PROGRAM
for
THE 24TH ANNUAL
FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Sacred Heart University
Fairfield, Connecticut
March 24, 1987
Opening
Mr. John J. Kelly
Vice President for Business Administration & Treasurer

Invocation
Father William F. Sangiovanni
Director, Chaplains and Campus Ministry

Greetings
Dr. Robert A. Preston
President, Sacred Heart University

Special Recognition Award
Mrs. Violet Nobrega
Director of Food Services, University Dining Room
Dr. Robert A. Preston

Citation and Presentation of
The Walter W. Curtis Award
Mr. Douglas J. Bohn
Acting Academic Vice President

Ceremony of Conferral
The Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, STD
Bishop of Bridgeport

Transmittal of Citation
Mr. Mark Gless
President, Student Government

Remarks
Dr. Mercedes de Arango
Trustee Emerita, Sacred Heart University

Annual Dr. William H. Conley Lecture
The Reverend David A. Boileau, Ph.D.
Director of Human Services
International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Benediction
The Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis, STD

Closing
Mr. John J. Kelly

Music by the SHU-String Music Program Faculty Quartet
DR. MERCEDES de ARANGO has dedicated her life to the field of higher education through teaching, scholarship and community service.

She is a Professor Emerita of Spanish at Manhattanville College in Purchase, N.Y., Trustee Emerita of Sacred Heart University and holds emeritus membership in the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

Dr. de Arango holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Modern Romance Languages from Manhattanville College, a Master of Arts Degree in Spanish from Columbia University, and a Doctorado en Filosofía y Letras from the Universidad Central de Madrid, Spain.

Her name appears in the Spanish Social Register as Dona Mercedes de Arango y del Valle, Marquesa de la Gratitud. She has held her title since May, 1963. She is a direct descendant of the world-renown Cuban Economist, Don Francisco de Arango y Parreño, who more than a century ago presented to the Spanish Crown a plan for the development of Cuba. The then Queen, Isabella II, created the title and bestowed it upon Don Francisco in gratitude for his visionary development plan.

Dr. de Arango taught Spanish at Manhattanville College for 39 years and served as chairperson of the department for nearly three decades. Esteemed for her scholarship and cultural values, she has served the Church as a tireless worker in her home parish of St. Mary’s in Greenwich and as a member of the Bridgeport Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

In her academic and scholarly attainments and in her years of service to the civic, ecclesiastical and educational communities, Dr. de Arango exemplifies in her life and work the excellence and high ideals of the Founders of Sacred Heart University and is thus designated the recipient of the Walter W. Curtis Award for 1987.

Mercedes de Arango, Marquesa de la Gratitud

Sacred Heart University was founded in March 1963 by the Most Reverend Walter W. Curtis. His vision was to form an institution of higher learning for people of every race, creed, handicap, national or ethnic origin. Thanks to this vision, today, 24 years after receiving its charter, Sacred Heart University is a thriving institution deeply rooted in the community it serves.
Previous Recipients
Walter W. Curtis Award

Bishop Walter W. Curtis 1967
Dr. William H. Conley 1971
Mr. Herbert C. Clish 1972
Mr. Maurice O’Sullivan 1976
Dr. Anthony V. Pinciaro 1982
Mr. James R. Kerr 1984
Mr. Robert A. Kidera 1985
Mrs. Muriel T. Small 1985
Dr. Donald H. McGannon 1985
Dr. Evelyn McIntyre Conley 1985
Mr. John A. Croffy 1986
Sacred Heart University
Fifteen Year Service Award Recipients

The Sacred Heart University Service Award is presented to those faculty and staff members of the institution who have completed a fifteen year term. The award is presented every other year.

• Dr. Roberta L. Staples, Associate Professor, English - January 1972
• Mrs. Monica A. Roberts, Audio Visual Specialist - May 1972
• Mr. Michael J. Valocin, Adjunct Associate Professor, English - July 1972
• Mr. Alvin T. Clinkscale, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management - September 1972
• Dr. Christina J. Taylor, Associate Professor, Psychology - September 1972
• Dr. Rosemary Green, Associate Professor, Biology - November 1972
• Camille P. Reale, Professor, Office Administration - January 1973
• Mr. Francis E. Hutvagner, Controller - July 1973
• Dr. William J. Ginzburgh, Associate Professor, Biology - September 1973
• Dr. Christ J. Verses, Associate Professor, Biology - September 1973
• Dr. Donald E. Coonley, Professor, Media Studies - September 1973
• Dr. Grant Walker, Associate Professor, Sociology - September 1973
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