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Office of the President

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Dear Seniors:

In the name of the faculty and administration of St. Francis College it is my pleasure to extend to each of you sincerest and warmest congratulations on the happy occasion of your graduation.

As you have noted in the theme of your Yearbook, the College has been your bridge from adolescence to manhood. To cross this bridge has not been easy for any of you. But, we pray, that the struggle will not have been in vain.

As you undertake the responsibilities of manhood – graduate studies, business or professional career, marriage, – it will be your deliberate decision to implement or to ignore the principles learned at St. Francis College. We thank God that most of your fellow alumni have chosen the first course. Most of your fellow alumni have pursued graduate studies, have performed exceptionally well in their chosen field of endeavor and have raised fine families.

Most of your fellow alumni have found in their parish priests the enduring bridge between time and eternity, between earth and heaven. As you know the Latin word for bridge is pons, pontis. The Holy Father is called the Supreme Pontiff, the supreme bridge between man and his God. So too is each priest a pontiff – a bridge between his parishoners and God.

May the Class of 1965 follow the long and fine tradition of the many St. Francis College classes that have gone before you. May you always remember with grateful affection your bridge to manhood, your Alma Mater. May you always be faithful to your bridge to the Beatific Vision, your Supreme Pontiff and your parish priests.

Sincerely yours,

Brother Unban Gonnoud OST Brother Urban Gonnoud, O.S.F.

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