and international level. University research will seek to discover the roots and causes of the serious problems of our time, paying special attention to their ethical and religious dimensions.”

The “Mission Statement of La Salle University” states:

“The University strives to foster an environment of faith which produces a reciprocal respect among all persons in the community and to establish an atmosphere in which community members may openly bear witness to their convictions on world peace and social justice ... [and] ... continue to provide residents of the immediate La Salle neighborhood the ... resources and expertise to improve the quality of their lives.”

At this point the speaker may insert his/her own prepared remarks to the call. The speaker should be aware, however, that the entire call should not exceed 3 minutes.

I, Msgr. Francis Beach, Regional Vicar for Philadelphia-North, and speaking for all members of the many faith communities which minister to

the population of Northwest Philadelphia, call you to remain conscious of and faithful to these ideals of human dignity, peace and justice as you serve the La Salle University community as its president.

***(AS MSGR. BEACH IS BEING SEATED, DR. HEINZER APPROACHES OTHER MICROPHONE)**

DR. HEINZER:

In his Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities, *Ex corde ecclesiae*, Pope John Paul II, has written:

“Born from the heart of the church, a Catholic university is located in that course of tradition which may be traced back to the very origin of the university as an institution. It has always been recognized as an incomparable center of creativity and dissemination of knowledge for the good of humanity. By vocation, the *universitas magistrorum et scholarium* is dedicated to research, to teaching and to the education of students who freely associate with their teachers in a common love of knowledge.

“It is the honor and responsibility of a Catholic university to consecrate itself without reserve to the cause of truth. This is its way of serving at one and the same time both the dignity of humanity and the good of the Church, which has ‘an intimate conviction that truth is its real ally...and that knowledge and reason are sure ministers to faith’.”

The “Mission Statement of La Salle University” declares:

“The University has, as its basic purpose, the free search for truth by teaching its students the basic skills, knowledge, and values that they will need for a life of human dignity. The programs of the University also aim at preparing students for informed service and progressive leadership in their communities and for fulfilling the immediate and final goals of their lives.”

At this point the speaker may insert his/her own prepared remarks to the call. The speaker should be aware, however, that the entire call should not exceed 3 minutes.

I, Dr. Marjorie Heinzer, a member of the faculty of La Salle University, in the School of Nursing, President of the Faculty Senate, and representing all of my colleagues, call you to remain conscious of and faithful to the ideal of the free search for truth at the service of preparing our students for

“informed service and progressive leadership” as you serve the La Salle University community as our president. As teachers, scholars, professionals, and indeed, learners, we hold integrity, justice, respect, and fairness as values critical to the education of our students. We share in the La Salle commitment to the neighborhood, its people and its resources.

***(AS DR. HEINZER IS BEING SEATED, MR. QUATTRONE APPROACHES OTHER MICROPHONE)**

MR. QUATTRONE:

In his “10th Meditation for the Time of Retreat,” Saint John Baptist De La Salle wrote to his brothers:

“Your zeal towards the students you teach would not go very far and would not have much result or success if it limited itself only to words. To be effective, your teaching must be supported by your example. This must be one of the chief characteristics of your zeal...

“This is [after all] the way that Our Lord acted, of whom it is said that he began to do and then to teach, and speaking to his apostles after he had washed their feet, he says, ‘What I just did was to give you an example: as I have done, so you must do.’

“It is easy to conclude [then] that your zeal ... would be very imperfect, if your expressed it only by teaching; it will only become perfect if you practice yourself what you are teaching... Example makes a much greater impression on the mind and heart than words... This is especially true of the young... They are led more readily to do what they see done than to carry out what they hear told to them, particularly when the words they hear are not in harmony with the actions they see.”

At this point the speaker may insert his/her own prepared remarks to the call. The speaker should be aware, however, that the entire call should not exceed 3 minutes.

I, Mr. Charles Quattrone, President of La Salle University Alumni Association and current member of the Parents’ Association, call you to remain conscious of and faithful to this simple, yet profound insight as you serve the La Salle University community as our president.

***(AS DR. HEINZER IS BEING SEATED, MS. BARNETT APPROACHES OTHER MICROPHONE)**

MS. BARNETT:

In his Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities, *Ex corde ecclesiae*, Pope John Paul II, has written:

“Students [at a Catholic university] are challenged to pursue an education that combines excellence in humanistic and cultural development with specialized professional training. Most especially, they are challenged to continue the search for truth and for meaning throughout their lives, since ‘the human spirit must be cultivated in such a way that there results a growth in its ability to wonder, to understand, to contemplate, to make personal judgments, and to develop a religious, moral and social sense’.”

At this point the speaker may insert his/her own prepared remarks to the call. The speaker should be aware, however, that the entire call should not exceed 3 minutes.

I, Megan Barnett, President of the La Salle University Student Government Association and as a representative of all students of La Salle University, call you to remain conscious of and faithful to the ideal of an excellent education at the service of the human spirit as you serve the La Salle University community as our president.

*(AS MS. BARNETT IS BEING SEATED, MR. SHEA APPROACHES THE OTHER MICROPHONE, FOLLOWED BY MR. GIORDANO AND MS. SLAWEK, WHO WILL HAVE PICKED UP THE MEDALLION AND MACE, RESPECTIVELY. THEN MR. GIORDANO AND MS. SLAWEK WILL STAND ON ONE SIDE OF MR. SHEA AND BR. MICHAEL WILL STAND ON THE OTHER SIDE OF MR. SHEA.)

MR. SHEA:

Brother Michael, you have been formally welcomed here today by representatives of our Church, our city and the academic community. You have also been issued a clear and profound call by members of this university community to serve as its President. I, too, in my role as Chair of the University's Board of Trustees, join in issuing this call to you.

At this point the speaker may insert his/her own prepared remarks to the call. The speaker should be aware, however, that the entire call should not exceed 3 minutes.

I now ask all assembled here — joined in joy, hope and prayer — to add their voice to the voices you have already heard with their applause.

Your presence in this gathered assembly is taken as your answer to this clear and unanimous summons.

Therefore, Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of La Salle University, I hereby invest you as twenty-eighth President of La Salle University and entrust to you the obligation of leading this community in its sacred pursuit of the mission of La Salle University. In witness of this investiture, I present to you the symbols of the Office of President: the university mace and the presidential medallion.

***(MR. GIORDANO PRESENTS THE MEDALLION TO MR. SHEA WHO PLACES IT ON BR. MICHAEL, AND THEN MS. SLAWEK HANDS THE MACE TO MR. SHEA WHO PRESENTS IT TO BR. MICHAEL)**

***(MR. SHEA APPROACHES MICROPHONE)**

**MR. SHEA: IT IS MY PLEASURE TO
INTRODUCE BROTHER MICHAEL J. MCGINNISS,
PRESIDENT OF LA SALLE UNIVERSITY.**

***(MESSRS. SHEA AND GIORDANO AND MS. SLAWEK ARE
SEATED AND BR. MICHAEL GOES TO MICROPHONE AND
GIVES SPEECH)**

***(AFTER BR. MICHAEL IS FINISHED, BR. CHARLES
ECHELMEIER GOES TO THE OTHER MICROPHONE AND
SINGS THE ALMA MATER)**

BR. CHARLES ECHELMEIER:

**Above Explorers valiant,
Here under thine eyes,
Thy blue and gold banners
Unfurl 'neath the skies**

**La Salle, La Salle thy glory
Thy triumphs we praise.
Thy name in song forever
Shall we proudly raise.**

**Thy sons and daughters standing
Await thy command,
Thou fortress of faith in
Our God and our land.**

(Repeat Chorus)

***(DR. NIGRO GOES TO OTHER MICROPHONE)**

DR. NIGRO: AND, NOW, PLEASE WELCOME

DR. ZANE WOLF, DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING,

WHO WILL LEAD US IN A CLOSING PRAYER.

***(DR. WOLF APPROACHES OTHER MICROPHONE AND
CLOSES WITH A PRAYER)**

DR. NIGRO: THANK YOU ALL FOR SHARING

THIS MOMENTOUS AND MEMORABLE OCCASION

WITH US. I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU

TO CELEBRATE WITH BROTHER MICHAEL AT A

RECEPTION IN THE QUADRANGLE ON THE MAIN

CAMPUS.

***(MUSIC AND RECESSIONAL)**