

Madonna graduates 551 from Temple Beth El

Gathered in a Jewish temple, more than 300 Madonna College graduates and their families heard from a Catholic theologian a commencement challenge to "speak credibly about a world that is created by God as a gift."

The Rev. John M. Quinn of Madonna's religious studies program delivered the challenge as the Livonia col-

lege held its 34th commencement in Temple Beth El of Birmingham. The move to the temple was mainly practical and a little ecumenical, said Sister M. Francilene Van De Vyver, Madonna president.

"With 551 graduates, our auditorium was just too small," she said of the first off-campus commencement. "I had

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of Madonna's first bachelor of social work degrees, 309 receiving bachelor of science degrees, 111 receiving bachelor of science in nursing degrees, 46 graduating with bachelor of arts degrees and 58 who completed associate degree programs.

FR. QUINN, who is associate pastor of St. Peter church in Harper Woods, discussed in his address the role of Catholic higher education in this country.

He told the graduates that despite monumental changes in the world, "the mission of the Catholic college remains ever the same: to educate the young of Alexandria and Antioch... to the founding of our unique system in our country."

"It is meant to further the exploration of bringing the Catholic Christian tradition into dialogue with the contemporary human experience," he said. He also said that language out of Vatican II reinforces this idea.

"The Council fathers," he said, "remind us that it is our responsibility to read the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the gospel."

Fr. Quinn likened the Catholic college of today to "a lobster shedding its outer shell but growing and stretching in new ways."

"The task is very old and always new," he said. "We are as a pilgrim people, proclaiming a tradition, interpreting a present, enriching that tradition with our own unique insights and shaping a more humane and Christian future."

Others were Lynn Frechette of Canton; Betty L. Bernardi, Joyce Dee Eaton and Mary Ellen Zaragoza of Plymouth; Stephen F. Hume of Farmington; and Joanne Yates of Farmington Hills.

Honors graduates (3.5 and 3.6 grade-point averages) included Patricia Baumgarten, Debra A. Calus, Loretta M. Higgins, Theresa Higgins, Danil Milewski, Janice Miller, Katherine Rippe, Laurie Rochelleau, Hellen Ruslanow, Susan Mary Schiavi, Judith VanVleet and Susan L. Zimmet, all of Livonia; Sharon Lewis, Lorraine McClure and Edith L. Thompson of Westland; and Timothy Abramski of Garden City.

TOP HONOR among the graduates

Arts featured at Moishe Haar

The Sholem Aleichem Institute will sponsor its 14th annual Moishe Haar Memorial Program on May 24, at Temple Beth El, Handelman Hall, 14 Mile and Telegraph roads in Birmingham.

Moishe Haar, the principal and director of the Sholem Aleichem Institute and School until his death in 1966, was an educator, scholar, lecturer, dramatist and teacher.

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Cantor Najman has headed congregations in New York and Chicago and most recently in Omaha, Neb. where, through his efforts his synagogue was awarded the Solomon Schechter Award for musical programming.

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Leo Mogill and Shirley Benyas have performed in both music and drama in the metropolitan Detroit area. It was with Moishe Haar that they received their early dramatic training that nurtured their love for the theater.

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Milligan named Shedd's chief

Tom E. Milligan of Farmington Hills has been promoted to president of Shedd's Food Products, a unit of Beatrice Foods Co. Milligan succeeds Adam J. Schubel, who will remain as consultant after 35 years of service to Shedd's and Beatrice Foods.

Milligan joined Shedd-Bartush Foods in 1964 as a sales representative and was promoted to sales manager in Elgin, Ill. the following year.

He later became general manager of

the Elgin operation and also supervised the Omaha, Neb. branch. For the last year, Milligan has been executive vice president of Shedd's in Detroit.

A native of Trenton, Tenn., Milligan has been in the food business all of his working life. Shortly after graduation from high school, he started working as a meat cutter in a grocery store and then joined an Illinois meat-packing company. From 1964 to 1966 he was a partner of a supermarket in Peoria, Ill.



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