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For release after 9 a.m., CDT, Sunday, September 28th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 28 --- The University of Notre Dame today (Sunday) called on its nearly five hundred faculty members to "combine the highest technical competence with a thorough integration of the spiritual values which bring intelligent purpose to our effort."

Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., executive vice president, reaffirmed Notre Dame's spiritual commitment as a Christian institution of learning and likened the campus to a shrine to Our Lady. But, he emphasized, Notre Dame "is first and foremost a university and only insofar as it excels as a university can it give proper homage to its patroness."

Addressing the entire faculty during a Solemn High Mass in Sacred Heart Church marking the formal opening of Notre Dame's 117th academic year, Father Joyce recognized that there is "a constant danger of substituting piety for learning."

"This has always been and always will remain a danger," he said, "not because of deliberate purpose but because of the priority which, as Christians, we give to eternal values over everything mundane. If it happens," he asserted, "that we should stress spiritual life and moral values to the detriment of intellectual excellence, we have indeed subordinated the proper end of a university to another end which, while more important in itself, must not supplant the primary purpose of the university."

To point out this danger, Father Joyce emphasized, "is obviously not to say that we should secularize our learning process." As a matter of fact, he continued, "for many thoughtful men today, one of the great tragedies of modern education has been the almost complete secularization of learning in many of our universities."

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On the other hand, the spiritual nature of man has always been part of Notre Dame's basic philosophy, Father Joyce said. "It is only in view of man's spiritual nature, his free will and consequent responsibilities that there is any ultimate and meaningful purpose to the training of human minds. And, therefore, rather than our spiritual commitment acting as a brake or a deterrent to the perfecting of the intellect, it would seem to be indispensable for the achievement of true wisdom," he said.

Rev. Chester A. Soleta, vice president for academic affairs, was celebrant of the Mass. He was assisted by Rev. George Bernard, C.S.C., vice president for student affairs, deacon, and Rev. Jerome J. Wilson, C.S.C., vice president for business affairs, sub-deacon. The University faculty marched in a colorful academic procession from the Administration Building to the campus church for the rites.

Notre Dame's president, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., who usually officiates at the ceremonies formally opening the school year, is attending the second conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna as Vatican City's permanent representative.

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For release in PM's, Tuesday, September 30th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 30 ~~-----~~ Four scientists at the University of Notre Dame have received government grants totaling \$55,213 to continue their research at the school's Lobund Institute, Francis X. Bradley Jr., acting administrative director, announced today, (Tuesday).

The awards, from the National Institutes of Health, were given to Dr. Philip C. Trexler and to Drs. Helmut A. Gordon, Bernard S. Wostmann and Morris Wagner.

Professor Trexler, a bio-engineer, received a \$40,213 grant for the development of sterilized plastic apparatus which will be used to rear germfree animals. It will consist primarily of a sealed plastic room and containers for mice, and is expected to replace the steam-sterilized stainless steel apparatus now being employed.

Professors Gordon, a physiologist, Wostmann, a biochemist, and Wagner, a bacteriologist, were awarded \$15,000 to pursue their investigations of the contribution which normal intestinal bacteria make to the aging process of animals and human beings. They are subjecting germfree and normal mice to experiments which they hope will determine what effects microbial flora have on growth and internal decay.

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For release in PM's, Monday, September 22nd:

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 22 --- The University of Notre Dame begins its 117th academic year Wednesday (Sept. 24) when the first classes of the fall semester will be held in the Graduate School and four undergraduate colleges.

Upperclassmen among Notre Dame's 6,000 students are scheduled to arrive today (Mon.) and Tuesday to register for the nearly two thousand courses offered by the University. Approximately 1,500 freshmen, who converged on the campus last Thursday, are completing a six-day orientation program designed to familiarize them with the Notre Dame scene and college life. Included in their orientation schedule have been a series of tests, registration, lectures by deans and department heads, a spiritual retreat or mission and several social activities.

A Solemn High Mass in Sacred Heart Church Sunday (Sept. 28) at 9 a.m. will mark the formal opening of the school year. Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., executive vice president, will preach the sermon in the absence of Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president, who will be attending a meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

The entire Notre Dame faculty will march in a colorful academic procession from the Administration Building to the campus church for the rites. Rev. Chester A. Soleta, C.S.C., recently appointed vice president for academic affairs, will be celebrant of the Mass. He will be assisted by Rev. George Bernard, C.S.C., newly named vice president for student affairs, deacon, and Rev. Jerome J. Wilson, C.S.C., vice president for business affairs, sub-deacon.

Notre Dame will offer several new academic programs with the opening of the fall semester. Among them will be master's degree programs in theology and business administration, an undergraduate major in engineering science, and an option in city planning in the department of architecture. The University also will inaugurate a new grading system based on a six-point scale and replacing percentage grades which have been used for many years.

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For release in AM's, Thursday, September 25th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 24 -- A center for philosophical research honoring Jacques Maritain will be established at the University of Notre Dame, the office of Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president, announced today (Wednesday).

The writings of the celebrated Thomist philosopher will be systematically indexed and catalogued at the Maritain Center. In a statement Father Hesburgh predicted that the new University unit, to be housed in the campus library, will become a place of "significant philosophical activity and publication." It will also serve, he said, as a kind of international clearing house for the students and friends of Maritain and his work.

Father Hesburgh's office also announced the appointment of Dr. Joseph W. Evans, associate professor of philosophy, as director of the new Maritain Center. Associated with him will be Rev. Leo R. Ward, C.S.C., professor of philosophy, and Frank L. Keegan, assistant professor in the University's General Program of Liberal Education. A board of consultants, composed of both American and European scholars, will be named later in the year.

Maritain, now professor emeritus of philosophy at Princeton University, has lectured regularly at Notre Dame since 1948. Regarded as one of the great minds of our day, he is a pre-eminent interpreter of the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas. He is the author of more than fifty philosophical works, and he has contributed countless articles to the leading philosophical journals of the world. His latest book, Reflections on America, is a non-technical work which has received high praise from American critics for its remarkably acute and sympathetic insights into American life. He is currently working on a two volume study in moral philosophy.

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In addition to his long associations with Notre Dame and Princeton, Maritain has also taught at the Catholic Institute of Paris, the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies in Toronto, Columbia University, and the Committee on Social Thought in the University of Chicago. From 1945 to 1948 he was French ambassador to the Vatican. He also served as president of the French delegation to the second international conference of UNESCO at Mexico City in November, 1947. His inaugural address on that occasion on "The Possibilities for Cooperation in a Divided World" is one of his most influential contributions to social and political philosophy.

Maritain's first book, La Philosophie Bergsonienne, was published in Paris in 1914. Among his major works are The Degrees of Knowledge, A Preface to Metaphysics, Existence and the Existent, Science and Wisdom, Art and Scholasticism, Creative Intuition in Art and Poetry, True Humanism, The Person and the Common Good, Man and the State, and On the Philosophy of History.

Professor Evans and his associates at Notre Dame believe that Maritain has much to give to the modern world. They see him as having to a pre-eminent degree what contemporary man, for all his grandeur, seems to be sadly lacking -- the sense of being and the sense of love. Maritain, they feel, is a man "so admirably attentive to the real, a man who goes beyond phenomena and signs, a man who really comes to grips with the deepest dimensions of things, a man who distinguishes in order to unite, in short, a man who really sees." There is in Maritain, Professor Evans says, "a rich and far-flung mine of challenging insights, illuminating distinctions, and strikingly new avenues of thought. The Maritain Center," he explains, "will strive to put special emphasis on the study of these new philosophical ideas. Any living and creative thought, no matter how well formed and articulated its expression may be, has need ceaselessly to grow. We would like to think that our humble efforts will assist Jacques Maritain's thought to take root and grow in many minds of this and future generations."

But the men associated with the new Maritain Center would also endeavor to learn, and to have others learn, from Maritain's "profound sense of love." This sense of love, they say, has touched and stirred people in every walk of life. What, they ask, are the sources of such a love? What are its implications for intellectual life itself, for social and political life? What can we learn from such an "apostle of love?" What can we learn from a man who wrote, in his well known Letter to Jean Cocteau:

"Our business is to find the positive in all things; to use what is true less to strike than to cure. There is so little love in the world; men's hearts are so cold, so frozen, even in people who are right -- the only ones who could help the others. One must have a hard mind and a meek heart. Not counting soft minds with dry hearts, the world is almost entirely made up of hard minds with dry hearts and meek hearts with soft minds."

What have we in a pluralist America to learn, what have the different peoples of an incomparably more pluralist world to learn from a man who wrote in his recent Truth and Human Fellowship:

"... it happens that we are men, each containing within himself the ontological mystery of personality and freedom: and it is in this very mystery of freedom and personality that genuine tolerance or fellowship takes root. For the basis of good fellowship among men of different creeds is not of the order of the intellect and of ideas, but of the heart and of love. It is friendship, natural friendship, but first and foremost mutual love in God and for God. Love does not go out to essences nor to qualities nor to ideas, but to persons; and it is the mystery of persons and of the divine presence within them which is here in play. This fellowship, then, is not a fellowship of beliefs but the fellowship of men who believe."

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For release in PM's, Friday, September 26th:

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 26 --- The appointment of James Key Reeve as curator of the University of Notre Dame art gallery was announced today by Rev. Chester A. Soleta, C.S.C., vice president for academic affairs.

Reeve, who has been a lecturer and instructor at the Toledo Museum of Art since 1954, succeeds Paul R. Byrne who retired from the University staff last June. A specialist in art history, Reeve also will serve as an assistant professor of art at the University.

Notre Dame's new art curator is a native of Lewistown, Montana. He is a 1950 graduate of the University of Tulsa, and in 1954 he received a master's degree from New York University. During his stay in New York City, Reeve served as a docent on modern architecture at the Museum of Modern Art. He also was associated with the Raymond and Raymond Gallery.

Reeve is a member of the Society of Architectural Historians and the College Art Association. He served with the U. S. Coast Guard in the South Pacific during World War II. He has also traveled widely throughout Europe, Canada and the United States.

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