

## *Announcements and Comments*

**Paula O’Keefe**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Cardinal Newman Society, in December 1996, published in *The Turnaround* a fine review of the growth of “Catholic Studies Programs” on the campuses of several Catholic universities and colleges. These programs have developed to bring a greater Catholic intellectual presence to, in O’Keefe’s words, “secularized institutions of higher learning.” Mentioned prominently were **Father Joseph Fessio, S.J.** and the Ignatian Institute that he established back in 1976 at the University of San Francisco; **Dr. Donald Briel** and the program he founded in the fall of 1993 at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis; **Dr. Susan Matthews** and her Catholic Studies Program at the University of Scranton; and Kansas Newman College’s Gerber Institute for Catholic Studies, featuring in this, its first year, the leadership of Crisis Editor **Dr. Deal W. Hudson**, who is the program’s initial Visiting Chair. **Dr. Donald D’Elia**, Professor of History at the State University of New York, New Paltz, and Co-Chairman of the Board of Advisors of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists, is interested in establishing a Catholic Social Studies Program at his university campus.

The summer 1996 issue of *Sursum Corda* published an excellent fourteen-page narrative of the life and work of the late John J. Mulloy, simply entitled “John J. Mulloy, 1916 - 1995.” **William Doino, Jr.**, the author, opened his essay with these words “as long as people have attacked Catholicism, courageous faithful have risen to defend it. Ten years ago, I met such a hero—John J. Mulloy.” This piece relates significant aspects of the life of John J. Mulloy, with a special emphasis placed on Mulloy’s very close identity with Christopher Dawson. Doino’s essay is one well worth studying.

**Stratford Caldecott**, Director of the Center for Faith and Culture at Westminster College, Oxford (OX2 9AT, England), has been active in studying and writing about Catholic orthodoxy in England for some time. His excellent essay, “Liturgy Forum Launched in Oxford: The Liturgical Reform Movement Spreads in Great Britain,” appeared in *Inside the Vatican*, Aug.-Sept. 1996 issue. Professor Caldecott has informed us of an important conference that will have been convened by the time our journal is in the hands of its readers. The Center for Faith & Culture/ Chesterton Institute Summer Conference, “G.K. Chesterton: Prophet of Sanity,” will be held from 26-28 June 1997. Professor Caldecott’s E-mail address is [s.caldecott@ox-west.ac.uk](mailto:s.caldecott@ox-west.ac.uk); any one interested in contacting him about his work at the Center for Faith and Culture, please correspond at the E-mail address.

**J. Fraser Field**, of Mission, British Columbia, has been laboring in his region of the continent to uphold Catholic truth, especially in the field of

Catholic education. Not only has he been working to strengthen the Roman Catholic substance of the history of Canada, as presented in curricula and textbooks, but he has defended accurate Catholic history against those who assault it through ignorance or anti-Catholic bias. His latest effort in regards to the latter, was to write to the *Vancouver Sun*, responding “to a scandalous piece they did on the residential schools.” That 22 November 1996 editorial painted a picture of the residential schools as “dysfunctional places of abuse.” Apparently the editorial of the *Vancouver Sun* “laid at the feet of the residential schools” problems of native populations such as tuberculosis epidemics, alcoholism, violence, and a welfare mentality.” (all quotations are from J. Fraser Field to Patrick Foley, 11 December 1996). Field founded the Catholic Social Studies Project: a vehicle through which that Catholic substance of history and other social science offerings can be brought to the attention of teachers and institutions in the Canadian educational establishment. Anyone interested in contacting J. Fraser Field in support of his efforts may do so by writing him at 32486, Badger Avenue, Mission, B.C. V2V 5S6, or by E-mailing him at [ffield@direct.ca](mailto:ffield@direct.ca).

On 8-9 September 1997, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe convened a conference celebrating the four hundred-year Catholic legacy of New Mexico. The gathering met at the historic *Santuario de Guadalupe* in Santa Fe. The two-day event featured nearly two dozen of the region’s leading historians and other scholars. They presented papers on various aspects of New Mexico’s Catholic history. **Marina Ochoa**, Archivist for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, and **Robert J. Torrez**, State Historian for the New Mexico State Records Center and Archives, organized the conference under the auspices of **Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan** of Santa Fe. Two members of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists, **Dr. Felix D. Almaraz, Jr.**, and **Dr. Patrick Foley**, were on the program.

A new book publishing company dedicated to bringing to the reading public tomes that carry themes consistent with an orthodox Catholic vision, has come into being this year. **The Spence Publishing Company** includes in its first bulletin of books available—under a heading of “Books for the Culture Wars”—such authors as Father Richard John Neuhaus, the late Russell Kirk, Dennis Helming, and David Lowenthal. For those potential readers interested please contact the Spence Publishing Company at 501 Elm Street, Suite 450, Dallas, Texas 75202, fax (214) 939-1800, or scan [www.spencepublishing.com](http://www.spencepublishing.com).

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**Dr. P.E. Hodgson** is President of SIQS, the International Secretariat for Scientific Questions of Pax Romana. Professor Hodgson, of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, (OXI 4FJ Oxford) communicated recently with Dr. Donald J. D’Elia at State University of New York, New Paltz, about SIQS. The following is taken from that communication. “Pax Romana is the international association of Catholic intellectuals, and its secretariat for scientific questions

provides a means of communication between scientists. By scientists we mean primarily those working professionally in the physical, biological, and human sciences, and applied mathematicians and technologists, together with theologians and philosophers concerned with the relations between science and the Catholic faith. If Catholic scientists are to play their full part in the life of the Church, they must know the connection between scientific and religious knowledge in the context of human culture. Many problems arise, such as the origin of the universe, creationism and evolution, energy and the environment, that are the subject of intense public debate. Catholic scientists have an indispensable role to play in those discussions, and they can only do this worthily if they have not only professional competence, but also a sound knowledge of its relation to the Christian faith. The Secretariat for Scientific Questions [SIQS] arranges international meetings and publishes a Bulletin containing news and developments in science and religion, reviews of books and typical comments.” Hodgson at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, OX1 4JF., or contact Dr. D’Elia at the Department of History, State University of New York, New Paltz, 12561, phone (914) 257-3545, the university, or (914) 255-5233, at home, or fax (914) 257-3009.