Recipients of Honorary Doctorates

Bernard Cardinal Law

Cardinal Law was born into a USAF family stationed in Torreon, Mexico. He graduated from Harvard College in Medieval History, then attended St. Joseph Seminary, St. Benedict, Louisiana, and Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington, Ohio to prepare for the priesthood. He was ordained into the priesthood for the Diocese of Natchez - Jackson, Mississippi in 1961. He served as assistant pastor of St. Paul’s Church in Vicksburg, Mississippi until 1963, and for six years edited The Mississippi Register for which he gained national recognition for his strong civil rights editorials.

From the late 1960’s through the 1970’s, he was identified with the Bishop’s Committee for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs, later as Episcopal Chairman. He then served with the Vatican’s Secretariat for Christian Unity as consultant to the Secretariat’s Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism. He became Bishop of the Southern Missouri Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau where he gained recognition for his work with Vietnamese refugees.

Cardinal Law was installed as the Archbishop of Boston in 1984 and was created Cardinal by Pope John Paul II in 1985. He is known for his dynamic, articulate leadership of the Church’s teaching... a man of ecumenical and inter-religious commitment.

Therese A. Dion, S.S.A.

A Worcester native, Sister Therese received her undergraduate degree in Education from Anna Maria College, her master’s in sociology from the University of Notre Dame, and her master’s in Sociology of Religion from the University of Massachusetts. She has been a major leader in regional and national ecumenical and inter-religious affairs, serving as consultant and leader of many programs and workshops as well as President of The New England Ecumenical Officer’s. Sister Therese has taught at Anna Maria and Assumption Colleges in Sociology and Religious Studies, and has taught and participated as a resource for the Summer Ecumenical Institute at Assumption College.

In 1983 she became the Superior of the Sisters of Saint Anne in Alaska, and taught “Cultural Anthropology Through Religion” at Alaska-Pacific University in Anchorage. Since 1984 she has served as the Superior of the Sisters of Saint Anne in the United States, located in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Sr. Therese is one of nine children including Fr. Louis Dion, A.A., former President of Assumption College.

Paris Fletcher

A native of Middlebury, VT, Paris Fletcher graduated from Phillips Andover Academy, received his BS degree from Middlebury College and his LLB (JD) degree from Harvard Law School.

He currently serves as the Director of Fletcher, Tilton & Whipple, P.C., Honorary Director of Wyman-Gordon Company, and as Trustee of the George J. Alden Trust, The Stoddard Charitable Trust, and the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation. He is a Trustee Emeritus of Middlebury College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and the Worcester Art Museum. Mr. Fletcher has received Honorary Degrees from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (Doctor of Science), Middlebury College (LLD), and Clark University (LLD).

He is married to the former Marion Stoddard. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Marcus A. McCorison

1987 marks the 175th Anniversary of Worcester’s own American Antiquarian Society, a great national organization of world renown, dedicated to the scholarly preservation and study of documents and related materials concerning the first 180 years of our nation’s history. For the past twenty years this distinguished organization has been headed by Marcus A. McCorison, Librarian and Director of the Society.

Marcus was born in Lancaster, Wisconsin and received his BA in English from Ripon College, an MA in American History from the University of Vermont, and an MS in Library Service from Columbia University. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve in the Pacific and the U.S. Army Reserve in Korea.

He has written many articles and reviews, served on several boards and committees, and was the President of the Bibliographical Society of America for four years. He is currently a trustee at the Fruitlands Museum in Harvard and at Old Sturbridge Village.

Married to the former Janet Buckbee Knop, they have six children and reside in Worcester.

William J. Short

As President of the Worcester Area Chamber of Commerce for the past 12 years, William J. Short has enabled the Chamber to be a catalyst for the development of the Centrum; the Alliance for Education; several industrial parks including the Airport Industrial Park and the New Biotechnology Research Park; the expansion of the Convention & Visitor’s Bureau; the expansion of the Worcester Airport’s air service, the Export Trading Program; and a very strong Chamber organization—now boasting the largest membership in New England.

Mr. Short was born in Boston and graduated from Weymouth H.S. He attended Boston University, majoring in Graphic Arts, and has taken extensive advanced studies in Organizational Development at Syracuse University and the University of Notre Dame. Bill has received several honors including Outstanding Leader of the Massachusetts JayCee, and Certified Chamber Executive.

He and his wife, the former Janet Cumming, have three children.
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The following graduating students from The Center for Continuing and Professional Education were recently inducted into Assumption College chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national honor society for non-traditional students.

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1. Pledge we our loyalty to Assumption College,
   Whose dedication in pursuit of knowledge,
   Withstands the test of time, aids us in our onward climb,
   In search of truth and light.

2. Our hearts will always be with Assumption College,
   Her banners waving with outstanding courage,
   Call for fidelity and protect a spirit free,
   Long live the blue and white!

Written upon the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the founding of Assumption College.
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Baccalaureate Liturgy
Most Reverend Timothy J. Harrington, D.D., LL.D.
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Invocation
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Ann Marie Kaniewski, ’87

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Michelle Graveline, D.M.A., Director

Remarks and Benediction
Bishop Harrington

Recessional

Reception
Andrew Laska Gymnasium
Conferring of the Master of Business Administration, M.B.A.
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