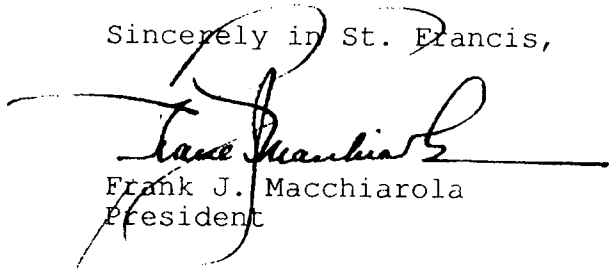


Dear Graduates,

Yearbooks are traditionally about beginnings and ends: commencements and graduations. So, I am very pleased to greet the members of the Class of 1997, the first class to graduate under my Presidency. We greet you and wish you well. I know that you have learned much at St. Francis College and that you have benefited greatly from the Franciscan education you received. As a Catholic college, committed to the whole person, we witness the ending of your undergraduate career and the beginning of your membership in our alumni family. You are ready to go forward as men and women of St. Francis College. You will be judged by the lives you lead, and we remain confident that you will help to build the considerable reputation that St. Francis enjoys.

I hope that you will seize the future with great determination, and you will face challenges willingly and successfully. Remain confident that in this end there is a beginning. We - the faculty and staff of the College - know you will succeed and look forward to seeing you on many return visits to Alma Mater.

Sincerely in St. Francis,

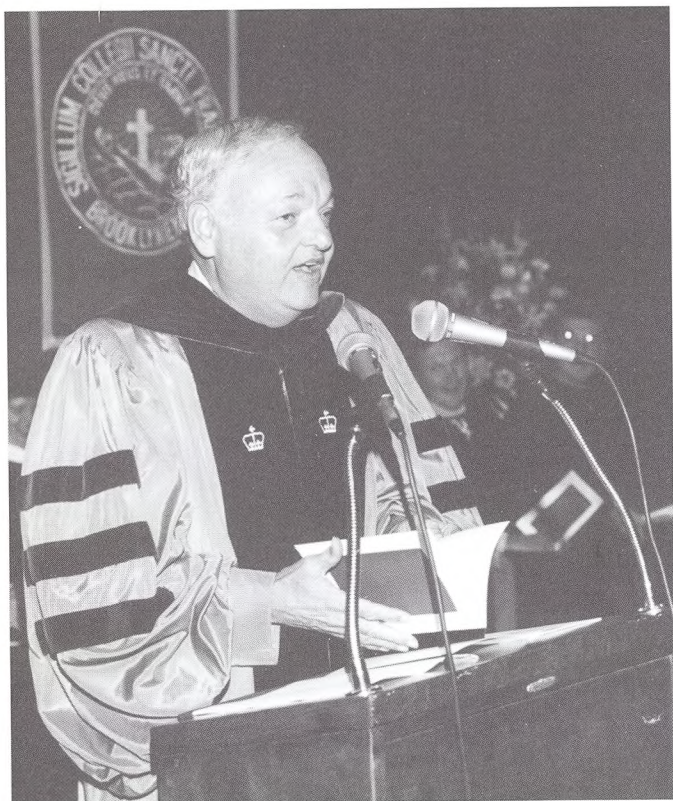


Frank J. Macchiarola
President

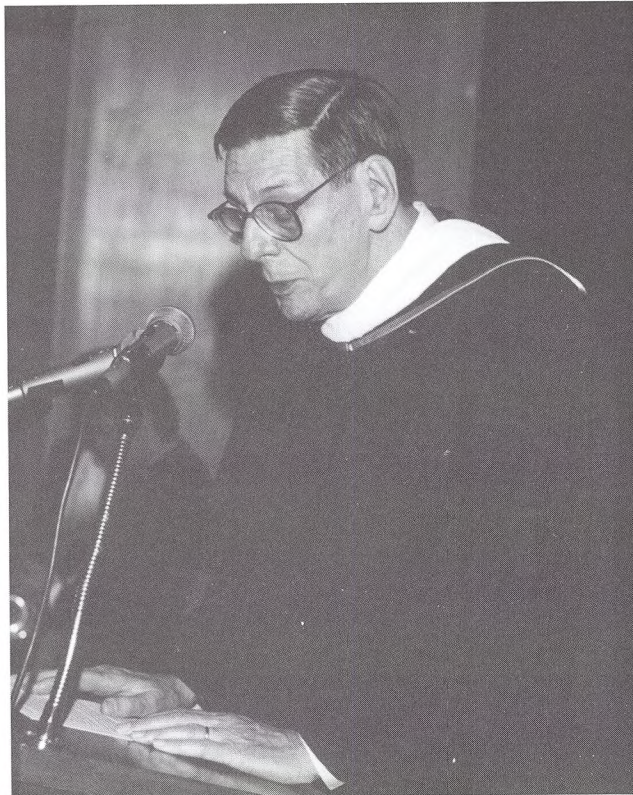
Installation Dr. Frank Macchiarola as the new President of St. Francis College



The College community and delegates from sister colleges and universities assembled in Founders Hall to greet the new President.



Dr. Macchiarola delivering his inaugural address



Professor Slade addressing the inaugural gathering