RARE FIRST EDITION BOOK, written by St. John Fisher and published in 1525, is presented to St. John Fisher College by His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney. John C. Murphy (left), president of the Student Council, and the Very Rev. John F. Murphy, C.S.B., college president, accept the gift in the name of the college.

Fisher Book Presented College

The Cambridge History of English Literature, volume III and page 16, has the following passage about Bishop St. John Fisher of Rochester, England:

"Fisher's own writings were almost all controversial. He was the determined enemy of the Lutheran reformation, and the nature of his books is recognisable from their titles: *Confutatio Assertionis Lutheranae; De Eucharista Contra Johannem Oecolampadium libri quinque; Sacri Sacerdotii Defensio contra Lutherum;* a defence of Henry VIII's *Assertio septem Sacramentorum;* and so forth.

"Fisher maintained his opinions loyally to the end. He resisted to the utmost of his ability Henry's claim to be considered the head of the church of England, and he refused to declare his belief in the invalidity of the marriage of Catherine of Aragon with the king. This resistance cost him his life. He was beheaded 22 June, 1535."

The first edition of the first book in this partial list of St. John's works is now in possession of the Library of St. John Fisher College. It was presented to the College by His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester, N. Y. This rare and precious book is nw on display in the College library.

This book, written entirely in Latin, was published in 1525, emanating from Cologne "at the expense of the honest citizen Peter Quentel." On its ornate but tasteful title page we see the arms of Henry VIII, and we read (gentle irony!) this inscription: "By the Reverend Father John Bishop of Rochester, Chancellor of University of Cambridge."

On the other side of the title-page there is an eighteen line piece of Latin verse by a friend of Fisher's — Bishop George Day of Chichester, who extolls the author and recommends the book to the careful study of the reader.

There follows a detailed Index at the point in the book where we to-day usually have a table of contents. The book's paper is in amazingly good condition, considering its age.

To be able to read this book some knowledge of "Latin shorthand" is needed because St. John Fisher clipped and elided his words, as was the custom of writers of his day.

By way of "looks," this prized book is 8½ inches high, a little over 4 inches thick, has 552 pages, and is full bound in red morocco. The sides and back are covered with blind tooling by D. Cockerell in which the Tudor rose and the oak leaf are prominent features. An antique brass clasp holds the pages and cover together. We are given to understand that this ornate cover is about a hundred years later than the book itself. The clasp of brass, though, is much older even than the text.

Gift of Bishops

How did Bishop Kearney obtain this first edition John Fisher volume? We recall Bishop Kearney's appeal early this year to his Rochester, N. Y. diocese for funds to help build a memorial church to St. John Fisher in the martyr's ancient see town of Rochester, England.

There is to-day no Roman Catholic diocese of Rochester, England. The territory is now under the Bishop of Southwark, the Right Reverend Cyril Cowderoy, whose diocese covers the old sees of Canterbury, Rochester and Winchester.

We know how glad the poor Catholics of Rochester, England, were to receive $30,000 in American funds.

The Bishop of Southwark then sent to Bishop Kearney the St. John Fisher book as a token of gratitude.

Bishop Kearney, in turn, graciously presented the book to St. John Fisher College, which is indebted to both Bishops for the gift.

This book will be on display often at St. John Fisher College. Always it will have an honored place in the hearts of Fishermen.

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The staff of St. John Fisher College, headed by the Very Reverend John F. Murphy, C.S.B., Ph.D., as president, includes a faculty of twenty-two professors.

Father Murphy who received his doctorate of philosophy degree from the University of Ottawa in 1940 was a staff member of Aquinas Institute from 1938-44. He has also been on the staff of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Canada, was Dean of Assumption College, Windsor, Canada, and a member of the Senate of the University of Western Ontario.

Rev. John McReavy — Rev. Russell Pendergast

Rev. Francis Ruth — Rev. John O'Meara

Rev. John F. O'Mara, C.S.B., Ph.D., a native Rochesterian, is Dean of Studies at St. John Fisher College. After completing theological studies at St. Basil's Seminary, Toronto, Father O'Meara received his Master of Arts degree from Wayne University, Detroit. He earned his doctorate at the University of Ottawa. Father O'Meara was registrar at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, prior to coming to St. John Fisher College.

Treasurer of the College is the **Rev. Francis S. Ruth, C.S.B., M.A.** Father Ruth supervised the construction of St. John Fisher College. Previously he directed the erection of several building projects at Assumption College and the University of St. Thomas in Houston. A major in Chemistry at the University of Toronto, Father Ruth did subsequent study at Cornell University and the University of Detroit. For ten years he was Head of the Department of the Department of Modern Languages.

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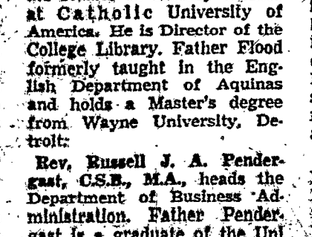
Miss Cathryn Zelda Lyons, M.A. Registrar of St. John Fisher College is also Director of Public Relations and Instructor of History. Miss Lyons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Vincent Lyons of Beach Avenue, was associated as Assistant Executive Director during the campaign for College funds. She received her B.A. from Nazareth College where she held the Bishop O'Hern, Knights of Columbus Scholarship and her M.A. from Columbia University.

Prior to her association with the college, Miss Lyons taught in the Rochester Public School System. Active in civic and religious projects of the community, she is presently the executive Secretary of the Thomas More Lecture Forum, past president and board member of the Nazareth College Alumnae Association, and has been a member of the executive board of the Department of Volunteers. Council of Social agencies of the Women's Ad Club, Zonta, IFCA, AAUW, Good Shepherd Guild and the St. Mary's Hospital Guild.

Rev. Adelore L. Houde, C.S.B., Ph.D. has done graduate work in the Department of Physics at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Houde's undergraduate and master's degree work in this field were carried on at the University of Toronto, where he taught in St. Michael's College. He is Chairman of the Division of the Physical Sciences.



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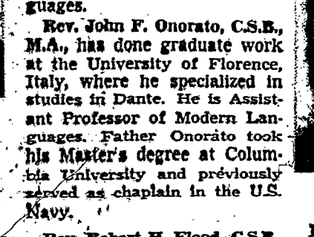
Rev. Clarence J. Drouillard, C.S.B., Ph.D. completed his doctoral work at the University of Laval, Quebec, in the department of Modern Languages. Subject of Dr. Drouillard's research was "Le Realisme de Corneille". He received his degree with the rare citation "avec grande distinction." Previously, he taught at St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto. Father Drouillard is Chairman of the Department of Modern Languages.

Rev. John F. Onorato, C.S.B., M.A., has done graduate work at the University of Florence, Italy, where he specialized in studies in Dante. He is Assistant Professor of Modern Languages. Father Onorato took his Master's degree at Columbia University and previously served as chaplain in the U.S. Navy.



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Rev. Robert H. Flood, C.S.B., M.A., M.S. in L.S., made graduate studies in Library Science at Catholic University of America. He is Director of the College Library. Father Flood formerly taught in the English Department of Aquinas and holds a Master's degree from Wayne University, Detroit.

Rev. Russell J. A. Pendergast, C.S.B., M.A., heads the Department of Business Administration. Father Pendergast is a graduate of the University of Toronto and prior to his theological studies was associated with the Accounting firm of Gordon, Dilworth and Wash.

Rev. John J. McReavy, C.S.B., M.A., after his undergraduate studies in the University of Toronto where he was Gold Medalist each year, received his Master's Degree in 1949 at the same University. Later he pursued studies in Philosophy at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto. He is the Acting Chairman of the Department of Philosophy.

Rev. Joseph L. Hogan, S.T.D., professor of Theology is a native of Lima, New York. He was trained at St. Andrew's Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary and the Angelicum, Rome. He is also professor of Latin and Apologetics at St. Andrew's Seminary.

Rev. William Hart, Ph. D., also in the Theology department of the College is currently on the faculty at St. Bernard's Seminary. Trained at St. Bernard's Seminary, Fr. Hart received his doctorate from the Angelicum, Rome.

Rev. Joseph Merkel, Ph. D., in the Department of English has had six years of experience in college teaching which includes courses taught at St. Bonaventure, Niagara University and Nazareth College. He received his doctorate from Niagara University.

Rev. John Peter Ruth, C.S.B., M.A., in the department of Mathematics received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. On the faculty of Assumption College of organic chemistry at the University of Illinois. He has worked on government sponsored projects including phosphorus research, synthetic rubber, anti-malerial drugs and the use of radioactive carbon in the study of protein metabolism. He has published scientific articles.

Rev. Leo Munnelly — Rev. William Hart

for seventeen years he recently had five years teaching at Aquinas Institute.

Rev. Frank DeSales Flood, C.S.B., B.L.S., Assistant Librarian at St. John Fisher, was a member of the Library Staff for ten years at Assumption College, where he also taught for five years. He is a member of the American and Canadian Historical Society.

Rev. Leo Joseph Munnelly, C.S.B., M.A., L.M.S., in the Department of History is working on his doctorate at the University of Fordham. He received his Licentiate in Mediaeval Studies from the Pontificial Institute of Mediaeval Studies.

Mr. John Paul Lomenzo, LL.B., in the Department of Business Law received his degree from Fordham University. A member of the firm Lomenzo, LaBue and Witt, he has had eight years of teaching experience.

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Mr. William L. Maier, LL.B., in the Department of English, received his degree from Fordham University. A graduate of Aquinas, Mr. Maier did his undergraduate work at Assumption College.

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A veteran of World War II, Dr. Heneghan served in Europe with the 104th Inv. Div. He is a member of the American Legion, of the American Dental Association and of the Holy Name Diocesan Union.

The President's Message

By VERY REV. JOHN F. MURPHY, C.S.B., PH.D.
President, St. John Fisher College

FATHER MURPHY

A day of dedication furnishes an apt moment for reflection.

In the midst of our joy and our gratitude to God for bringing the first unit of St. John Fisher College to completion there comes a tremendous realization of the strength of the stream of Christian Culture that St. John Fisher College draws on and must perpetuate. This is the great and sustaining thrill of the Catholic educator.

Things that are young are normally unsure indecisive and wanting in direction. Though St. Fisher College is young, it has the wisdom of an unbroken heritage to draw from.

St. John Fisher himself would find here echoes of his beloved Cambridge which blossomed when England was in truth Mary's England.

Aquinas could bridge the gap of seven centuries and would be pleased, as any professor is pleased, to see his text books being used.

Christian Education

St. Paul could traverse the years, find here no alien air, but a continuation of the Truths which he lived and died to perpetuate. He would like, I think, the inscription carved over the entrance to the college, "This is eternal life, to know Thee, the only true God, and Him, whom Thou hast sent, Jesus Christ." He would like it because St. John Fisher said it on his way to his martyrdom.

"To know Thee, the only true God." That remains the heart of Christian education. Remove the heart from the curriculum of any school and a corpse remains. Without the guidance of religion a student is like an errant arrow, knowing neither the power that gives him motion, nor the goal towards which he tends.

"Education is a high word; it is nothing less than the formation of the mind." Cardinal Newman with his accustomed penetration insists on fundamentals. A college must be careful not to evolve a completely functional and attractive program with its accompanying danger of superficiality.

It is, of course, much easier to teach people to do rather than to think. An exclusive preoccupation with the present, though it smacks of the progressive, is really most stagnant, for it removes the origin and end of living.

The human mind cannot keep from speculating and systematising, and literally, there must be food for thought or even the speculative mind will do little else than regurgitate the glib pronouncements of others. I'm afraid most readers swallow; readers don't digest.

Queen of Sciences

Theology is not only a portion of, but a condition of general knowledge. It is a knowledge of God that makes all other study intelligible and meaningful. To remove Theology from its rightful place as the Queen of the Sciences is to leave a void. In college curricula there is a rush to fill that vacuum, the place of Theology is usurped, and an anaemic moral fellowship takes the place of God's eternal law.

There are only two compulsory courses at St. John Fisher College—Theology and Philosophy. These appear in every curriculum. The doctor, lawyer, accountant, salesman or teacher must—if he is an educated man — know where he came from, where he is going and how he can get there.

I wonder how soon it will be before automotive manufacturers imitate educators and leave off the steering wheel.