**Aquinas College 125th Anniversary Collection**

**Abstract:**

This is a small collection of material gathered and turned over to the archives by Gary Eberle and others during the time of the 125th anniversary of the college. It contains a sampling of a variety of material including photos, promotional materials and minutes of the anniversary committee.

Collection #: 19

Donor: Gary Eberle

Processed by: Mitchell Mulroy, Jennifer Morrison

Span Dates: 1937-2002

Size: 1.5 cubic feet

**History:**

Aquinas College celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2011. Juan Olivarez was inaugurated as the seventh president of the college in May of that year. The anniversary was marked with a history book researched and written by English professor, Gary Eberle. Many other events (special as well as regular events dedicated to the 125th for that year) took place on campus. More information can be found on the college website: <https://www.aquinas.edu/125th-anniversary/aquinas-college-first-125-years>.

**Scope and Content:**

Patrons interested in general information or images regarding the college’s 125th anniversary will find a sampling here. There was no broad records management effort surrounding the anniversary and much of this material was gathered by Prof. Gary Eberle as he researched and wrote his book on the college history. Since Juan Olivarez became college president during this year, some of the programs and articles in this collection relate to him and his inauguration. The minutes of the anniversary committee provide more unique and substantive information not widely distributed or available elsewhere.

**Contents**

**Box Folder Description**

1 1 **Ceremonial Mace**

(Materials related to the college mace that was requisitioned for general college

use and first used for the Olivarez inauguration)

**History of Aquinas College** (probably gathered for the writing of the 125th anniversary history book)

2 Historical Articles and Documents 1931-1982

Articles appearing in Grand Rapids newspapers and city directories, notes from Gary Eberle with article citations, undated paper on the history of the Emeritus College by Norbert Hruby

(Timeline from book frontispiece in oversize box)

3 Media (CDs & DVDs)

Items labelled:

-AQ History Image Disk (2 copies)

-Scanned pix 1963 reunion from Prof. Charles Frydrych

-Albertus Hall photos from Frydrych

-Files and Images used on Heritage & Traditions web pages

-Digital version of home movies by Bernard Haviland (1940s-early 50s)

-Baldwin Observatory Photos

-New Aquinas Timeline

-Aquinas College: The First 125 Years by Gary Eberle

4 Photo prints (Some used in Aquinas College: The First 125 Years by Gary Eberle)

(Mascot, homecoming 2003, Peter Wege, AB Façade, Coach Bocian 100 game, Mother Benidicta O’Rourke, Dominican Sisters)

5 Slides

(Recent images of baseball, softball, tennis, Holmdene and one of graduation)

**Promotional Materials**

Print Materials

(Brochures, posters, programs)

6 General promotional materials

7 Token and related promotion (relates to Service charism)

8&O Event Related promotion: wide variety of events including masses, awards,

presentations, etc. (posters in oversize box)

9 “One Enchanted Evening: A Community Celebration of Aquinas College’s 125th

Anniversary”

(MLive Article, programs, invitations)

O Press Coverage 2011-2012

(Grand Rapids Press, Grand Rapids Magazine, On the Town, and other Michigan

and Catholic coverage of: the anniversary, the history book, Pres. Olivarez’s inauguration and relevant events)

2 Non-print Materials

(125th anniversary shirt and small bell)

1 10 DVD-R with 125th Logos

**Anniversary Committee**

3 1 Binder prepared by Gary Eberle containing minutes, agendas, emails, notes and

charts

1 11 Other Planning

Contracts, charts, emails, etc.

12 Scripts

Concert Portion of “One Enchanted Evening” and This We Believe

3 2 “Celebrating Prayer”

(Binder containing scripts, schedules, notes, emails and charts regarding College

Blessing and Rededication Service and 125th Anniversary Mass)

3 “Celebrating Study”

(Binder containing texts, emails, minutes and agendas regarding presentations in

the Catholic Intellectual Tradition Series)

4 “Celebrating Service”

(Binder containing scripts, emails and articles regarding the Summit on Service

and 125,000 Acts of Aquinas College

1 13 Commendations

- from US Senate

- from City of GR

14 Images and Captions

Color 3X5 snapshots of the people and events involved in the 125th anniversary

observance, and a sheet with information on each image.