Bishop Babcock Confers Degrees On 44th Graduating Class, May 30

The Most Rev. Allen J. Babcock, O.P., D.D., newly installed Bishop of Saginaw, will confer the degrees on the 44th graduating class at commencement exercises in East Grand Rapids high school auditorium at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, May 30. Dr. Rev. Mayor Arthur the Fabian- kski, college president, will present diplomas to the graduates.

George B. Harrison, professor of English at the University of Michigan, will speak at the exercises on "The Educated Catholic." Dr. Har- rison is a member of the college's executive board and holds degrees from the University of London. He has taught at St. Paul's Training College, Chelten- ham, and King's College, Univer- sity of London, and Conception College, Kingston, Ontario. He has written several books about Shake- speare and a biography of the Earl of Essex.

At the commencement Barbara Miles will be received into Kappa Gamma Pi, a national scholarship and activity honor society of Catho- lic women's colleges. Thomas F. Quinn, Saginaw, and J. W. Gaudet, and Rita A. Michmershusen, Grand Rapids, were also inducted into the Gamma Xi Delta Epsilon Sigma, national scholarly honor society for students of Catholic colleges. Quinn will also contribute an article to the local student Achievement Award, which is presented for scholastic achievement in economics and business administration.

The Aquinas College club, under the direction of Anthony J. Brink, will also present the winning essay of Mrs. Luis de Victoria and "Emitte Spiritum Tuum" by Fr. Joseph Konieczny.

Following the graduation will be a special Mass and a luncheon for the graduates, and their friends at the college campus. The Aquinas Col- lege club will sponsor a social and a dance.

Mgr. Babcock will celebrate the Baccalaureate Mass at 9:00 a.m. at the open air shrine of Our Lady of Fatima on the Robinson Road campus, weather permitting. The Rev. Hugh Slakey, assistant pastor at St. James parish will give the baccalaureate sermon. The Glee Club will sing the "Misses Regina Ploceae." Breakfast at the Puntlilt Hotel at 10:45 a.m. will follow the Mass. Toasts and a special in- vitation at a luncheon will be given to Edward Faller for his work with the students since his arrival at the school.

Two of the graduates who will speak include: Luciann Stolz, vice president of the student body; and Brian L. Holzschuh, president of the Glee Club and editor of the student newspaper, "AQUINAS." Linda Groen, student council president, and Karen K. Ford, member of the student council, are on the board of directors.
Intrusion Into Student Life?  Imposing Thought-Control?

We received a letter the other day telling us that everything that's happened has been submerged to appear before the Un-American Activities Committee. The letter goes on, "Since the number of students subpoenaed by Congressional in­vestigation has been so great, we are not according in the present case, because it is clear that the number of fellow students against this intrusion by the Un-American Activities Committee is great. When all the facts of student life, the better the chance we have of leaving every campus from the imposition of that control."

We must understand that Mr. Sharp is guilty of nothing in the least Un-American. Unless the "purport of truth," "this inter­pretation of history," "that outlook in educa­tion" are to be considered such activi­ties. He is being singled out for this attention, because he is a single indi­vidual student — he is a thinker. His mind is truly catholic. His ideas transcend all narrow boundaries. He has looked to the Olympus of pure thought. Mr. Sharp is innocent.

Mr. Sharp feels that the Un-American Activities Committee will now try to sup­press, to suppress all intellectual activities everywhere. This is what he is aiming at by this cutting off of its roots, the vine of Education whichers, and its fruits are no longer available to society. In his letter, Mr. Sharp cries to Heaven of the Un-American Activities Committee. He has answered the questions put to him by the committee, Mr. Sharp gave public proof of his education and quoted the Constitution of the United

We write to that the Constitution of the United

We Salute

The fathers of Thomas P. Drust, Edward Drust, and Rev. Charles Barysue (Bouille Kuchan), who died recently.

When Many Paths Lie Before Us . . .

When we were children, and scraped our knees, someone reached our arm, or humped our heads, we always knew where to go. 

When we grew older, and academic prob­lems arose, we were taught to help answer questions. And often, difficul­ties were hahed over and solved with a great deal of general and nothing of anything in par­ticular.

Long ago the Apostles felt a great sor­row coming over us and we were afraid and confused. Then the Holy Spirit with His gifts came upon them and, of course, we knew not Christians or它的世界. This day was the birthday of the Church. 

When we are scratched by the troubles of life, we turn to the Holy Ghost, we must seek to turn to the Holy Ghost. He will give us the divine wisdom to see the truth and the road to follow.

When many paths lie before us, and one from the mean is that which God intends for us, let us ask the counsel of the Holy Spirit. He will not fail us.

"Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blast, and in our hearts take Thy rest."
Aquinas College Welcomes Bishop Allen J. Babcock

Faculty, Diocesan Clergy, Students Greet Prelate

Aquinas College achieved another "first" when a welcome committee of students and faculty, together with representatives of the diocesan clergy, lined the drive leading to the Administration building, Wednesday afternoon, May 19, to greet His Excellency, Bishop Allen J. Babcock, D.D., on his arrival from Detroit, to take up his duties as seventh Bishop of the diocese of Grand Rapids.

As the Bishop's motorcade rounded the oval to the entrance of the main building, the students sang "Multos Annos Vivat", traditional welcoming hymn for bishops.


He then spoke briefly to the assembly, thanking them for their warm welcome.

His first words, "I am very happy to be welcomed to the city of Grand Rapids by the students and faculty of the outstanding college in Michigan," got a rousing cheer from the student body.

The Bishop and clergy then continued to the Cathedral where a crowd of Catholic Central students and nurses from Mercy Central Training School welcomed him.

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Bishop Babcock's Coat of Arms Shows Distinctive, Traditional Features

Distinctive features of the coat of arms of the Most Rev. Allen J. Babcock, D.D., enthroned last Thursday as seventh Bishop of Grand Rapids, include the Orsini rose, top right, which signifies Bishop Babcock's association with the North American college in Rome, where he was a student from 1919 to 1925, and vice-rector, 1936-1940. The three griffins on the lower shield are from the coat of arms of the Ryan family of Tipperary, from which the Bishop's mother descended.

Section of the shield at the left symbolizes the rapids of the Grand River, from which the episcopal city takes its name. The bishop's personal motto, Secundum Verbum Tuum, is from Our Lady's response to the angel Gabriel: "Be it done unto me according to thy word."

Other features of the shield — episcopal hat, mitre, cross, crosier, and cords with groupings of six tassels on each side — are common to the coat of arms of every bishop.
At Spanish Club every one of them. Catherine the best acting ability, Aquinas dances at El Club Espanol’s final have received promotions at the vvisor, donated the dolls. Verbena de la Paloma.” Rapids sophomore, gave a talk on Musti of Vega Studio of the Dance

Dr. Gines M. Maiquez, faculty ad­
vised. With economy realistic costumes, the story of the

Great-St. Catherine was effectively

played. No protestations were

from Siena. Catherine was indeed

headstrong, was a gallant char­
acter, as was the proud but soft­
hearted Duke of Anjou (Richard Tihakos). The haggishness of Countess Ursina (Joanne Fleming) made her a villainess from the very start.

Certain scenes in the play were deeply moving. The dramatic climax occurring when Pope Greg­

ory (James Fippole) walked over the prostrate body of his father (Rod­

ger Remington) was a challenge to any dry eye. The players were most successful in portraying the inner conflicts of the characters. The Pope, wanting to do God’s will, is torn between devotion to his countrymen and devotion to the Church. Vincenzo valettes bet­

between love for Margherita (Ger­

doliva Greene) and family pride. Even Catherine experiences moments of trial when she feels “all along.”

The greatness of the character of St. Catherine enables her to overcome all obstacles. Despairing peasants, ambitious Cardinali, vicious noblemen, even the Pope himself is moved by the love from Siens. Catherine was indeed valiant. No protestations were needed to convince the audience that she “had always been in love.”

The success of the play was heightened by the skillful per­
formance of those in the support­
ning cast: Albert Rehmann, Robert Fumford, Mary Jane Stachowiak, Joseph Jamik, Frank Schmidt, John Ronen, Thomas Quinn, Jane Enge­

na, and Leora Boucher.

M.A.S.

by Janet Hamner Planning to get together in May are Aquinites’ representatives in Washington, D. C. — Ginny Vogt, New York; Shirley Waters, Washington; Al­
dine Fowles, Violet Panzyek, Buri Philippo, and Judy Schmidt. Shirley Waters and her fiancé, William Head, are again using a new Dodge on their honey­

trip to California after their wedding July 24. Approximately an hour apart last July at St. Stephen’s church, met again un­
expectedly, on their honeymoon trip to California. This isn’t the end of this little soap opera. On May 5, Jean had a baby son, John, and three days later who should be wheeled past her door, but Mari­

lyn, who had just given birth to a son, Christopher! Oh well, I’ll say it — small world!

It’s a bambino for Dr. and Mrs. Anton Rancurello (Carmella Lacc­
chea), Michael David, born April 30. I wonder if they’re passing out pizza flavored diapers.

Here’s a little news from Alaska — a baby is now at the home of Mrs. Edmund Portko (Winnie Koh­

phot). His name Ed­

mund Melchor. I hear he has a “wee” tummy.

Just to show this isn’t a man’s world, it’s a girl, for Mr. and Mrs. Georgina Hoffer. They have the baby May 8. Congrat­
ulations to all the little future Aquinites.

Zcello Camacho, an Aquinite from 1949, will have the wedding July 31. The result of the priest­
hood May 1 in Agana, Guam. He studied at St. Patrick’s Seminary, Menlo Park, Cal., and was ordained for work in his native Guam.

Climbing up that ladder of you­

know-what, Mr. Marilyn Rancurello, who has been awarded membership in the East Coast section of the President’s club of the Great West Life Assurance Company. It’s for leading interests which they distinguished themselves. Right up those ladders in Archie Pegg, who

Two former Aquinas students have received promotions at the Grand Rapids Herald. Charles Clapp, ex-’50, is now news editor. Robert Boit, ’49, replaces Clapp as sports editor.

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Talented Cast Shows Skill In Finished Play Production

The college production of Cath­

ine the Valiant, May 6 and 7 at the Ladies Literary Club, proved beyond a doubt that Aquinas have talent. It is especially to be won­
dered at that in so short a time Mr. Anthony J. Brink, the cast, and the various promoters and stage hands, were able to give such a finished product. With economy of scenery and props, and colorful, realistic costumes, the story of the great St. Catherine was effectively portrayed.

Although serious drama requires the best acting ability, Aquinas need make no excuses for the mem­
ers of the cast. They were good—every one of them. Catherine

Dancers Entertain At Spanish Club Karis Englund and William Munti of Vega Studio of the Dance demonstrated Latin—A meri­
can dances at El Club Espanol’s final meeting of the year, Wednesday, May 12. Robert Le Baron, Grand Rapids sophomores, gave a talk on the Zarzuela, a type of musical play, and played a recording of “La Verbenas de la Pa­
fina.”

Carl Sefl, Holland sophomore, and Margaret Stowe, Grand Rapids senior, won the Spanish dolls given away for the benefit of the club.

Robert Jan Karp, Rosemary Gazella, Louise Gazella, Joan Wisniewski, and (not pictured) Mary Stack.

Chromatic Scene Charms Dancers Gay spring dresses and hand­
some tuxedos gave pleasant mos­

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Marian Burke crowns Our Lady of Fatima, attended by (left to right) Joanne Fleming, Jean Karp, Rosemary Gazella, Louise Gazella, Joan Wisniewski, and (not pictured) Mary Stack.
Golf Team Does It Again... Dominates Athletic Scene

As in past years Coach Bob Rosenbach and his golf team con­
tinued to dominate the spring sports scene on the campus. The 1954
version of swinging linksmen is composed of juniors John Kelbel
and Bob Faber; sophomores Frank Kuberski and Dick Yahnke; and
Athletes Form Varsity Club
Aquinas athletes have banded together and formed a Varsity club. Letter winners in basketball, golf, and cheerleading and managers are eligible to belong.

Present membership numbers 28. Officers are Robert Faber, junior president; Terrence McSweeney, sophomore vice-president; Patricia McCarthy, sophomore, secretary; all from Grand Rapids; Marianne Fleischer, sophomore from Birch Run, treasurer; and Jane Engemann, sophomore from Holland, historian.

As its first venture, the new club sponsored a drawing for a clock, radio, May 7. Joan Ridley, freshman from Grand Rapids, was the winner.

Squad Picks Three New Cheerleaders
Mary Lou Janzen, Marian, Virginia Buck, Muskegon, and Margaret Womack, Marysville, were chosen as new cheerleaders by the members of the cheerleading squad. Mary Lou Janzen, Pauline Run, Patricia McCarthy, Grand Rapids, and Jane Engemann, Holland, will continue as cheerleaders.

Forum Argues on Curricula
Social Science Forum discussed “Technological and Fine Arts Education” May 12 at the home of Mrs. E. G. Hall, in a symphony program pres­ented by the Gamma Alpha Pi, Aquinas music club.

Mr. Light gave an unusually brilliant interpretation to Chopin's Ballade in G. minor. The difficulty of the work resolved under his clean attack and exquisite dy­namics.

Accompanied by the G. R. Sym­phony, Mr. Theodore played the Rhapsody in Brahms' Kam­menost Overture and Ketelby's Per­manence. The children received medals and balloons and enjoyed ice cream, animal crackers, and a magic show by Robert Sullivan, '49.

Keller's Pitching Offers Bright Spot in Poor Season
Jim Keller's two hit performances against Ferris Institute Apr. 30, was the only highlight in an un­successful Tommie baseball sched­ule this season. Absent from the lineup was center-fielder Dave Eddington, injured in an accident at home plate during a game against Calvin, April 25. Eddington had been the only bright spot in the Tommie lineup during the season.