



THE INAUGURATION  
OF  
RICHARD WILLIAM KRAEMER

*as Sixth President*

*October 5, 1991*

CONCORDIA COLLEGE

*Edmonton, Alberta*

*Seventieth Year*



Richard William Kraemer was elected to the presidency of Concordia College on April 18, 1991, and announced his acceptance of the position in early May. He had served as Interim President since the previous July, when Concordia's fifth president, Dr. Orvillè C. Walz, was given a peaceful release to accept the presidency of Concordia College, Seward.

Rev. Kraemer was educated at Valparaiso University (B.A., 1964); Cambridge University, England (M.A., 1966); Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (M.Div., 1969); and the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago (S.T.M., 1974). He is currently completing the dissertation for his Doctor of Theology Degree from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

President Kraemer has been a faculty member at Concordia College since 1977, teaching Ethics and Church History in the Religious Studies Division. He served in various administrative capacities prior to his appointment as Interim President in 1990, including Dean of Spiritual Life, Chairman of Religious Studies Division, Acting Dean of Student Affairs and Vice-President for Student Services. He is very active in the local community as a member of the Northeast Edmonton Rotary Club. He has also served on the boards of a number of other community organizations.

Richard is married to the former Janet Homeier. They have three children — Jonathan (21), Cheryl (19) and Rebekah (13). Jonathan and Cheryl are students at Concordia College; Rebekah is planning to be.

## INAUGURAL EVENTS

*Friday, October 4, 1991*

7:30pm SERVICE OF INSTALLATION  
Grace Lutheran Church  
Preacher:  
Rev. Paul Eifert  
Chairman, Board of Regents

*Saturday, October 5, 1991*

10:00am COLLOQUIUM  
College Auditorium  
*"Christian Higher Education: Reaching for the Year 2000"*  
Presenters:  
Dr. K. Glen Johnson  
Dr. Norman E. Nagel  
Rev. William Ney

12 noon INAUGURAL LUNCHEON  
Campus Dining Hall

2:00pm CEREMONY OF INAUGURATION  
College Front Lawn

Evening INAUGURAL BANQUET/DANCE  
Edmonton Convention Centre  
6:30pm Cocktails  
7:00pm Dinner  
9:00pm Dance

## BRIEF HISTORY OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE

Concordia College was founded on October 31, 1921. Its original purpose was preparatory training of young men for the preaching and teaching ministries of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Co-education, general courses of study, and an accredited high school program were introduced in 1939. In 1967, the University of Alberta granted Concordia's request for affiliation at the first-year university level; second-year affiliation followed in 1975. On July 16, 1987, Concordia College became a degree-granting institution, offering three-year baccalaureate degrees in Arts and Science. The College was accepted into membership by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada on March 7, 1990.

Concordia College is owned and operated by Lutheran Church-Canada, and governed by an elected Board of Regents. The College has previously been served by five presidents: Dr. Albert H. Schwermann (1921-1954); Dr. Walter M. Wangerin (1954-1959); Rev. Roland Frantz (1960-1975); Dr. Alfred R. Roth (1976-1980); and Dr. Orville C. Walz (1981-1990).

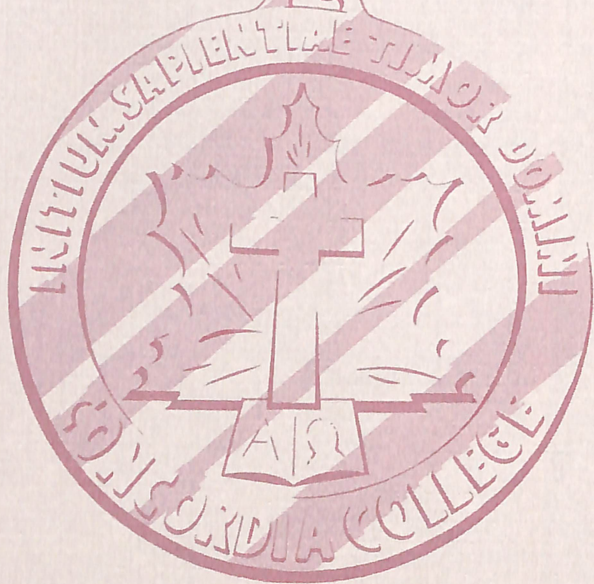
Concordia's educational philosophy is based on the belief that the Christian faith gives purpose and direction to life and that successful living depends upon moral and spiritual maturity. The College fosters a Christian lifestyle on campus and encourages a dual commitment to academic excellence and religious vitality. Concordia welcomes all students interested in studying the liberal arts on a small college campus.

The College continues to offer an excellent matriculation high school and a continuing education program designed to meet needs of people in the community. Future goals include the addition of a two-year Bachelor of Education after-degree, and the introduction of a Director of Parish Services program to train workers for service in congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada.

*"Looking Beyond Tomorrow"* has been chosen as the theme for the 1991-1992 academic year.

## PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

The presidential medallion is traditionally worn by heads of institutions on ceremonial occasions. A medallion for Concordia's presidents has been struck to be presented for the first time at this inaugural celebration. Symbolizing the close relationship that exists between the Office of the President, the campus community and the larger constituency served, the medallion is cast in the image of Concordia's seal and bears the College motto, "*Initium Sapientiae Timor Domini — The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*"



## ACADEMIC COSTUME

Academic costume stems from the Middle Ages, when scholars were also clerics and wore the costume of the monastic order. The hood was originally a cowl attached to the gown and could be slipped over the head for warmth. The cap, originally round, later became a square mortarboard.

Gowns are usually black in color. A pointed sleeve indicates that the wearer holds a bachelors' degree, while a closed sleeve with a slit is the mark of one who has earned a masters' degree. Those who hold the doctors' degree are recognized by the velvet trimmings on the front facings and by the crossbars on the sleeve. This trim may be black, or it may match the edges of the hood and thus identify the profession or field of major interest.

Similarly, the length and shape of the hood indicate whether the wearer holds the bachelors', masters' or doctors' degree. The color of the velvet trim on the hood identifies the field in which the degree was granted: white for the arts, letters and humanities; light blue for education; dark blue for philosophy; brown for fine arts; pink for music; golden yellow for science; and red for theology.

The caps are usually black mortarboards with black tassels, although the holder of a doctors' degree may wear a gold tassel. Some academic institutions prescribe their own colors for both caps and tassels.

By observing the style of each costume, it is possible to know the name of the university, as well as the degree held, and, in some cases, the field of major interest.

## ORDER OF PROCESSION

Crucifer

Marshals

Faculty of Concordia College

Student Council

Delegates of Other Institutions

Board of Regents

Past Presidents

Convocation Officiants

The President

## INAUGURAL CONVOCATION

### PRE-CONVOCATION MUSIC

FANFARE

Quintopolis Brass

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Thy Strong Word"

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank thee,  
While thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of thy salvation,  
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
4. From the cross thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

5. Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
 Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the light which thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!
6. God the Father, light-creator,  
 To thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 Glory, glory be to thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 Praise the holy Trinity!

#### NATIONAL ANTHEM

*"O Canada"*

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
 True patriot love in all thy sons command,  
 With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
 The True North strong and free!  
 From far and wide, O Canada,  
 We stand on guard for thee.  
 God keep our land glorious and free!  
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.  
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

#### INVOCATION

Rev. Martin C. Kaarre, Chaplain

#### WELCOME

Dr. Bonar A. (Sandy) Gow  
 Vice-President for Academic Services

#### INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dr. Judith C. Meier, Professor of History

#### INAUGURAL ADDRESS

*"Do It Your Way!"*

Dr. Walter H. Worth, Chairman  
 Private Colleges Accreditation Board  
 Province of Alberta

#### CHORAL ANTHEM

*"Light Everlasting"*

Concordia College Choir  
 Professor Gordon Hafso, Director

#### GREETINGS

Dr. Milton Rudnick, Lutheran Church-Canada  
 Institutions  
 Dr. K. Glen Johnson, Private Colleges of Alberta  
 Dr. Dianne K. Kieren, Alberta Public Institutions  
 Mr. Bill Novasky, Alberta Advanced Education

#### INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

Quintopolis Brass

#### GREETINGS

Rev. William Ney, Lutheran Church-Canada  
 Dr. Judith C. Meier, Concordia College Faculty  
 Mr. Blair Schmaus, Concordia College Students

#### INAUGURATION CEREMONY AND INVESTITURE

Rev. Paul Eifert, Chairman  
 Concordia College Board of Regents

CONFERRAL OF PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION

Rev. Paul Eifert, Chairman  
Concordia College Board of Regents

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Alleluia"

Concordia College Choir  
Professor Gordon Hafso, Director

PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

Richard W. Kraemer, President

CONCORDIA HYMN

Concordia, thank God for thee;  
Your witness strong and true  
To burdened souls has brought release  
Thro' God's great love, His pow'r and peace  
In the Cross of Christ, His only Son.

Concordia, we sing to thee,  
College of Christ our Lord;  
We stand as one beneath the Word,  
And will not rest till all have heard  
That Christ, the promised Lord, has come.

Arise and build, Concordia!  
God speed thee to thy task,  
To lift the Cross into the sky,  
That all may live and need not die;  
O Lord, help us thy love to share.

BENEDICTION

Richard W. Kraemer, President

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously  
reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
Sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend  
you;  
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
As with his love he befriends you.
4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before  
him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

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ORGANIST

Carlene Rudnick, M.M.

QUINTOPOLIS BRASS

Patrica Dray (Trumpet)  
Clarence Samuelson (Trumpet)  
Craig Scott (French Horn)  
Carolyn Powell (Trombone)  
Brock Campbell (Tuba)

The Concordia Hymn was composed by Professor Gordon Hafso. The words were adapted by Professor Hafso with the permission of Marge Wold, who provided the lyrics.

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## DELEGATES OF OTHER INSTITUTIONS

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| 1839 | Concordia Seminary<br>St. Louis, Missouri<br>(and 1962 — Westfield House, Cambridge University, England) | Dr. Norman E. Nagel, Chairman<br>Dept. of Systematic Theology |
| 1946 | Concordia Theological Seminary<br>Fort Wayne, Indiana  | Dr. Norbert H. Mueller<br>Interim President                   |
| 1852 | Wartburg College<br>Waverly, Iowa  | Winnifred Voigts, Alumna<br>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan           |
| 1859 | Valparaiso, University<br>Valparaiso, Indiana  | Ruth Buenting, Alumna<br>Calgary, Alberta                     |
| 1861 | Luther College<br>Decorah, Iowa  | Kathryn Van Dine, Alumna<br>Edmonton, Alberta                 |
| 1869 | Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary<br>St. Paul, Minnesota  | Rev. Rolf O. Bjornstad, Alumnus<br>Edmonton, Alberta          |
| 1874 | St. Olaf College<br>Northfield, Minnesota  | Dr. Dianne K. Kieren, Alumna<br>Edmonton, Alberta             |
| 1879 | East District<br>Lutheran Church-Canada  | Rev. Dr. Roger Winger<br>President                            |
| 1894 | Concordia Teachers College<br>Seward, Nebraska   | Dr. Ronald Vahl, Former Faculty Member<br>Edmonton, Alberta   |
| 1908 | University of Alberta<br>Edmonton, Alberta   | Dr. Dianne K. Kieren<br>Associate Vice-President, Academic    |
| 1910 | Augustana University College<br>Camrose, Alberta   | Rev. Dr. K. Glen Johnson<br>President                         |
| 1920 | Our Redeemer Lutheran Church<br>Indianapolis, Indiana  | Rev. Harry Huxhold<br>Pastor                                  |
| 1921 | Alberta-British Columbia District<br>Lutheran Church-Canada  | Rev. Harold Ruf<br>President                                  |
| 1922 | Central District<br>Lutheran Church-Canada   | Rev. Dr. Roy K. Holm<br>President                             |
| 1926 | St. Joseph's College<br>Edmonton, Alberta  | Rev. Dr. Robert Barringer<br>President                        |
| 1976 | Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary<br>St. Catharines, Ontario                                       | Dr. Jonathan F. Grothe<br>President                           |
| 1979 | The King's College<br>Edmonton, Alberta  | Dr. S. Keith Ward<br>Vice-President, Academic                 |
| 1984 | Concordia Lutheran Seminary<br>Edmonton, Alberta   | Dr. Milton Rudnick<br>President                               |
| 1988 | Lutheran Church-Canada   | Rev. William Ney<br>Third Vice-President                      |
| 1988 | Board for Higher Education<br>Lutheran Church-Canada   | Rev. Richard A. Ballenthin<br>Chairman                        |

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| City of Edmonton                                  | Mr. Brian Mason<br>Alderman, Ward 3                |

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| Dr. Alfred R. Roth<br>Aloha, Oregon            | Fourth President<br>1976-1980 |

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