

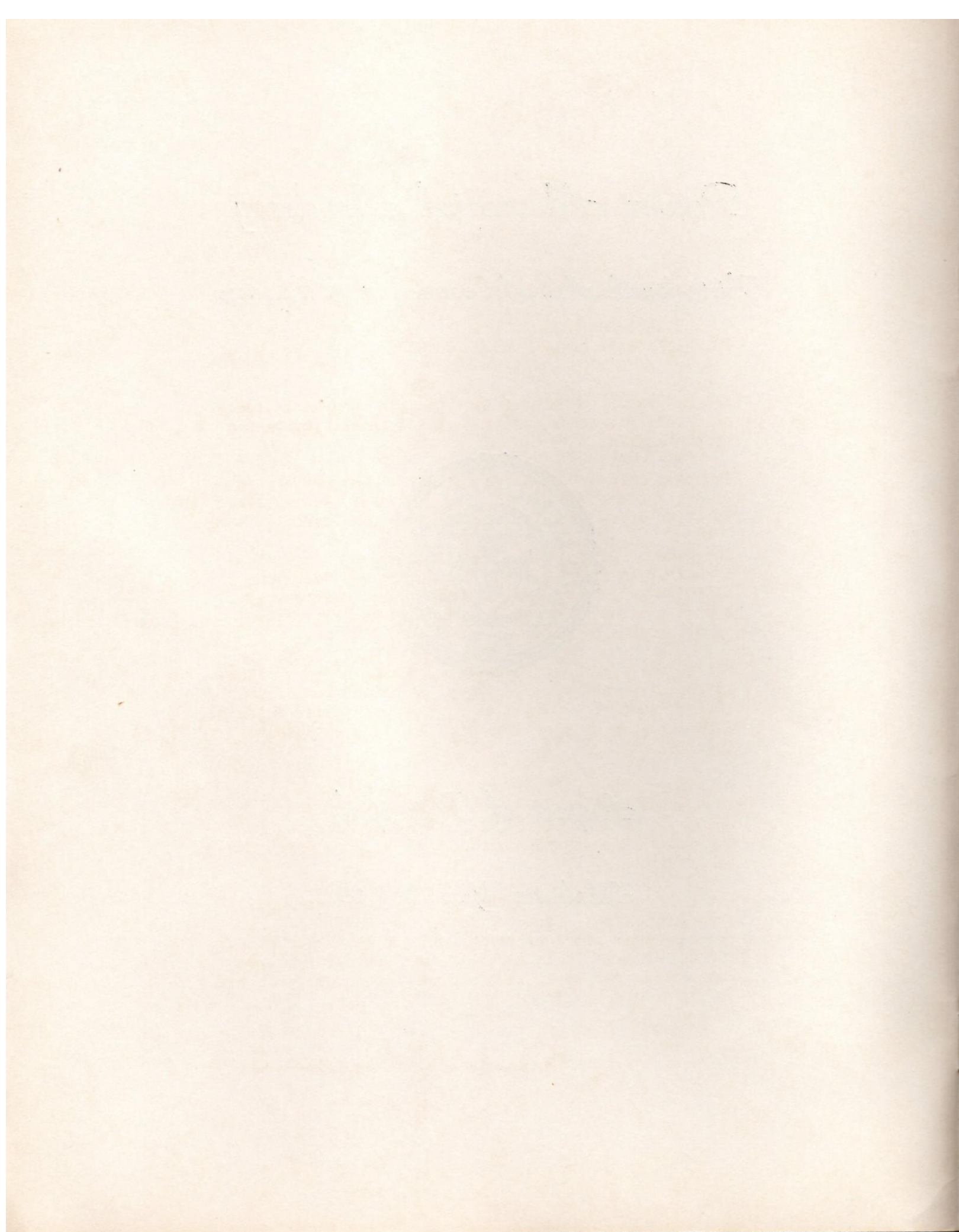
# *Power Memorial Academy*

*Thirty-fourth Annual Commencement Exercises*



*Report of Principal*

*Scholastic Year 1968-69*



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TO THE 1968 GRADUATING CLASS  
POWER MEMORIAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Let me extend to each of you the warm congratulations of a former teacher who, in spirit, shares your sense of achievement.

You have laid a foundation for useful and satisfying lives. Before you get on with the work, I would like to offer a few thoughts that you may find useful.

The passion to succeed, to achieve great things, is strongest in youth. Heed it. Do not squander your lives in petty pursuits. Commit yourselves now to a course that will strengthen you for the trials and opportunities of life.

Prize your individuality always. Whatever your place in society, whatever your work, do not surrender your self-reliance or compromise your independence. Liberty is and always will be your most precious possession. Guard it well.

Direct your energies, your talents, and your desires to what is best for yourselves and best for your country. We look to you to redeem what is wrong in our national past and to build what will be great in our national future.

Let this be your wish: that you may look back upon this graduation -- from no matter how many years hence -- with the conviction that you have treated all men with honesty and goodwill, that you have put your heart into your work, that you have done your best.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Lyndon B. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

It is my very great pleasure to welcome all of you to the 34th Annual Commencement Exercises of Power Memorial Academy. We are deeply grateful to Msgr. James Rigney for his willingness to preside at our Commencement this year. He is an Alumnus of whom we are very proud. To Brother Robert V. Scanlon, Provincial of the Eastern American Province of the Congregation of Christian Brothers, a special word of thanks for his interest and assistance to Power Memorial Academy. We thank, also, our other distinguished guests for giving us the honor of their presence today. Finally, to the Parents and friends of the Class of 1968, we would like to congratulate you on the accomplishments of your sons. We know that our pride in this Graduating Class is exceeded only by yours.

The Annual Report of the Principal is a cataloging of the achievements of the school during the previous year. To a very great degree, this amounts to a recognition of the efforts and accomplishments of the Senior Class. This is most especially true in the area of academic awards. As can be seen by the Graduation Program, the Class of 1968 has continued the enviable record of Power Memorial Academy by achieving a creditable number of awards and scholarships. Congratulations to the Faculty, the Graduating Class and the Parents of the Graduates for the cooperation, interest and effort which produced these results. The Class of 1968 includes 268 students, of whom 30 have achieved Honor Diplomas and 78% have been admitted into college.

A most important part of any school is the program of student activities. Participation in, and support of these activities can do much to aid in the proper development of the individual student. In great measure, the success of these activities rests with the Senior Class — the leaders of the school. Once again, we must congratulate the Class of 1968 and the various Moderators and Coaches for the successes achieved this past year by the various extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. The following activities deserve special applause for their year's work:

Student Council — Stephen Walsh, President  
Brother J. M. Binkley, Moderator

The Council has done a creditable job of serving as a channel of communication between the student body, on the one hand, and the Administration and Faculty, on the other. It has also devoted a great deal of time and effort in trying to increase school spirit within the school.

Publications — John Godzich, Editor of "Purple and Gold"  
John Hagan, Editor of the Yearbook  
Mr. Paul Ott, Moderator

The Editors and Staffs of the Power Publications are to be commended for the hard work and long hours they expended on the yearbook and newspapers, as well as their great desire to make these publications as interesting as possible.

Concert and Marching Bands — Mr. Gene Morra, Director  
Mr. John Ingram, Instructor  
Brother J. P. Coakley, Moderator  
Brother G. E. Longobardi, Co-ordinator

The dedication of Mr. Morra and his associates plus the hard work and cooperation of the band members combined to produce another year of great accomplishment for the Power Band. In concert and in numerous parades their performance was exemplary.

Glee Club — Mr. James Welch, Director  
Mr. Frederick Schminke, Moderator  
Brother G. E. Longobardi, Co-ordinator

Mr. Welch and his associates have continued during the past school year to raise the Glee Club to new and higher standards of excellence. Also to be commended are the members of the Glee Club who, under trying circumstances have given of their best to cooperate with their Director.

Dance Committee — Brother J. M. Binkley, Moderator

The Moderator and the members of this group are to be congratulated upon the fine series of dances run during the past year. Their interest and work not only provided the students with valuable social experience but also contributed to some projects within the school through the funds realized by these socials.

Athletics — Brother N. F. Sirignano, Director  
Basketball — Mr. E. J. Kuhnert, Varsity Coach  
Mr. B. Malone, Junior Varsity Coach  
Brother T. J. Jensen, Freshman Coach

The capability of the Coaches and the desire and hard work of the players themselves is evidenced by the record compiled by all three basketball teams:

1. Varsity — 13 wins and 6 losses; the team was second in its division but was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs for the city championship of the C.H.S.A.A.
2. Junior Varsity — 20 wins and 1 loss; won the city championship of the C.H.S.A.A.
3. Freshman — 17 wins and 4 losses; ended the season first in their division and second in the Bronx-Manhattan League.

Once again, in baseball as in basketball, the record tells the story of earnestness and desire to win of both Coaches and the teams:

Varsity — Mr. B. Malone, Coach (assisted by Brother L. T. Murphy)  
Junior Varsity — Brother J. B. Murray (assisted by Brother R. B. McNamara)

1. Varsity — overall record: 10 wins, 9 losses, 4 ties.  
league record: 7 wins and 5 losses.
2. Junior Varsity — league record: 8 wins and 4 losses.

Track — Mr. J. J. Mulligan, Coach  
Brother J. M. Binkley, Coach  
Brother J. G. Bielen, Coach

The Coaches and team members deserve a great deal of applause. Their consistent hard work in a sport which does not draw a spectator following in high school competition, plus their capacity, not just to persevere in the sport, but to either win or be in strong contention, are characteristics which do them great honor.

1. Varsity — won the city championship in cross country for the 3rd consecutive year and the section championship for the 5th consecutive year.

Two mile relay team of J. Barbary, J. Lovett, P. Lovett, and C. March broke the school record with a 7.49.5 time.

2. Freshman X-Country — first in the sectional championships, 6th in the city championships, 2nd in the Private School Meet.

A special word of thanks must be given to Mr. John Mulligan who is retiring from active coaching of track after many years of successful work at Power. Power will always be indebted to him.

Gymnastic Team — the Athletic Department has expanded to include this form of competition. We are sure that, with the interest of Mr. A. DePinto and the cooperation of the student body, Power will shortly start amassing records and trophies in this area as it has in the others. Good luck to all involved.

Congratulations and thanks for a job well done must be extended to a number of Auxiliary Groups associated with the school. The largest of these groups are the three Parents' Organizations. To the Alumni Parents' Association we would want to extend a word of commendation for their continued support of and interest in Power Memorial Academy. They have always shown great enthusiasm for anything associated with the school and have spent their time and energy to achieve success. To their Presidents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, and Moderator, Brother G. E. Longobardi, a hearty "Thank You" and "Well Done". As a gesture of our appreciation we will honor during the Commencement some of our Alumni Parents who have assisted us for many years. This gesture will be continued at each subsequent commencement. Words cannot express the debt of gratitude which we owe to our Mothers' and Fathers' Clubs — their combined efforts have realized for Power Memorial Academy approximately \$80,000.00 during the past year. To Mr. John Callahan, President of the Fathers' Club, and to their Moderator, Brother J. R. Kelly, we would like to offer our thanks and express our appreciation and through them, to the entire membership for their sponsorship of Bingo and the Dance earlier in the year. We would also thank all of them for their cooperation in all the other activities of the Clubs. To Mrs. Florence Kelterborn, President of the Mothers' Club, and to their Moderator, Brother J. B. Murray, and through them to the membership of the Mothers' Club, we would also express our indebtedness to them for their tremendous assistance to the School. The Annual Card Party was wonderfully successful, and, of course, anyone associated with Power knows the degree of co-operation which they have always demonstrated for all activities of the other Clubs. To all of these wonderful parents, a most sincere "Thank you". May God bless them for their efforts in the future and in the past.

One Auxiliary Power Group which is just in the process of being rejuvenated is the Alumni Association. We would like to express our appreciation for the efforts of Mr. E. V. Burns and Brother J. M. Leavey, the Joint Moderators of the Alumni, for their time-consuming efforts. Seven meetings have been held since January and the group has conducted two successful events — the Homecoming Basketball Game at Madison Square Garden on January 26 and the Tom Gorman Day at Shea Stadium on June 15. Most important of the events planned for the future is the First Annual Alumni Reunion at the Essex House on the evening of February 8, 1969. The Officers of the Alumni Association are:

President — Mr. Stephen Downes, Class of '35

Vice President — Mr. Tom Gorman, Class of '38

Treasurer — Mr. Raymond Lowe, Class of '40

Secretary — Mr. Stephen Sims, Class of '52

The thanks of all Powermen are owed to these men for their efforts on behalf of the school. We would also encourage the present Graduates to keep in contact with the Alumni Association — there will be an Alumni Induction Night in the late Fall for the members of the Class of '68.

We are pleased to announce that three Powermen were ordained to the priesthood this year — Rev. Ronald J. Haddad, Class of '60; Rev. John J. Antoncic, Class of '59; Rev. John E. Vesey, Class of '59. Also Dennis Brunie of the Class of '67 will receive the Habit of the Congregation of the Christian Brothers this September and brother Thomas E. Vesey will make his Perpetual Profession in the same Congregation on June 27.

To our school Chaplains, Rev. Donald Gollinge of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and Rev. William Dalton of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, we owe an inestimable debt of gratitude. Their self-sacrificing service to our students is in the best traditions of the priesthood they profess. Also to Rev. Francis Ryan, C.S.P., Pastor of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, and to all the Paulist Fathers we offer a sincere "Thank you".

In conclusion, I would like to offer my own personal Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Graduates and their Families. I would also like to express my deep sense of gratitude to all of those on the Faculty and Staff who have given me their support and co-operation during the year. Only with their most valuable assistance can the school function properly. I would especially cite the following who have been associated with me in the Administration and leadership of the school:

Mr. Francis Coleman .....	Vice-Principal
Brother Edward Olwell .....	Bursar
Brother Paul Lovetere .....	Dean of Studies
Brother Edward Boyle .....	Dean of Discipline

#### **Directors and Co-ordinators**

Brother J. M. Binkley .....	Student Activities
Brother N. F. Sirignano .....	Athletics and Gymnasium
Brother G. E. Longobardi .....	Music
Mr. John J. Ryan .....	Guidance

#### **Departmental Chairmen**

Brother B. C. McMullen .....	Religion
Mr. D. J. Considine .....	Business
Mr. P. J. Ott .....	English
Miss Frances Caruso .....	Library
Mr. M. J. Cooney .....	Mathematics
Mr. B. Malone .....	Physical Education
Brother R. B. McNamara .....	Science
Mr. G. E. Grimmeyer .....	Social Studies

To the "unnamed, unhonored and unsung" members of the Faculty and Staff who never have the opportunity to bask in the limelight, let me offer my own personal vote of confidence and this word of appreciation — without them there would be no limelight in which anyone could bask. Thank you and God bless you all.

BROTHER FRANCIS O'CONNOR  
Principal

Power Memorial Academy would like to take this opportunity to offer the Congratulations and Best Wishes of the Administration, Faculty and Student Body to the Graduation Classes of the Schools of the Congregation of Christian brothers in the Eastern American Province:

- All Hallows Institute — Bronx, New York  
Brother J. W. Noone, Principal
- Bergen Catholic High School — Oradell, New Jersey  
Brother A. X. Keane, Principal
- Bishop Gibbons High School, Schenectady, New York  
Brother T. P. Draney, Principal
- Bishop Kearney High School — Rochester, New York  
Brother E. M. Tracey, Principal
- Blessed Sacrament High School — New Rochelle, New York  
Brother L. P. Lawrence, Principal
- Cardinal Farley Military Academy — Rhinecliff, New York  
Brother P. K. Hennessy, Principal
- Catholic Memorial High School — West Roxbury, Massachusetts  
Brother D. B. McIlmurray, Principal
- Essex Catholic High School — Newark, New Jersey  
Brother W. V. Dennehy, Principal
- Iona College — New Rochelle, New York  
Brother J. G. McKenna, President
- Iona Grammar School — New Rochelle, New York  
Brother J. J. McCarthy, Principal
- Iona Preparatory School — New Rochelle, New York  
Brother H. M. Delaney, Headmaster
- Msgr. Farrell High School — Staten Island, New York  
Msgr. W. J. Barnes, Supervising Principal  
Brother J. K. Ward, Brother Principal
- Nuestra Senora Del Pilar School — Arequipa, Peru  
Brother J. G. Castellanos, Principal
- Rice High School — New York, New York  
Brother F. P. Morkan, Principal
- Sacred Heart School — New York, New York  
Brother S. P. Considine, Principal
- St. Cecilia's School — New York, New York  
Brother M. T. Carr, Principal
- Commander Shea School — New York, New York  
Brother J. B. O'Connor, Principal
- Stella Maris School — Montevideo, Uruguay  
Brother C. P. O'Reilly, Principal
- Collegio Cardinal Newman — Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Brother D. N. Finegan, Principal



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**Men of Power!**

Today you join thousands of men in every walk of life who are proud to have been addressed by that title. Why are they proud? Hardly because of the magnificent building or social prestige that it connotes! They are proud because, as they have matured they appreciate ever more deeply the basic values they were taught at Power. Graduation from high school should be an important milestone on the road to maturity. I suggest that even now you can test your maturity by trying to single out a few outstanding fundamental values that you think have been strengthened by your years at Power: Love and reverence for God; love and respect for your Church; love for your country; a deeper appreciation of the fundamental worth of your fellow students and your fellow men; a greater awareness of basic moral values; a deeper realization of your own personal and intellectual potential. There are many others.

Maturity has been defined as the ability to accept personal responsibility. Whether you are ready or not, from this day on, much greater demands will be made on you to exercise that personal responsibility. For years you have been called upon, not merely to grow older, but to grow up; that demand will now be greatly increased. That is why you call today your Commencement Day; the process of your really rapid maturing is now beginning. To a great extent your success or failure in that will depend upon how well and how consistently you apply the basic values you have been taught at Power to your own personal decisions. Perhaps of all those values and truths, the one that will be of greatest help to you during the next decade is an awareness of and belief in the ever present help of God and His Blessed Mother. With their help and the values you have been taught, you will become indeed mature Christian men whom all of us will be proud to salute as "Men of Power"!

*(Sgn.) Robert V. Keenan*  
Provincial



