

Belmont Abbey College
Belmont, N.C.



Citation

MARY MICHEL BOULUS, R. S. M.
DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS
honoris causa

Today Belmont Abbey College welcomes with affection Sister Mary Michel Boulus, President of Sacred Heart College, and Treasurer General of the Sisters of Mercy of Belmont, North Carolina. A native of China Grove, North Carolina, Jumela Ann Boulus received the bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1947. After teaching mathematics at Concord High School for two years, she entered the Sisters of Mercy of Belmont on August 2, 1949. From 1949 to 1959, Sister Mary Michel taught in Catholic high schools in Charlotte and Asheville, North Carolina. In 1959, she was awarded the Master of Science degree from John Carroll University in Cleveland, and began her years of service to Sacred Heart Academy and Junior College as Treasurer and faculty member. Acting President from 1974 to 1976, and President of Sacred Heart College since 1976, she has this year completed twenty years of service to her beloved institution. In her devotion and dedication to Sacred Heart College, and to the cause of private, Catholic higher education in North Carolina, she has been one of "the cedars of Lebanon," a true and faithful daughter of Mother McAuley. In recognition of her dedicated service as religious, teacher, administrator, and educational leader, Belmont Abbey College confers upon Sister Mary Michel Boulus the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all its rights and privileges.



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A. KENNETH PYE
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A. Kenneth Pye, Chancellor of Duke University, is an eminent jurist, teacher, lecturer, and educational leader. Born in 1931, in New York City, he attended primary and secondary schools in Virginia, South Carolina, and New York. He concluded his undergraduate career at the University of Buffalo by receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts *summa cum laude* in 1951. The brilliant young Phi Beta Kappa scholar obtained his legal education at Georgetown University where he earned the degrees of Juris Doctor in 1953, and Master of Laws in 1955. He began his career in legal education at his *alma mater* where he served as Professor of Law, Director of the Legal Internship Program, and Associate Dean of the Georgetown University School of Law. In 1968, Kenneth Pye came to Duke University and has since served that institution at various times as Professor of Law, Dean of the School of Law, University Counsel, and Chancellor of the University. He has served his profession as Visiting Professor in universities around the world; from California, to Australia, India, and Germany. He has served his state by his work on the North Carolina Criminal Code Revision Committee and the North Carolina Council on State Goals and Policies. He has served his fellow man by his activities in the District of Columbia Neighborhood Legal Services Projects and the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association. His service on innumerable legal commissions, committees, and editorial boards culminated in 1977, when he was elected President of the Association of American Law Schools. In recognition of his dedicated service as jurist, as educator, as faithful husband to Judy, and as loving father to Henry, Belmont Abbey College confers upon A. Kenneth Pye the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all its rights and privileges.



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CHARLES H. CRUTCHFIELD
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Born on July 27, 1912, in Hope, Arkansas, Charles H. Crutchfield was educated in the public schools of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and at Wofford College in that same city. He started his career in broadcasting in 1929, at the age of 17, as an announcer and program director of various radio stations in North and South Carolina. In 1931, he married Jacquelin Williams, and is the father of one son, Richard, and one daughter, Leslie. In 1933, Charles Crutchfield began his association with Radio Station WBT which became the flagship station of the Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company, and still later the Jefferson Pilot Broadcasting Company. He rose from announcer to program director, general manager, Vice President, Executive Vice President, and finally President from 1963 to 1978. He continues to be active in the profession as President of Media Communications, Inc. A charter member in the North Carolina Broadcasting Hall of Fame, he was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters in 1977. A life of public service has paralleled the professional success of Charles Crutchfield. He has promoted the arts by serving on the Junior League Opera Committee, the Executive Board of the Charlotte Choral Society, and the Board of Directors of the Charlotte Arts Fund. The Mental Health Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Red Cross, and many other civic and professional organizations have benefited from his dedicated leadership. He has represented the United States on special missions to Germany, Greece, and the Soviet Union. The Governor of North Carolina recognized the outstanding contributions of Charles Crutchfield in 1977, by bestowing upon him the North Carolina Distinguished Citizen Award. Throughout his career, Charles Crutchfield has heeded Saint Paul's admonition to Timothy: "Charge them that are rich in this world... that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate." In recognition of his fifty years in the field of communications, and his devoted service to humanity, Belmont Abbey College confers upon Charles H. Crutchfield the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all its rights and privileges.



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Pictured are the three citations presented to the honorary degree recipients at the 1979 commencement exercises. Below, Dr. A. Kenneth Pye, the commencement speaker, receives his citation from Fr. Neil Tobin, B.A.C. President.

