

where their education equipped them to exercise their rights intelligently and to fulfill their obligations. It was for this reason that the Jesuits conceived, as early as 1640, the plan of erecting a college as a necessary part of their program. Although it was a century and a half before the realization of this dream, it came through the establishment of Georgetown, then in Maryland, in 1786.

Certainly, any land endowed with such institutions of learning as the Jesuit Order has given to America may well feel it is blessed beyond the telling. Too well is it recognized today by thinking people everywhere that an accumulation of scientific or other facts, no matter how complete it may be, is a poor substitute for that rounded education which develops and disciplines the heart, while it develops the intellect.

On this occasion of the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Jesuit Order, it is a source of deep gratification to us to be able to look back upon our years of training under the members of the Jesuit Order. It is also satisfying to realize that today many thousands of our young men and college graduates are receiving that very same education, and are being fitted by a fully-rounded education to step into the affairs of our Country and to contribute their thought and leadership in the maze of problems that now confront us, and that undoubtedly will be with us for some years to come.

As Governor of Maryland, and as a former student who fully appreciates and treasures the traditions and philosophy that it has been a privilege to receive at the hands of the Jesuit Fathers, I respectfully salute the Order and ask the continuance of God's blessing on its work of education among the future leaders of our Country.