

Foreword

THE CYCLE OF LIFE is a never-ending cycle. Man is born, he learns and develops, he reproduces in his children the image of himself and his God. When he grows old and the cycle of his earthly life is spent, he dies . . . only to rise phoenix-like from his ashes to begin the new and final cycle of eternal life.

In the cycle of life and of all existence there is no beginning but in God and no real resolution but in eternity. The seasons, the years, the ages roll on, and all death is but a rebirth.

On the cover of the *Franciscan* appears the seal of St. Francis College of Brooklyn . . . it is circular, and a fitting symbol for the cycles of St. Francis College.

For over one hundred years, St. Francis College and the Franciscan Brothers have been part of the great cycle of life as it is manifest in the education of Catholic youth. Each school year for St. Francis, with the arrival of the new Freshman class and the graduation of the Seniors, forms a cycle of its own. So does the scholastic career of the individual student, as he passes through his four years of Franciscan education and progresses to the next in the series of cycles that comprise his life. One day his sons may return to become a part of the St. Francis cycle and begin his share in it anew.

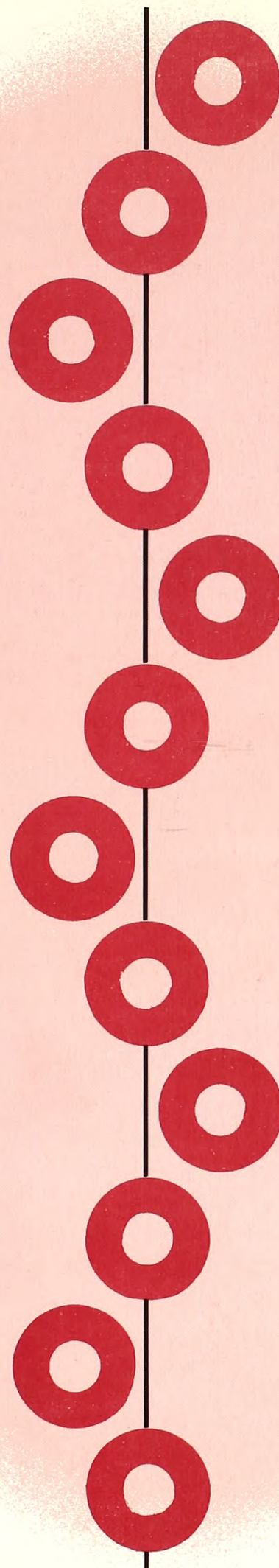
The 1961 *Franciscan* was conceived and executed as a lasting remembrance for the graduating Seniors, because in a true sense they are both the end and the beginning of the cycle of life at St. Francis College.

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