



Intellectual stimulation and spiritual renaissance in a relaxed atmosphere.

Aquinas Hall; Sisters' residence, recreation lounge, and chapel.

### ... THE PROGRAM,

In 1948, the Dominican Fathers at Providence College inaugurated a Summer School of Sacred Theology for Sisters. This school was founded because we sincerely believe that Sisters should receive a sound theological training, i.e., a deeper and more comprehensive course of study than that given in college or in novitiate courses in religion. We are convinced that study of the sacred sciences not only enriches the spiritual lives of the Sisters but also prepares them to direct the spiritual formation of others. The study of Theology is especially beneficial to those Sisters who are engaged in the education of youth. Since the duty of teaching religion has been delegated almost exclusively to the Sisters, it is imperative that they receive instruction in the sacred sciences. Our credo, in the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas, is that those persons "whose business it is to teach others, have an obligation to acquire a fuller knowledge of the matters of faith" (II-II, q. 2, a.6.). The Providence College Summer School of Sacred Theology was established to impart this knowledge at a minimum of expense to the Community.

### ... THE PROFESSORS, AND THE PUPILS

The Dominicans have a seven-hundred-year-old heritage in the teaching of Theology. Today, as in the past, they lecture in colleges and universities throughout the world. In the United States, there are over one hundred Dominicans engaged in the teaching of Theology to college students. The Summer School of Sacred Theology for Sisters is a special apostolate. There are twenty Dominican Fathers engaged in this educational mission. Each is an expert in his respective field and has been chosen for his teaching ability.

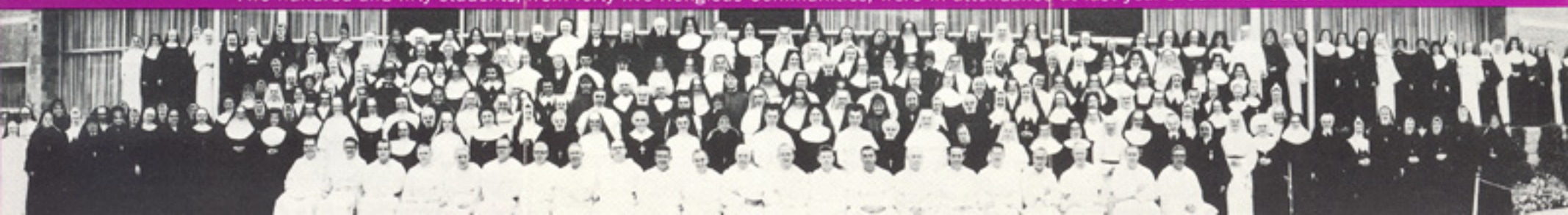
Moral Theology, Sacred Scripture, Canon Law and Ecclesiastical History. The Summa Theologica of Saint Thomas Aquinas is the textbook used in the Theology classes. More than six hundred Sisters have graduated from this course and received a Certificate in Theological Studies. These Sisters have returned to their convents spiritually enriched and, consequently, more useful members of their respective communities.

The Summer School pupils are Sisters from all over the United States and Canada; they represent many different communities. Among our students are mistresses of novices, community supervisors, superiors, and Sisters preparing for the foreign missions. Most of the Sisters, however, are engaged in the education of youth on the elementary, secondary, and college levels.

For qualified students, there is also a graduate program leading to the degrees of Master of Arts in Religious Education or Master of Arts in Religious Guidance. The requirements for admission to this program are the satisfactory completion of the basic course of studies and a bachelor's degree from a recognized college. Candidates for the Master's degree study Theology and Sacred Scripture for two additional years, during which time they also complete a dissertation and pass a comprehensive oral examination. Since the inception of the school, two hundred Master's degrees have been granted.

The basic three-year course is open to all Sisters. There are no educational pre-requisites. In this program, the Sisters study Dogmatic and

Two hundred and fifty students, from forty-five Religious Communities, were in attendance at last year's Summer Session.



## THE CAMPUS

The Sisters of the Summer School of Sacred Theology have the exclusive use of the college facilities and its beautiful seventy-five acre campus—the classrooms, the library, the Chapel, the lounge, the Grotto, and the grounds. In fact, much of the studying is done on the benches located under the numerous shade trees. Moreover, the Sisters enjoy all the spiritual advantages of a Motherhouse including two daily Masses, meditation, and Rosary in common.

## UNIQUENESS AND SPIRIT

One of the principal assets of the Summer School of Sacred Theology is its uniqueness. There is no other theological institute quite like it. At Providence College, Sisters from many communities live together in the comfortable quarters of Aquinas Hall and Raymond Hall. They become acquainted with members of other communities, learn of religious customs and practices other than their own, and exchange educational experiences. The Sisters live the common life while remaining faithful to their own community devotions and practices. In this unique summer community there is truly a unity amid diversity.

Moreover, a very distinctive spirit pervades the campus during the summer session. It is something that is difficult to express in words but which may be described as a spirit of charity and joy resulting from intellectual stimulation and spiritual renaissance in a relaxed atmosphere.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Certificate Program:** A basic three-year course open to all Sisters. No pre-requisites are required.

**Graduate Program:** Master of Arts in Religious Education or Religious Guidance.

1. The completion of the basic course.
2. A Bachelor's Degree from a recognized college.
3. A reading knowledge of scholastic Latin.
4. A thesis on an approved topic.
5. A comprehensive examination.

### Tuition and Board:

Matriculation fee (first year students only, not refundable)	\$ 10.00
Tuition (all lectures)	50.00
Room and Board	100.00
Certificate fee	10.00
Degree fee	20.00

We invite the members of every religious community to participate in this program of Theology for Sisters. For further information and a Catalogue write:

### The Director

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