

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. Franceline Van De Vyver, Madonna president.

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

participated in a special program at the Beth El at the invitation of Rabbi Richard Hertz, and many of our students are familiar with it because a visit there is part of our religious studies program."

"So I asked, and the rabbi and the board said they would be honored to have us."

Commencement for the college's largest class also included the awarding of an honorary doctor of humanities to Mother M. Clareline Dzienia, superior of the Midwest's Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province of the Bellocian Sisters. The order founded and operates the Livonia college.

Diplomas were awarded to 29 recipients 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 from the great schools 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.

went to Mary Ellen Fritsch, natural sciences and religious studies major from Oak Park, who received the college's Lumen Award.

Students who earned degrees with highest honors for grade-point averages of 3.9-4.0 included Rita Westhaus; Joanne Turshnik and Linda Mlynarczyk of Livonia; Susan Thieck of Garden City and Carol Reinke of Farmington Hills.

High-honors diplomas went to Mary Louise Elzerman, Barbara Kutz, Christina Otto, Phyllis Paterson, Franca Taglia, Donna Thibault, Maria Trojillo and Robert Zaschak, all of Livonia; Kimberly Bogacki and Karen A. Pace of Redford; Lynn M. Pietrak, Theresa Reece, Carol Sheppard and Wayne A. Wolf, all of Westland; Michael Harper and Sharon Marie Milligan of Garden City; Dianne S. Evans of Canton; Patricia Cassidy and Barbara Majoras of Farmington Hills.

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

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

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.

most recently in Omaha, Neb. where, through his efforts his synagogue was awarded the Solomon Schechter Award for musical programming.

Cantor Najman has appeared in concert throughout the country.

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.

They have performed together at the Hilberry Studio Theater and Will-O-Way Repertory Theater where last summer they played opposite each other as Fraulein Schneider and Herr

Schultz in the musical "Cabaret."

Both have had a long musical career. Mogill most recently as cantor of Temple Beth El in Windsor and Mrs. Benyas in many performances in opera and recital.

The Moishe Haar Memorial Program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

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 1966 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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