THE INAUGURATION OF

Julie H. Sullivan, Ph.D.

October 17, 2013
Anderson Athletic and Recreation Complex
University of St. Thomas
Dr. Julie H. Sullivan
FIFTEENTH PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

Dr. Julie H. Sullivan became the first layperson and the first woman to serve as president of the University of St. Thomas on July 1, 2013.

Sullivan came to St. Thomas from the University of San Diego, where she had been executive vice president and provost since 2005. She previously taught or was an administrator at the University of California, San Diego, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Oklahoma.

Sullivan is an internationally known scholar and educator in accounting and taxation. Her research and teaching have focused on issues related to accounting and financial reporting to shareholders and global tax planning. She has held numerous professional leadership positions in organizations such as the American Accounting Association and is a past member of the editorial boards of four internationally known tax and accounting journals. She also serves on several public and private company, as well as nonprofit, boards.

A native of Florida, Sullivan has three degrees from the University of Florida, including her Ph.D. in business administration.

She and her husband, Robert, have four children and three grandchildren. He is founding dean of the Rady School of Management at the University of California, San Diego.
PRELUDE
“Firedance” by Guy Woolfenden
Symphonic Wind Ensemble

“Crown Imperial” by William Walton
Symphonic Wind Ensemble

ORDER OF THE PROCESSION
International Flag Bearers

Executive Board, Undergraduate Student Government

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Platform Party
THE INAUGURAL EXERCISES

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THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
Tommy Glass ’14

INVOCATION
The Most Reverend Harry J. Flynn, D.D.
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“We Gather Together to Hallow This Moment”
VIDEO
“Meet President Julie H. Sullivan”

WELCOME
Dr. Susan Huber
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GREETINGS
Jenna Johnson ’14
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President Emeritus, University of St. Thomas

“Fanfare” by Ernie Hammes
Symphonic Wind Ensemble

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT
Ron L. Fowler ’66
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Dr. Julie H. Sullivan
President, University of St. Thomas

“For the Beauty of the Earth” by Philip Stopford
“Let the River Run” by Carly Simon,
arranged by Craig Hella Johnson
Festival Choir

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; pleasures pure and undefiled:
For each perfect gift of Thine, to our race so freely given;
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Let the river run, let all the dreamers wake the nation.
Come, the new Jerusalem.
Silver cities rise; the morning lights the streets that meet them.
And sirens call them on with a song.
It’s asking for the taking, trembling, shaking,
Oh, my heart is aching.
We’re coming to the edge, running on the water,
coming through the fog, your sons and daughters.

BENEDICTION
The Reverend John M. Malone
Vice President for Mission

POSTLUDE
“Dazzling Lights” by Roger Cichy
Symphonic Wind Ensemble
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1887 - 1888  Edward F. X. McSweeney
1888 - 1892  James J. Keane
1892 - 1899  James C. Byrne
1899 - 1903  John F. Dolphin
1903 - 1921  Humphrey Moynihan
1921 - 1927  Thomas E. Cullen
1927 - 1928  John P. Foley
1928 - 1933  Matthew A. Schumacher
1933 - 1943  James H. Moynihan
1944 - 1956  Vincent J. Flynn
1956 - 1966  James P. Shannon
1966 - 1991  Terrence J. Murphy
1991 - 2013  Dennis J. Dease
2013 -       Julie H. Sullivan

Fathers O’Gorman, McSweeney, Keane, Byrne (during his first four years in office), Humphrey Moynihan (during his last 12 years), Cullen and Foley officially were called rectors. From 1896 to 1909 and since 1928, the chief executive officer of St. Thomas has been called president.
THE SYMBOLS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL
The main field is divided into quarters, by a cross, the symbol of the Redeemer, to express the purpose of the university “to imbue the spirit and quicken the hearts of her students with the living message of Christ.”

The principal charge, in addition to the cross, is the rayonnant sun, the cognizance of St. Thomas Aquinas, the patron saint of the university.

The chief (upper compartment) bears the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis and refers to the origin of the city of St. Paul, which borders the military post of Fort Snelling.

The alternate wavy bands, the heraldic convention for water, represent “Minnesota,” a Dakota word meaning “cloudy water.” The sword betokens St. Paul. It is placed between two crosses symbolic of “Christ crucified” of whom St. Paul preached (I Corinthians 1:23).

Above the chief is an open book, symbolic of wisdom and knowledge. It is emblazoned with the words “Non Aliam Nisi Te” (None but Yourself, Lord), the reply of St. Thomas Aquinas to his crucified Savior in the vision related by his biographers.

PRESIDENTIAL MACE AND CHAIN OF OFFICE
The mace and the chain of office are symbols of the president’s leadership in the university community.

The mace, sculpted in bronze, is decorated with recurring depictions of the seal of the university and the Latin cross. The stem is engraved with the names of all the presidents of the institution. The chain of office medallion features the seal of the university.
ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

Archbishop John Ireland founded St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary in 1885 in what once was described as a farmer’s field “far removed from town.”

That fledgling institution, then home for 62 students and five faculty members, has evolved into the University of St. Thomas. It is Minnesota’s largest independent university and is located in the heart of the Twin Cities area, with more than 10,000 students and 1,900 faculty and staff.

In its first decade, St. Thomas was a high school, college and seminary, with students enrolled in the classical or theological departments. St. Thomas Academy, the St. Paul Seminary and the College of St. Thomas eventually formed their own identities and missions, housed on separate campuses.

After 92 years of all-male undergraduate enrollment, the college became coeducational in 1977. The growth of graduate programs led to decisions in 1990 to rename the institution the University of St. Thomas and to open a Minneapolis campus two years later. There also are campuses in Rome (2000) and Owatonna (1982), where a conference center is operated.

Students today are enrolled in one of seven academic divisions: College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, Leadership and Counseling, Opus College of Business, School of Engineering, School of Law, School of Social Work and the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity.

Undergraduate students can choose from more than 90 majors and 60 minors, and graduate students can pursue more than 55 programs of study, including doctoral, master’s, certificate, licensure and joint-degree programs. Over half of undergraduate students study abroad before graduation, with typically between 150 and 160 programs in 45-plus countries.

All of the university’s major graduate programs – business, divinity, education, engineering, law, professional psychology and social work – have accreditation from national or international associations.

Through all of the university’s growth and change, Archbishop Ireland’s vision for St. Thomas has remained intact and is reflected in its mission statement: “Inspired by Catholic intellectual tradition, the University of St. Thomas educates students to be morally responsible leaders who think critically, act wisely and work skillfully to advance the common good.”
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I thank my family members and friends, delegates from other colleges and universities, the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff members, students, alumni and guests who have come from far and wide to St. Thomas to attend my inauguration. I am honored and humbled by your presence.

The University of St. Thomas is a blessing to the global educational community, and I pledge to do my best to continue the long tradition of strong and wise leadership of this great institution.

Dr. Julie H. Sullivan