





The Board of Trustees
of
St. Francis College
Confers Upon
Brother Donald Sullivan, O.S.F.
The Honorary Degree
of
Doctor of Letters

Citation

No stranger to St. Francis College when he was elected its President in 1969, Brother Donald Sullivan, O.S.F., recognized several serious challenges to the viability of the institution. His early years at the helm were years of stress and disruption in American higher education and of social and economic problems in the greater community served by the College.

He charted a course and employed native gifts of leadership in the successful endeavor to keep the College on course. The Franciscan presence and purpose in higher education, which he personifies, were not sacrificed. Buffeted by winds of change on many campuses the study of the humanities, the natural and social sciences, spiritual and philosophical values, retained in him a staunch defender and promoter. Insistence on professional integrity, growth and enrichment, became a benchmark of his faculty relationships. Effective husbanding of the material resources of the College distinguished his administration. He sought no easy alternatives when tough decisions were faced regarding personnel or other areas of administrative responsibility.

He has striven to respect responsibilities given to appropriate officials of administration and committees of the Faculty. The rightful needs of students have been a major concern of his educational leadership.

A founder of the Brooklyn Educational and Cultural Alliance, an active member who has given direction to the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in New York State, Brother Donald was as well a prime influence of legislation establishing the Tuition Assistance Program. He serves also as a consultant to the Committee on Higher Education of the New York State Senate.

Of gentle demeanor, firm purpose, respectful of the competence and integrity of his associates, a reasonable taskmaster of the Board of Trustees, he fully merits the distinction the Board now happily confers on him, Doctor of Letters, honoris causa.