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Mr. Duggan, Mr. Gazeley, Rev. Fathers, Teaching Staff of Brebeuf College School, Graduates, Special Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

A tradition at Brebeuf has been the Rector's Report at Graduation, ~~it consists mainly of a~~ ~~it has been customary for the Rector to report on the major events~~ of the past year.

¹⁹⁹⁰ Last Spring 93 students earned their Secondary School Graduation Diplomas for Grade 12 - these are the students who are listed in the Graduation Programme today and who are graduating from Brebeuf College School. Also last year 81 Grade 13 students received the Secondary School Honours Graduation Diplomas of whom 26 were Ontario Scholars. This year ¹⁹⁹¹ we have ~~118~~ 106 candidates for the Gr. 12 diploma and 78 candidates for the Gr. 13 Diploma. ~~of whom there will be approximately 17 Ontario Scholars.~~

ACADEMIC: MATHEMATICS

A large number of our students participated in 3 University of Waterloo Mathematics Contests. Brebeuf finished in the top 20% in all three contests. A few of our students who did very well were Warren Lo, James Stafford, Terry Nowicki, Frederick Gandolfi and James Williams.

A team chosen from our nines and tens entered the M.S.S.B. Mathematics league. Although the team was defeated in the playoffs, four games were won and two lost during the regular season.

ACADEMIC:

In the University of Waterloo Chemistry 13 News Research Assistanðship Examination, two of our Grade 13 students were in the top 300 - John Moore and Mark Quigg.

Each Spring, McMaster Universty sponsors a Physics Prize Contest open to all Gr. 13 Students in Ontario Secondary Schools. This year Brebeuf is prouyd to announce that 5 of our students finished in the top 20 and were invited to the prize ceremony dinner at McMaster on April 10. These top students were Helen Tsang, Neil McPhail, John Moore, Mark Quigg and Bill Stefanuk, who took 3rd place over-all. Congratulations to ~~these~~ students.

THE BREBEUF LAY ADVISORY BOARD,

~~This year~~ with the help of ~~the~~ a new group, known as Brebeuf 50, (with no relation to Labatts), ^{was involved in} ~~the~~ fund-raising ^{was} ~~helped~~ greatly by ~~these~~ volunteers who worked extremely hard - the final result was \$29,000.00 ^{to} ~~to help~~ defrey the ^c ~~most~~ of eduation at Brebeuf. Many thanks to the 50, ^{in the previous years} ~~who worked so hard~~ *this year*

This past year, over \$5,400.00 was given out in bursaries to help students towards their tuition. *TO ALL WHO HELPED IN THIS PROJECT WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL.*

BREBEUF LADIES GUILD

Once again the Brebeuf Ladies Guild were very active in support of Brebeuf. They began their year with the annual Blazer sale during registration in August. The highlights of the season for the Guild included the Dinner-Dance-Casino Evening, Communion Breakfast, the Fashion Show, Annual Bridge, Meeting with our School Trustee, Mr. Ed MacMahon, welcoming the new Grade IX students for Orientation Night in ~~February~~ *April*, and the Exercise Classes. Also the reception after graduation today is being put on by the present Gr. 12 ~~Guild Members~~ Mothers. * Many thanks to Mrs. Velma Letterio who is retiring as President after two years of dedicated ~~and~~ service, thank you Velma. * On behalf of the Jesuit Community, I would like to say thankyou to the Guild for their Christmas meal they made ~~for~~ for the Jesuit Fathers and Brothers.

ACADEMIC:

Last fall Brebeuf entered the exciting new field of micro-computers with the purchase of 6 Commodore Pet Micro-computers, a printer, and a disc drive. September 1981 will see the introduction of a second course in computer studies at Brebeuf and it will study in depth the field of micro-computers. This past year, two mini-courses on Microcomputers were offered to students at the Senior level - emphasized were the basic principles of the hardware and a working knowledge of programming in ~~the~~ BASIC language.

STOCK MARKET:

For the first time at Brebeuf, a number of students (20 in all), participated in a Stock Market game organized and co-ordinated by Wilfred Laurier University. Over a three month period, the Brebeuf students, divided into Nations, bought and sold stocks on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Each group operated as if they had \$100,000.00 in cash at the beginning and attempted to maximize their funds. The students were in competition with 800 teams from other high schools across Ontario. Those who participated gained a more intimate knowledge of the stock markets operation which helped in their regular study of the topic in Economics.

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We had a number of guest speakers at Bubby:

On March 2, 1981 - Dr. Ian Storey of Trent University was a guest speaker in the Gr. 13 Classical Studies Class

On Monday, May 25, Jim Peterson, the local member of ^{Parliament}, visited the school and spoke to the Gr. 12 Economics classes. He was able to enlighten the students on the reasons for government actions in the ~~economy~~ and attempted to justify present interest ^{rates} and fiscal policies.

On Monday, June 1st, a debate was held before the Grade 12 students concerning the boycott of Nestle products by groups concerned with the present methods of promoting baby formulae.

Representatives from the Nestle Co and from INFAC, the boycott leaders, each presented their points of view to the students.

The ~~boys~~ ^{students} involved had spent some time discussing the issue in class both from the economic and the moral points of view.

A team of four students led the questioning after the debate and all interested students were given a chance to ask questions of both sides.

The debate served to show the effect of organized consumers on a large corporation and also served to demonstrate how confusing a supposedly simple issue can really be.

T.V. BREBEUF CLUB:

The T.V. Brebeuf Club operated out of Room 206 every afternoon after school from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. producing mini-skits, and T.V. commercials for the Media Arts Course at Brebeuf.

The club was unable to function in Term 3 this year due to equipment failures and the need for repairs. The club does look forward to a new year in 1981-82.

THEATRE BREBEUF:

Theatre Brebeuf began an active year with its October presentation of two one-act plays: "BIGFOOT" and "SHOWDOWN AT SAND VALLEY". The group then assisted in the production of a Christmas pageant as well as a tableau play of the Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday as presented to the student body. Theatre Brebeuf capped off its season with the well-received production of the play CHARLES'S AUNT.

LITERARY PUBLICATIONS AT BREBEUF:

TRIPLE BRONZE, Brebeuf's annual anthology of student poetry, celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. To date, since its inception in April 1971, over 650 students have contributed poems to the 10 issues of TRIPLE BRONZE. The poetry booklet is a project of the Grade 13 graduating class each year. Copies may be obtained from the English Department at Brebeuf.

NOOSPHERE is Brebeuf's other literary project. All Grade 12 students taking English 40 write a short piece of fiction during the year and the best five are printed in a booklet entitled, NOOSPHERE.

WRITING CONTESTS:

Liam Palmer of 10C competed in the Royal Canadian Legion Annual Poetry Contest open to all Ontario Secondary School Students. He won first prize at both the Willowdale and the North York levels of competition and third prize at the Metro Toronto level.

Brebeuf students entered twenty-two of the twenty-five weekly essays contest sponsored by The CATHOLIC REGISTER for secondary school students all across Canada. Four times our students won first prize for the week. Winners were Chris Kovacs of Gr. 11, Byron Keiser of Gr. 10, David Emig of Gr. 10 and Brian Koscak of Gr. 10.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING:

Every student at Brebeuf speaks publicly at least once a year,
From these students, ^{finalists} ~~speakers~~ are chosen ~~finalists~~ who then compete
for top awards in six categories.

This year's winners were:

Senior Original ----- Chris Zions of Gr. 12
Senior Elocution ----- Dan Guizzetti of Gr. 11
Intermediate Original - Lionel Noronha of Gr. 10
Intermediate Elocution - Philip Hoddinott of Gr. 10
Junior Original ----- Tom Bastable of Gr. 9
Junior Elocution ----- John Shin of Gr. 9

MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

This past year our Music Department selected over one-hundred
students to participate in the annual Christmas and Spring
Concerts. Both evenings were ~~full of music~~ enjoyed by all
who attended. Selections were presented by our Senior Concert
Band, the Junior Concert Band, and the ever popular 17-piece
Stage Band.'

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SCIENCE FAIRS:

A number of the Grade 9 students entered Science Fairs sponsored by the M.S.S.B. and they did quite well:

In the Region Science Fair the following were winners:

Applied Science - 1st - Donal Lynch

2nd - Ted Maulucci & Ed Patrick

Life Science - 1st - Jerome McKenna

Honourable Mention - Chris McLennan

Science in Society - 1st - Dan Leon

2nd - Jim Forestall

3rd - Lee Collier-Colucci

Physics & Math - 1st John Shin

2nd - James Moffat & Paul Landolt

Environmental Science - 1st Milan Likon & John Ritacca

2nd - Sean Layden

In the METRO WIDE M.S.S.B. SCIENCE FAIR THE FOLLOWING received prizes:

Applied Science - 1st for Donal Lynch

Physics & Math - 1st John Shin

Environmental Science - Milan Likon & John Ritacca.

Due to the placing of these students, Brebeuf received the over-all trophy for the M.S.S.B. Science Fair Level II for Mathematics and Physical Sciences.

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A Summary of Chaplaincy Services 1980 - 81

Throughout the 1980 -81 academic year⁴ the chaplaincy provided a full range of spiritual services for the students and staff. These included:

- daily mass in the student chapel (including regular preaching and music)
- First Friday Assembly masses (attended by on the average from 200 - 300 students)
- paraliturgical services using audio-visual aids, pantomime and music for Ash Wednesday and Lent
- support for the Student Council's Share Life Campaign and the initiation of the Roses for Life Campaign
- formal opportunities for ~~mass~~ confessions throughout Holy Week and informal opportunities throughout the year
- counselling of students ~~and staff~~
- Days of Recollection held at Blessed Trinity Church Hall throughout the Winter Semester for the ~~10~~ Grade 9 and 10 classes

Pastoral Work in the Toronto Archdiocese based from Brebeuf High School

The chaplains did a great deal of work in the Archdiocese using Brebeuf as a base. This work set up many valuable future contacts for long-range work and planning for the apostolate. These included:

- involvement in the Catholic High School Chaplains' Association of the Archdiocese of Toronto establishing a personal rapport with chaplains involved in the educational apostolate
- involvement in the Resource Day in Jan., sponsored by the High School Chaplains which established many valuable contacts such as Youth Corps, COR retreats etc.
- involvement in area schools and parishes through weekend ministry, afternoons or days of recollection and special masses
- addressing several organizations such as the Catholic Doctors' Guild, the Serra Club (for businessmen and lawyers) on youth
- Toronto Right to Life and Halton Right to Life
- writing several publications in the Sacred Heart Messenger (based on work with the students at Brebeuf) and in Vanguard Magazine
- helping the COR retreat movement (a retreat movement for teenagers)
- a substantial commitment as spiritual directors and teachers of the Cursillo Movement of the Archdiocese of Toronto - a movement for renewal and the training of lay leaders in the Catholic Church

(There has been some interest in this movement shown by our own staff members)

STUDENT COUNCIL 1980-81

Under the most able leadership of Frank MacGath, the Student Council enjoyed one of its most productive years. The executive manifested a sense of maturity and responsibility. The usual activities were undertaken by the Council and were very successful: Share-life, the Christmas Project, the Student Dances, the blood donor clinic, the talent night, implementation of the Nation System, and the senior formal at the Inn on the Park. The Council worked hard on preparing a student council constitution, which is presently before Brebeuf's "supreme court". The new Student President, Chris Stanfield has a great challenge ahead of him for next year.

ATHLETICS, 1980-81

The major change in our Athletic programme this year was the establishment of the NATION SYSTEM for our intramural programme. Under the direction of Mr. Daoust, the students and staff were divided into 6 nations and participation of all students in sports grew significantly.

- ② The Blue Devils captured the 1980-81 Nations Championship.
- ① The Nation System included some 320 sport and academic games throughout the year.

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Our school fielded teams in the T.D.C.A.A. league in 12 different sport activities this eyar. The gymnastic team won its third consecutive championship with PHilip Li, Paul Lim Hing and David Nevin winning all round titles in the Senior, Junior and Novice divisions respectively. The basketball teams again had a fine season with our Junior and Senior teams making it to the semi-final round. Also both our Midget and Junior Volleyball teams had winning seasons with our Junior team placing second in its division. Jamie Stafford lead our track team to a second place finish in the Junior division of track and field. In addition to being voted the top Junior Athlete in the T.D.C.A.A. final, Jamie placed 1st in the 1500 and 3000 metres in the ALL METRO FINAL. The Spring season was highlighted by our Soccer teams having their best record ever with the Bantams finishing first and the Juniors second in their divisions.

On June 18, the MOST VALUABLE PLAYER awards for each sport will be given at the annual Father-Son award dinner. Hope you can make it.

HOCKEY AT BREBEUF:

There are two parts to the hockey programme at Brebeuf. Brebeuf has a Junior team (age 16 and under) in the Metro and District T.D.C.A.A. League and a house league programme for ^{Students} boys from Grades 9 to 12. The Nation teams play every Tuesday at Thornhill Community Centre.

This past year, the school team, The BREBEUF REDMENT, had a 10 - 10 - 4 record and made the play-offs where they lost to Thomas Aquinas of Brampton. Next year Brebeuf will again be entering a squad in the 18-team Junior T.D.C.A.A. League.

GRADE 13 MONDAY NIGHT SPORTS:

Brebeuf completed its ninth season of Monday Night Floor Hockey ' this year. The sixteen game schedule involving 6 student and 1 staff team went down to the final game. By virtue of a 7 - 7 tie game the Red Knights edged out the staff team who were making a bid to win their 4th pennant in the 9year history of the league. Clint Frotten of the Rockey Squad broke all previous scoring records with his 39 goals. He was voted Most Valuable Player by the league.

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Finally, It is with real regret that I have to announce that we are losing from Brebeuf College School, three of our present staff members. Father Jim Toppings ^{for} has been one of the founding fathers literally of Brebeuf, this year Fr. Toppings reached retirement age. Although he will no longer be at Brebeuf, he ~~will be retiring~~ retirement means that he now takes on Parish Work. ^{We are sorry because he will be with us this afternoon} in Richmond Hill. ~~The~~ Mr. Dan DiRocco will also be leaving Brebeuf this year ~~after~~ after years here. Mr. DiRocco has accepted a position of Vice-Principal at Bishop Pocock High School in Mississauga. Mr. Al Jack, after 4 years of teaching Geography at Brebeuf, is also leaving us this year to enter private industry. I would like to express my thanks and best wishes to each of these dedicated teachers *for all they have done at Brebeuf*

I would like to take this opportunity as well to thank publicly the whole staff of Brebeuf College School for their hard-work, dedication and sacrifices. Their support in me is greatly appreciated, for without them Brebeuf would not be Brebeuf College School.

One last word to the Graduates, which is the only opportunity ^{at Brebeuf} I am going to get to speak to them at this graduation. We ^{hope} and ~~we~~ pray that the spirit of St. Jean de Brebeuf, the spirit of dedication, of excellence, of selflessness and of being a man for others, will be with you throughout your lives as a legacy of Brebeuf College School. Congratulations. Thank you.

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I now have the great pleasure of introducing out Guest Speaker for the Graduation 1981. Our Speaker is Vice-President of Administration and Treasurer of St. Mary's Cement, he has been on the Metropolitan Separate School Board as a Trustee for eleven (11) years and is presently in his first term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the M.S.S.B. His son is a member of the graduating class of 1981, may I present to you, Mr. Paul Duggan, Sr.