

Script for Investiture  
September 23, 1995

FONTBONNE ARCHIVES

PROCESSIONAL:

(After the academic procession has come to an end and all members of the platform party are standing on the stage, Joan will take the medallion from Van and then step to the podium)

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

JOAN:

Ladies and Gentlemen, please rise and remain standing until the conclusion of the National Anthem.

(After the playing of the National Anthem, Joan will say)

Please be seated.

WELCOME:

Good Afternoon. My name is Sister Joan Lescinski, the Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs at Fontbonne College, and it is my great pleasure and privilege to welcome all of you to this momentous occasion in the life of our college, the formal Inaugural Ceremony of Dr. Dennis C. Golden as the 13th President of Fontbonne College.

We are pleased that so many of you from the academic community, both here in St. Louis and from across the country, have honored us and our president with your presence today. The name of Fontbonne College comes from the French, and it means "Good Water." We hope that you will experience the "good water" of our college community during your time here at this celebration for Fontbonne College.

As I am sure you have noted in your program, we have just heard the premiere performance of "Golden Medallion," a fanfare and ceremonial march commissioned by Fontbonne College to celebrate the investiture of Dennis Golden. We are privileged to have with us today the composer of "Golden Medallion," Dr. Robert Washburn, the Dean Emeritus of the renowned Crane School of Music at Potsdam College of the State University of New York. Dr. Washburn, may be ask you please to stand and be recognized.

(Pause for applause)

And now, we begin our ceremony with an Invocation offered by our Director of Campus Ministry, a member of the sponsoring Congregation, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Sister Ruth Yates, CSJ.

**INVOCATION:**

Sister Ruth...           **INVOCATION**

Thank you, Sister Ruth.

**CALLS TO SERVICE:**

As is customary in inaugural ceremonies, we have invited a number of distinguished guests to offer greetings and a call to service for Dr. Golden. Our first such guest is the Reverend Francis Kelly, Pastor, Sacred Heart Church from Roslindale, Massachusetts, a long-time friend of Dr. Golden's.

Father Kelly...           **CALL #1**

Thank you, Father Kelly

Next, I would invite the Reverend James J. Ronan, Executive Director of the Secretariat for Latin America from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, in Washington, D.C., to offer his greeting.

Father Ronan...           **CALL #2**

I would like now to ask Dr. Donald C. Swain, former President of the University of Louisville, to say a few words.

Dr. Swain...           **CALL #3**

Thank you, President Swain.

Next, representing the Archdiocese of St. Louis, I call upon the Most Reverend Paul, A. Zipfel, a member of the Fontbonne College Board of Trustees and Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis.

Bishop Zipfel...           **CALL #4**

Thank you, Bishop Zipfel.

Now, representing the sponsoring Congregation, Sister Donna Loretto Gunn, CSJ, Province Director of the St. Louis Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Sister Donna...           **CALL #5**

Thank you, Sister Donna.

And now, from the Fontbonne class of 1977, we have Elizabeth Miller Amelotti, the President of the Fontbonne Alumni Association.

Mrs. Amelotti...           **CALL #6**

Thank you, Betty.



Next, representing our student body, the President of the Student Government Association from the class of 1996, Miss Eileen Madden.

Eileen...

CALL #7

Thank you, Eileen.

And from the faculty, a former recipient of the prestigious Fontbonne Trustees' "Excellence in Teaching Award," the Chairperson of the Department of Literature and Language Arts and Professor of English, Dr. Jean Wasko.

Dr. Wasko...

CALL #8

And, finally, in the name of the Board of Trustees of Fontbonne College, the distinguished Chair of the Board, Mr. Van-Lear Black.

Chairman Black...

CALL #9

(\*Note: when you finish, step to the side, and I will introduce you to present the Presidential Medallion.)

Thank you, Chairman Black.

INVESTITURE OF THE PRESIDENT AND PRESENTATION OF THE MEDALLION:

SISTER JOAN:

It is now time for the solemn investiture of the President with the Presidential Medallion. I would ask Mr. Black, Chairman of the Board, to make the investiture.

(Van comes to the podium and Joan stands to one side with the medallion.)

CHAIRMAN BLACK:

Thank you, Sister Joan. One of the most important duties of the Board of Trustees of a college or university is the selection of the President.

I now ask you, Dr. Dennis C. Golden, to come forward.

It is my great pleasure today to bestow upon you the symbol of the Office of President, the Presidential Medallion. This medallion bears the seal of the college with the fleurs de lis, a reminder of the French heritage of both the City of St. Louis and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. In addition, the Latin words, "Virtus Et Scientia," which are inscribed on the seal recall that the knowledge learned and taught here exists hand-in-hand with virtue. We are confident that these two words in the great seal of the College will serve as guides in shaping the actions, words and decisions of your presidency.

(Joan will now hand Van the medallion)

And now, by the authority vested in me and the Board of Trustees of Fontbonne College, I place upon your shoulders the symbol of the high office you now hold.

(Van puts the medallion on Denny; Denny stands there.)

(Van continues:)

On behalf of the members of the Board of Trustees, I welcome you as the 13th president of Fontbonne College. I assure you both of our trust in you and our support as you strive to lead Fontbonne College into the future.

Ladies and gentlemen, I now present to you the 13th President of Fontbonne College, Dennis C. Golden.

(Pause for applause)

(Van sits down; Denny takes the podium.)

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS      Dr. Golden

(After the address, Denny goes and sits down.)

JOAN: Thank you, President Golden. I will now invite the Reverend Maurice Nutt, Pastor of St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church in St. Louis, to offer a benediction.

Father Nutt...

**Benediction**

Thank you, Father Nutt.

Ladies and gentlemen, we now invite you to remain seated for the retiring procession which brings to a close this investiture ceremony. You are all cordially invited to attend the reception for President and Mrs. Golden in the meadow behind Ryan Hall. Our sincere thanks to all who have joined us this afternoon to celebrate a new era for Fontbonne College.

Will those in the academic procession please rise.

(Music begins and procession starts with the platform party)

TO: Sister Joan  
FROM: Alan Adams  
RE: Suggestion for acknowledgement of  
Robert Washburn  
DATE: September 12, 1995

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*Dr. Washburn, may we ask you  
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