

Class Night

Members of the Administration, faculty, parents, friends and fellow graduates—

Our life at Sacred Heart University has been filled with many trying experiences. Each and everyone of these experiences has taught us a valuable lesson. As John F. Kennedy once wrote “a journey of a thousand miles begins with but one step.” At this time, as President of the Class of 1969, I would like to thank the Administration and especially the faculty for aiding us in taking the initial step toward our future careers.

Upon graduation, we will be entering a society plagued by intense internal disorder and hampered by overseas conflicts. Life, although beautiful in itself, has its responsibilities. And, in essence it is this responsibility which safeguards its beauty. It will be the goal of our generation to uproot the causes, and to end the present internal and external unrest which hinders our country's quest for peace. As Father Giuliani and Dr. O'Shea conveyed to us on Sunday: To be Christian is to be human; to be human in the true Christian sense is to understand; sacrifice; respect; and love.

If our generation is to be the healing generation which this nation so badly needs —

Each of us must be unbiased
Each of us must be truthful
Each of us must be sincere
For these essential qualities
pave the only avenue to peace
and understanding.

As W.E.B. DuBois asserted
in his book *The Souls of Black
Folk*: Herein lies the tragedy
of the age: not that men are
poor—for all men know some-
thing of poverty; not that men
are wicked—for who is good?
not that men are ignorant, for
what is truth? Nay, but that
men know so little of men.

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