CITATION

WILLIAM FRANCIS TROY, S.J.
Doctor of Divinity

WILLIAM FRANCIS TROY, Jesuit Father, you have answered the highest callings of service to your fellow-men, the ministry and teaching. Born in Pennsylvania, educated at Georgetown University and Woodstock College, now you give your able leadership to West Virginia's newest senior college. As the first Dean, and as President since 1959, you have seen Wheeling College grow in ten short years from ninety students to a fully-accredited and very respected institution of higher learning on a totally new and extensive campus serving over six hundred men and women -- a record of achievement, we assert, largely due to your labor and devotion, and no doubt a prayer or two for good measure. Beyond your own campus you have been active as an educational and civic leader, serving as an officer of all the major college and university organizations in West Virginia and as President of the Wheeling Area Conference on Community Development. Busy though you are, you always find time for students, faculty and staff seeking your friendship and counsel, and the surprise presentation of your portrait by the Senior Class of Wheeling College a year ago is clear evidence of the affection your charges have for you. True servant of God and your fellow-men, Concord College is pleased to have this opportunity to honor you, and thereby to declare that the cause of education is common to both Church and State, by conferring upon you, Reverend Father, her degree of Doctor of Divinity.
In testimony of this degree I hand you this diploma and cause you to be invested with this hood.

Given under the Seal of Concord College, and conferred from the academic halls in Athens, West Virginia, on this sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, and of the College the ninetieth.

Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President