

AQUINAS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

AQUINAS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE is now a Degree Awarding Institute, approved by the University Grants Commission on 22nd December 2004. It was gazetted under the Universities Act no. 16 of 1978 (Section 25 A) by the Hon. Minister of Education on 10th October 2005.

OUR PATRON SAINT, ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honoured with the titles DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH AND ANGELIC DOCTOR AND PRINCE OF CATHOLIC THEOLOGIANS. He was born in Aquino, close to the Benedictine Monastery of Monte Casino, in central Italy where he had his early education. Later he was sent for studies to Naples where he was exposed to the writings of the Greek philosopher Aristotle. After his priesthood he was sent for further studies to Cologne and worked under St. Albert the Great, (1200 – 1280). St. Albert was so impressed by Aquinas urged that Thomas should be sent to Paris in one of the then famous universities.

Post ordination and Doctorate in Sacred Theology he started to teach with such lucidity, accuracy and inspiration that the students were attracted by the thousands – the University of Paris at that time counted 30,000 students. Thus he held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV. He was the principal exponent of Scholastic Philosophy which interpreted Aristotle's system in the light of Christian Teaching. In his relatively short life of 49 years, he is known to have composed some 60 works. Far surpassing everything else was his unrivalled *Summa Theologica*, a summary of Christian Philosophy and Theology. The beautiful *Office and Mass for Corpus Christi*, with its much loved hymns, *Tantum Ergo* and *O Salutaris Hostia*, were composed by him on the Pope's orders.

Thomas Aquinas died while on his way to the Council of Lyons. He was canonized by Pope John XXII on 18th July 1323, elevated to the dignity of Doctor of Church by Pope Pius V on 11th April 1567 and in 1918 his name was included in the code of Canon of Law. Among other citations,

St. Thomas Aquinas has also been declared the special *Patron of all Catholic Universities and Educational Institutions.*

We are fortunate to have such an intellectual giant and a holy priest as our *Patron Saint.* Let this humble and hard-working intellectual be our *light and guide to all our lecturers and students.*

The Aquinas University College

The Aquinas University College was founded in 1953 by very Rev. Fr. Peter A. Pillai OMI, Rector of St. Joseph's College, at its premises in Darley Road, Colombo 10 as an autonomous higher education institute with the approval and the blessings and the inspiration of His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Cooray OMI, 6th Archbishop of Colombo. Aquinas was registered with the Ministry of Education of Ceylon as it was then called, in 1954 as Aquinas University College. In 1955 it was shifted to the present premises at 990 Maradana Road, Colombo 08.

The Aquinas University College is a non profit institution administered by the Catholic Church under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Colombo, devoted to education and philanthropic activities. It had contributed much to the development of the nation, by conducting numerous higher educational and professional programmes for the benefit of our youth in Sri Lanka.

Aquinas University College is situated in parkland in Borella, located in the centre of the City of Colombo. The campus provides a very healthy and a peaceful environment conducive to educational activities. The presence of students from many diverse backgrounds and nationalities, a very cosmopolitan community, creating an exposure to numerous cultures as we have students from SAARC countries and various ethnic groups. Thus it is now a national and an international community of scholars, enlivened by Christian inspiration, engaged in the pursuit of truth and knowledge, serving the human society, especially through the creative use of inter-disciplinary approaches.

It is also registered with the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) of Sri Lanka to conduct Professional Courses and Examinations at the Tertiary level. The College is also affiliated to the International Federation of Catholic Universities in Paris and works in

close collaboration with Universities and Higher Educational Authorities in USA, Canada, UK, and Ireland to conduct courses and examinations in Hospitality and Hotel Management (AHLA and OTHM), City and Guilds, CIM, CMA.,

In December 2004 and gazetted in October 2005 Aquinas was awarded the status of a Degree awarding Institute by the University Grants Commission of the Ministry of Higher Education of Sri Lanka. I take pride in recording that this year (2010) at this convocation ceremony, Aquinas will be awarding its internal degrees in Psychology and Counselling.

From the Archives (From 15th Jan. 1954 to 31st Dec. 1972)

Aquinas University College was founded by the late Fr. Peter A. Pillai, OMI on 15th January, 1954, as the Undergraduate Department of St. Joseph's College, Colombo. In January 1956 the University College moved to its new home at Borella, where a new Science block had been built during the years 1954 – 1955.

The purpose of Aquinas is two-fold: first to provide facilities for the training of Catholic religious and laity for service to Church and country: and secondly, to serve the community, without distinction of race or religion, by providing educational facilities, especially in those fields that would be most beneficial to the country. Accordingly, courses are provided in Theology and other ecclesiastical sciences as well as in various branches of secular knowledge.

During its first decade Aquinas prepared students mainly for the examinations of the University of London – the G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination and the Degree Examinations in Arts, Science and Economics. Subsequently when the University of Ceylon began to admit candidates for its External Examinations, Aquinas commenced preparing students for them also.

In addition to the degree courses in Arts, Science and Law, Aquinas provides also a wide variety of other courses to enable students in Sri Lanka to obtain a technical competence in different fields as well as a broad general culture. We seek also to meet the needs of different

categories of students and in a special manner to open avenues of educational advancement to those for whom the educational structure of the country may not quite provide as yet, as for instance those not securing the passes or credits at the G.C.E. Advanced or Ordinary Level stipulated for admission to the University faculties. Employed persons have always been a special section whom we have endeavoured to help through our evening courses.

The Institution began in 1954 with three Faculties- Arts, Science and Economics. Since then it was gradually expanded and diversified its courses to include several other Faculties and Institutes. The Faculty of Laws in 1963, the Institute of Religious Formation in 1965, the School of Business, the Institute of Technology and the School of Agriculture in 1966.

A seventy-two acre model farm has since been started at Ragama for providing practical experience to students of Agriculture.

With the cessation of London University Examinations, the Faculty of Economics was amalgamated with the Faculty of Arts.

Since 1955, 542 students of Aquinas have graduated from the Universities of London and Ceylon obtaining the General or Honours degrees as follows:-

University of Ceylon:

B.A. 133; B.A. (Econ.) 16; B.Com 3; B.Sc. 7; LL.B 62.

University of London:

B.A. 136; B.Sc.108; B.Sc. (Econ.) 76; LL.B.1.

Several hundreds have also qualified for higher education in Ceylon or abroad, especially in the fields of Medicine, Engineering, Architecture, Accountancy and Law. The evening courses at Aquinas have provided opportunities for higher education to thousands of employed persons.

On the basis of the results of the Ceylon G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination, 984 Aquinas students were admitted to the Universities in Ceylon during the last eight years as follows : 1963-34; 1964-40; 1965-

101; 1966-65; 1967-90' 1968-135; 1969-121' 1970-140; 1971-118 and 1972-140.

An extract from: Prospectus of School of Agriculture (1973 -1974) Very Rev. Dr. W.L.A. Don Peter, Rector.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

In loyalty to our Christian mission, Aquinas University College stands for:

- The commitment to be a light that leads men/women towards the true Source of all knowledge and life.
- The inculcation of respect, loyalty and fidelity to one's Religion and Nation.

OUR EMBLEM (LOGO)

The College emblem depicts the vision and the mission of *Aquinas University College*. The sheaves of corn on both sides of the emblem stand for students' psycho-social, physical, intellectual, moral, spiritual and emotional growth. This is to be done under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, symbolised by the *Dove and Bible* respectively. The *motto* reminds us of our destination ***"TO BEAR WITNESS TO TRUTH IN LOVE"***. ***"FACIENTES VERITATEM IN CARITATE"***

OUR VISION

TO TRANSCEND THE TRADITIONAL TABOOS OF CASTE, CREED AND RACE AND PROVIDE AN INTELLECTUAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT TO PREPARE DISCIPLINED, SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS AND MORALLY COMMITTED INTELLECTUALS AND PROFESSIONALS TO BE CATALYSTS OF A BETTER WORLD.

OUR MISSION

TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY MAN-POWER SKILLS AND ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP SO AS TO BRING ABOUT A BETTER WORLD IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN LIVE IN HARMONY AND PEACE WITH THE SENSE OF FULFILMENT AND HAPPINESS.

OUR ANTHEM

**Aquinas our Alma Mater we salute the green and yellow
Striving onward to be better teach us ever in wisdom to grow**

**** Lead us ever and ever towards the goal of truth and charity**

**United we strive together nor race nor creed dividing
With naught to separate us teach ever in wisdom to grow**

**** Lead us ever and ever towards the goal of truth and charity**

**Let's hand in hand go forward in faithfulness never ceasing to
Build society where all will live in love and peace**

**** Lead us ever and ever towards the goal of truth and charity**

**May the torch of learning light up new wisdom, faith and courage As to
be a light to brighten all along the wayward path.**

TRIBUTE TO OUR FOUNDERS & 1ST RECTOR : Fr. Peter A. Pillai OMI

“Aquinas University College was founded not merely, as in every university to provide universal knowledge but also and especially to promote wisdom. I will therefore be solicitous to form intellectual personality of students, by inculcating in them a respect for truth and by guiding them to independent lines of thought, because it is crowned by the teachings of Christian Philosophy of life, Christian morals, with civic and social responsibilities.” Late Very Rev. Fr. Peter A. Pillai OMI cites his ideal in his Convocation Report of March 1960 at which convocation, then His Grace the Archbishop of Colombo, the Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Cooray OMI, who later became a Cardinal, presided.

MENTOR / FOUNDER OF AQUINAS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

**HIS EMINENCE THOMAS CARDINAL COORAY OMI
6TH ARCHBISHOP OF COLOMBO.**

CHANCELLORS OF AQUINAS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

**1ST CHANCELLOR: THE MOST REV. DR. OSWALD GOMIS
8TH ARCHBISHOP OF COLOMBO
FROM OCTOBER 2005 TO JULY 2009**

**2ND AND PRESENT CHANCELLOR :
THE MOST REV. DR. MALCOLM RANJITH 9TH
ARCHBISHOP OF COLOMBO
FROM AUGUST 2009**

PAST RECTORS

**1ST AND FOUNDER RECTOR : VERY REV. FR. PETER A.
PILLAI OMI. FROM 1954 TO 1964**

He commenced Aquinas University College at St. Joseph's College premises in 1954. He was keen to help the Youth who were deprived of opportunities for higher education due to lack of places in the University at that time. London External Examinations Courses and Professional programmes were conducted mostly in the evenings.

His dream was to make Aquinas University College an Ideal private University. In 1955 Aquinas University College was brought to present premises and he put up the present Science Block which housed the best Laboratory in the island and now named after Him as Peter Pillai Block. He also bought a piece of land at Wanathamulla expecting to start a medical College. Unfortunately in 1964 due to his untimely death this dream was not realised.

2ND RECTOR : VERY REV. FR. TISSA BALASURIYA OMI
FROM 1964 TO 1971

Fr. Balasuriya bridged the old library Building (former St. Bernard's Archdiocesan Major Seminary) and the Science Block built by Fr. Peter A. Pillai Omi by erecting a three storied tower building. He founded the Sister Formation Programme with the Major Religious Superiors Conference. In 1966 he established the School of Agriculture and bought the Aquinas Farm land consisting over 72 acres at Walpola, Ragama for students to carry out Agriculture practical work. He also inaugurated the schools of Business and Technology.

3RD & 5TH RECTOR : VERY REV. MSGR. W. L. A. DON PETER
FROM 1971 – 1974 & 1979 – 1989

In 1973 Fr. Don Peter started the Diploma Course in English which has become very popular to this day. He also inaugurated the Lab Technology Certificate Course affiliated to the Institute of Chemistry. In his 2nd term of office he set up the Don Peter Auditorium, added a single story building for class rooms and extended the Priests' quarters. He was also instrumental in establishing a Computer Centre seeing the need of the day and looking towards the future.

4TH RECTOR : VERY REV. FR. NEVILLE EMMANUEL
1974 - 1979

He allowed several ecclesiastical institutions like the National Catechetical Institute and the Socio Economic Development Centre (SEDEC) to have their offices at Aquinas University College as there was vacant space available at Aquinas.

6TH RECTOR : Very Rev. Fr. W. D. G. Chrispin Leo
1989 - 2006

He expanded the undergraduate section for external students of Kelaniya, Jayawardenapura, and Peradeniya and introduced a morning Diploma Course in English to maximize the use of the premises during morning hours. Many new and relevant professional courses were introduced to help young people to find employment in Banking, Management and as Pharmacists & computer technicians.

Building programmes such as the Millennium and Jubilee buildings were started in the year 1999 and completed for the Millennium and for the Golden Jubilee of Aquinas University College in 2004 with the generous assistance of the Italian Bishops’ Conference. This was with a view of getting affiliations to foreign universities and catering to many more students.

With the help of the then Archbishops, the most Rev. Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando, the Most Rev. Dr. Oswald Gomis and with the assistance of the University Grants Commission of the Ministry of Higher Education he worked tirelessly to achieve the degree awarding status to Aquinas University College.

7TH AND PRESENT RECTOR : VERY REV. Dr. PLACIDUS DE SILVA FROM JUNE 2006

In June 2006 Fr. Placidus inaugurated the 1st ever Degree awarding programme in B.Sc. in Psychology and Counselling and the Diploma programmes with the able assistance of the Educational Authorities of the National University of Galway, Ireland.

In January 2007, with an agreement signed with the Rector of Blessed Joseph Vas Deva Dharma Nikethanaya registered the students of BJVDDN to Aquinas B.A. Degree in Religious Studies in Sinhala Medium,

24th of January 2009, Diploma and UGC approved Aquinas B.A. in Religious Studies,

In January 2009 UGC approved Aquinas B.A. in Humanities in Sinhala and English Medium were inaugurated

In September 2009 UGC approved Aquinas B.I.T. Degree programme was launched.

Other Professional Diploma and Certificate Courses launched after June 2006

3rd July 2006: 3 years Diploma Course in Theological Studies in Tamil Medium

27th of January 2007 Diploma, Advanced and Post Graduate Diploma in Marketing, Management, customer and Business communications, Human Resource Management, Project Management etc. (Faculty of Marketing)

In January 2007, Diploma Programme for Catholic Teachers in Private Schools with the Archdiocesan Education Office.

In May 2007 Diploma in Plantation Management, Animal Husbandry and landscaping and Horticulture.

In September 2007, Diploma Programme in Hospitality and Hotel Management with American Hospitality and Lodgings Association and London College in Dublin, Ireland.

25th January 2008: Diploma, Higher and advanced Diploma programmes with City and Guild, UK in Construction Industry (Civil & Quantity Surveying) Electrical and Electronic Engineering (Civil & QS), Telecommunication Systems.

In August 2008: Certificate course in Italian (Faculty of Languages II)

15th of July 2009: Certified Management Accountants (CMA) in Technician, Intermediate and Professional levels, Diploma on Financial Management (Faculty of Business and Financial Management)

In November 2009, Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (ICS) (UK) Foundation Diploma in Shipping.

In July 2010 : Certificate Course in German. (Faculty of Languages II)

In September 2010, OTHM Courses of the Organization for Tourism & Hospitality Management.

In March 2011 3 year Diploma programme in Nursing in collaboration with Hemas Hospitals Pvt. Ltd.

OUR GRATITUDE

Since its humble origins at St. Joseph's College in the beginning of 1950's, Aquinas University College has grown from strength to strength in keeping with the noble ideals that were promulgated by its founder Fathers, His Eminence Thomas cardinal Cooray OMI., the Ist Sri Lankan Archbishop of Colombo and Very Rev. Rev. Dr. Peter Pillai OMI. Let me remember with gratitude all our Archbishops, Past Rectors, Registrars and their deputies, all members of the staff, both academic and clerical, who have cooperated to shoulder the burden of educating thousands and thousands of our youth, who would otherwise had no opportunity to do their higher education, but sought refuge at Aquinas University College.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR
2011

At this point of history in Sri Lanka, we are witnessing a paradigm shift or in casual terminology, turmoil in our higher education system.

As Christian academicians and as followers of Jesus Christ, who is the ‘Teacher–par-excellence’, we are called upon to respond through our Christian commitment to the radical changes that are envisaged in university education, which are a part and parcel of the history of our day.

University Education has evolved as a vibrant part of educational systems all over the world. Like all old institutions, they have sometimes been taken for granted. More specifically, the functions of universities have been taken for granted. Since universities have been around for quite some time, it is often assumed that all are adequately aware of their functions. Inadequate knowledge of the functions of universities does sometimes occur among both the general public and even those directly associated with these institutions. Thus, there arises a need even at this late stage, to review the basic functions of universities.

Although there has been an academic tradition dating back from the time of Socrates, it was a system of a teacher, surrounded by his pupils. This is the tradition of our schools today. But the University concept is something different. It consists of several teachers surrounded by their pupils and all of them in mutual interaction. The beginnings of this type of university concept were certainly influenced by the Christian Church.

Further, the initial formation of universities had been through the decrees of the Popes. Similar decrees and patronage were later extended by emperors and kings.

Together with the two focal points of power that already existed (Church & State), the universities had a psychological impact on Thought through Doctrinal Orthodoxy and Power.

**What are the objectives and purposes of University Education?
What exactly is the end result of University Education?**

University Education is viewed as an end in itself and as a pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, though they are not altogether tenable in the modern world. Particularly in a developing society as ours, one cannot adopt the above view totally. There is a need to adapt and transform the traditional motifs of university education, to be relevant and practicable in the socio-economic environment of Sri Lanka and the fast changing society at larger.

The classical view of university education has a permanent value and relevance for us. It was based on the notion that knowledge should be pursued for its own sake.

Cardinal Newman, now Blessed John Henry Newman, who was beatified by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on 19th of September 2010 in Birmingham, United Kingdom, was the best exponent of these concepts, in his well known treatise, ‘The Idea of a University’.

According to him there are three fundamental concepts which form the very foundation of university education. In brief, they are:-

- 1. The pursuit of knowledge for its own sake,**

2. The need to capture the multi disciplinary character of knowledge,
3. That university is a congregation of learned men interacting with each other.

The contemporary view of university education is very much influenced by the thought patterns of Cardinal Newman.

In our view, university education must equip a student in three fundamental ways:-

1. A university student must have an in-depth knowledge in the fields of study he/she opts to follow. A Diploma or a Degree that a student is awarded is a certification that he/she has a good knowledge in a special field or area of study. If the student does not possess that sound knowledge with an integral and all round education then the primary function of the university education has not been achieved. Further the outside world will not only be surprised about the lack of sound knowledge but it would also bring discredit to the university as a seat of learning.
2. The university education must enrich in a student that quality of mind which enables and encourages the student to approach the world and what he sees in a scientific manner. In short a student must be able to analyse problems and explain things in a systematic way. A spirit of enquiry, an attitude of questioning and a thirst for knowledge should have been generated by and through his/her university education.
3. The acquisition of knowledge with whatever degree that a student possesses should have humbled the student. For a student should realise that he/she has only a drunk shallow draught in an endless and ever increasing fountain of knowledge.

Thus a student should be thirsty for more knowledge and continue to pursue knowledge in various fields of study. Further it could lead a student to have an integral form of education, by enhancing his/her abilities, qualities of leadership, and capacity to work in a team, for the betterment of the society.

Honesty and integrity, so lacking in our society, should be fundamental principals guiding the life of a student through his integral education.

Professor Senaka Bandaranayake in his book, “The university of the future and the culture of learning” sums up the contemporary and classical concept of university education, “The principal objectives of university education should be to develop the intellectual personality of the student while also, at the same time, equip him/her with professional and academic skills, analytical and creative ability, the free flow of ideas, adaptability to work in a team.....these are modern qualities that we must nurture.”

Only some of these objectives of university education can be achieved by formal lectures, seminars and examinations or online education. Faculty - student interactions, student dialogues, symposia, co- and extracurricular activities are some activities that could go a long way to achieve these broader objectives of university education. The cultural milieu that a university possesses should have a lasting impact on the student. The same concept is captured in B.F. Skinner’s definition that “Education is what survives when what you have learnt has been forgotten”.

Do our universities have a sufficient mass of these activities to provide such an integral or holistic education?

All academics agree that all our universities, even the prestigious ones have not succeeded in developing an environment to provide an all inclusive, holistic and integral education.

There are many explanations and reasons that have been attributed to this set back. Namely, the excessive preoccupation with narrow minded examination preparation of our students, intensive lecture type of teaching, that universities have adapted in a rush to cover the syllabi due to strikes causing the loss of valuable class days, at the expense of creating an atmosphere for students' initiative and research. Further many universities still continue to offer, especially in the area of humanities, low professional courses. Student unrest prevalent in those faculties, frequent closure of entire faculties or still worse the whole universities, deplorable living conditions and inadequate facilities at hostels provided are some of the reasons adduced.

Though there is much truth in each of these general assertions it must be noted that the authorities must strive to remove these constraints, if our universities are to be marketed in the highly competitive Asian market.

It was reported recently that the University of Colombo which earlier ranked 78th among all universities in Asia, had lost that position and none of the 17 universities in Sri Lanka even come within 200 universities in the region.

Not only the educationists and academics even the common people, I believe are not surprised at all, considering the rot that has set in, in our higher educational system over the last few decades and that it is amply manifested today.

However we could pinpoint several reasons for this tragic downward trend. I do not think I need to elaborate on each of these indices that have caused alarming situations in our universities. Every day in our daily and weekly educational supplements you would find many articles written on this subject by academics or other concerned writers. It suffices; I believe only to enumerate some of the glaring setbacks that need to be addressed, if the higher educational system is to be salvaged for the benefit of our future generations.

1. Excessive politicisation of university administrative structures.
2. Politically sponsored organisations and parties that have the exclusive say re the students' welfare.
3. Politically sponsored and organized ragging and violent opposition to legitimate authority.
4. Equally violent and non Academic Trade Unions disrupting the smooth functioning of the university system.
5. The failure of the political leadership to take tough decisions for the benefit of higher education and implement policies that would benefit Sri Lanka as a whole, in consonance with trends elsewhere in the world especially Asian countries.

One has only to watch a TV channel to see this happening live in almost in every university.

However it is heartening to note that the policies of the present Government and the political clout extended by the Minister of Higher Education, have contributed, though late, to reverse this downward trend in our universities.

Free Higher Education is a luxury that a poor country such as ours cannot afford. It is very expensive to provide quality

higher education and also it is very unfair, I think, to allow those who can afford to pay for higher education and to obtain it free of charge. No other country in the world, including the Socialist countries, offer free university education. Incidentally Sri Lanka is the only country in the world where the graduates of local universities demand jobs from the government.

Further, out of the students who qualify to enter the universities, after a highly competitive examination of G.C.E (A/L) with a rigorous Z score, only 20% are admitted to the local universities while the rest are left high and dry to find their own avenues of higher education. This has resulted in their parents, having to spend colossal amounts of hard earned foreign exchange in the region of Rs. 20 Billion on educating their children abroad, while opportunities exist within our own existing system, if private Universities are established or some of the recognized existing higher educational Institutes are given the University status, to award Degrees.

All these are real concerns and yet, it must be remembered that the country has one of the lowest proportions of university students in the world, and that too in a country that has over 90% adult literacy.

In order to balance this unhealthy tradition and to rectify the prevalent situation, the Government has opened up its horizons to establish private Universities and to privatize University Education.

All countries in the South Asian region have used Education as a tool to achieve economic prosperity. It is also true in the Sri Lankan scenario. The expansion of higher education sector with private collaboration is a 'condition sine qua non' for Economic prosperity.

Finally, if Sri Lankan higher education is to reach the academic excellence of the developing nations then it is essential that the university lecturers abandon what is called the ‘Brahmanic tradition of thinking’ that teacher knows all and the students must listen and reproduce what they have heard. This is a deadening approach to education, the very anti-thesis of what university education must be.

Professor Marrs, a British political Scientist, one time well known lecturer and warden of the University of Peradeniya would say of a certain student’s tutorial, “ I disagree with every word you have written, but I give you an A+ plus, plus .” The student was Lakshman Wickremasinghe, who gained a First Class in Economics and later became the Anglican Bishop of Kurunegala.

Professor E.F.C. Ludowyke, the first Sri Lankan Professor of English at the University of Ceylon, dedicated his book, “Understanding Shakespeare” published by the Cambridge University Press, to the students of the University of Peradeniya, who helped him to understand Shakespeare better. He said,“ I am conscious of all I learnt from classes in Ceylon in the 25 years of trying to understand Shakespeare. `

The search for truth is an endless journey. It is by constant winnowing and sifting of ideas that we can further our journey to arrive at the truth. Teachers and students have an interactive role to play in this.

Let me ask the young men and women who are graduating today and entering the wide world, armed with their degrees and diplomas.

Are you going forth into the world with confidence and courage that the education you have received at Aquinas

University College, has equipped you to face the society and the world at large?

Are you still diffident to enter the world of employment, though, the end of education is to prepare you for life?

The answers to these questions would depend on what Aquinas University College has given you during your academic career. I am sure your success does not depend merely in the academic education that you had at Aquinas, but also in the intellectual, academic environment and the integral education.

In conclusion, let me state that the private Higher Education Sector needs to be encouraged to grow and expand. This development is further enhanced by the push that countries around the world, including former Communist countries in Asia and Eastern Europe, as well as many South Asian countries such as India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, which are always a step ahead in encouraging and fostering the growth of the private sector to increase access to and coverage of higher education. The present Minister of Higher Education has taken up a very bold challenge and already made provisions to invite and encourage private higher Education sector and to join hands with the Government sector to provide a better environment for education and also to establish a monitoring mechanism to enhance the quality of private education.

This is our firm conviction that, with our pristine glorious tradition and humble service to the nation for the last 57 golden years, Aquinas University College has always cooperated in shouldering the burden of educating thousands and thousands of our youth, who would otherwise have had no opportunity to pursue their higher education. With the blessings of the Archdiocese of Colombo, Aquinas which is now a degree awarding Institute granted by the University Grants Commission of the Ministry of Higher Education, will be able

to compete and fulfil further responsibilities to our youth in Sri Lanka, if Aquinas is raised to the level of an autonomous University.

It is with pride that I record here the granting of internal Degrees of Aquinas for the second year in succession for B.Sc. in Psychology and Counselling to our Aquinas graduates in accordance with the Extraordinary Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978.

“By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 25 A of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978, as last amended by Act, No 1 of 1995 read with paragraph (2) of the Article 44 of the Constitution, I, Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, President, having obtained a report under section 70C of the aforesaid Act in respect of Aquinas College of Higher Studies, do by this order, recognize the aforesaid Institute as a Degree Awarding Institute for the purpose of developing higher Education, leading to the conferment of the degrees as specified in the schedule hereto.”

Schedule

1. Bachelor of Arts General Degree (BA)
2. Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religious Studies (BA in Religious Studies)
3. Bachelor of Information Technology Degree (BIT)
4. Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and Counselling (B.Sc.)”

**Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga,
President,
Colombo.
26th September 2005**

Congratulations to the recipients of the B.Sc. Degree, Diplomas and Courses of study that we, at Aquinas University College, conducted during the year under review.

Our commiserations to those who failed to make the grade. Today is a landmark, a turning point in your life, as you leave the groves of Aquinas Academy, to enter the world of reality, a world full of challenges. Your success or failure to face these challenges depends partly on the knowledge and experience that you have gained at this institute. Let me wish you moral strength to face these challenges for your own good and for the good of others.

Allow me now to place before you a comprehensive progress report of the Courses of study that we, at Aquinas University College, conducted during the year under review.

FACULTY OF UNDER GRADUATE STUDIES

Faculty of Theology

ADMINISTRATION

**Grand Chancellor: His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith
(Archbishop of Colombo)**

**Vice Grand Chancellor: Most Rev. Dr. Marius Peiris (Auxiliary Bishop
of Colombo)**

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Vice Rector: Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita

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Librarian : Mrs. Rozaine Ivory

Registrar: Mr. M. L. Fernando

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Most Rev. Dr. Marius Peiris, *Vice Grand Chancellor*

Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, *Rector/Vice Chancellor & Bursar*

Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita, *Vice Rector*

Rev. Fr. Don Anton Saman Hettiarachchi, *Dean & Librarian*

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Rev. Fr. Dunstan Welikadarachchi, *Lecturer*

FACULTY OF UNDER GRADUATE STUDIES

Faculty of Theology **2010/11**

1. Genesis

Aquinas University College, “the great citadel of Catholic higher education” (in the words of Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, Rector), erected the Faculty of Theology (English Medium) with the objective of guarding and deepening one’s God given deposit of faith and studying in depth the sacred Theology. It is “a humble effort and bold step forward” on the part of Aquinas to open the doors and windows of the deposit of Theology to all.

This fulfils the dream of our founder fathers, His Eminence, the late Thomas Cardinal Cooray OMI and the late Very Rev. Fr. Peter A. Pillai OMI, to make Aquinas a Catholic university. This was also the personal dream of Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, the present Rector, who has as made this clear in his address, which read as follows: “Allow me to strike a personal note. This is truly a fulfilment of one of my personal dreams. The day I was told by His Grace the Archbishop as far back as January 2006 that I was going to be appointed as the rector of this hallowed institution, my dream was to introduce the study of catholic Theology at Aquinas and to take it to the level of a basic degree for the benefit of our English speaking lay faithful ...”

The Faculty of Theology has fulfilled the dreams and ambitions of these erudite men of God with greater commitment. Its principal work can be categorized as:

1. Diploma in Religious Studies
2. Advanced Diploma n Religious Studies
3. B. A. in Religious Studies (approved by the UGC)

4. Certificate Course in Biblical Studies (in collaboration with ISFA)
5. Public Lectures & Seminars
6. Aquinas Journal & other theological publications
7. Theology Library

2. Commencement of the Academic Work

The new academic year of 2011 began on Monday, 10th January.

The 3rd Intake of students (2011-2013) to the Faculty was accomplished with a simple ceremony held at Cardinal Cooray Auditorium, Aquinas University College on the 30th of April, 2011. The *lectio brevis* was delivered by the Chief Guest, Very Rev. Dr. Mervyn Fernando, the President-Founder of the *Subodhi* Institute of Integral Education, Piliyandala on the topic, ‘Challenges to Theology from the Modern World with Special Reference to Science and Technology.’ This occasion was graced by priests, religious and a considerable number of the newly fledged theology students.

3. Diploma & B. A. in Religious Studies

The Diploma & B. A. in Religious Studies covered the following philosophical and theological disciplines with the generous and committed service of our highly qualified panel of lecturers, whom we remember with immense gratitude.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Marius Peiris, B.A. (Ceylon), Dip. in Mariology (Rome), S.T.L. (Rome), M.Sc. Econ (London), Ph.D. (London)	General Introduction to Theology; General Introduction to Philosophy; Mariology; Vatican II Documents; Christian Fundamentalism
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Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, Ph.D. (Canterbury) MA/Dip in Socio.B.Sc.(Hon)(London) Soc.	Sociology
Rev. Dr. Mervyn Fernando, M.A.(USA), M.A.(Kalaniya), Ph.D. (Rome)	General Introduction to Philosophy; General Introduction to Theology
Rev. Dr. Leopold Ratnasekera OMI, S.T.L. (Rome), Th.D. (Paris), Ph.D. (Rome)	General Introduction to Theology; General Introduction to Philosophy; Theology of Religions; Main World Religions; Ecumenism & Inter-religious Dialogue
Rev. Dr. Daya Shelton Welikadarachchi, S.S.L. (Rome), S.T.D. Bib. (Rome)	General Introduction to Prophetic Literature
Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Fernando, S.T.L (Rome), S.T.D (Washington D.C.)	Faith Hope & Charity, Bio-Medical Ethics, Christian Family Life; Church Teaching on Christian Family Life
Rev. Dr. Cecil Joy Perera, S.T.D. (Rome)	Liturgy I & II
Rev. Dr. Gerard de Rosairo OMI, M.A. (Pune), Dip. Rel. Edu. (Rome), S.T.L. (Rome), Ph.D. (Jaffna)	Theology of Revelation & Inspiration; One God, Trinity & Pneumatology; General Introduction to Pastoral Theology; FABC Documents; Sin, Grace & Eschatology
Rev. Dr. Joseph Benedict, B.A.(University of Ceylon), PGD (English), M.A. (NY), Ph.D (NY)	Latin
Rev. Dr. Dilan Fernando SSS, S.T.L. (Rome), S.T.D (Rome)	Theology of Marriage & Sexuality
Rev. Dr. Wimal Siri Jayasuriya, S.T.L (Rome), S.T.D (Rome)	General Introduction to Canon Law; Canon Law
Rev. Fr. Reid Shelton Fernando, M..A. (Sri Lanka), S.T.L. (Leuven)	Church Documents; Catholic Social Teachings
Rev. Fr. Elmo Dias, S.T.L. (Rome)	Ecclesiology

Rev. Fr. Calixtus Fernando, M.A. (Maryland)	General Introduction to Psychology
Rev. Fr. Reginald Lucian OMI, S.T.L. (Rome)	World Church History; Patrology; Sri Lankan Church History
Rev. Fr. Lalith Felix Perera, S.T.L. (Rome)	Fundamental Moral Theology
Rev. Fr. Dunstan Welikadarachchi OMI, S.T.L. (Rome)	General Introduction to Prophetic Literature; Exegesis of Major Prophets; General Introduction to Wisdom Literature; Exegesis of Psalms; Exegesis of John; Exegesis of Hebrews; General Introduction to Catholic Epistles
Rev. Fr. Indra Fernando, S.T.L. (Rome)	General Introduction to Sacraments; Sacraments of Initiation; Sacraments of Service; Sacraments of Healing
Rev. Fr. Quintus Fernando, S.T.L. (Rome)	General Introduction to Pauline Literature
Rev. Fr. Roshan Fernando OMI, S.T.L. (Rome)	Missiology
Rev. Fr. Don Anton Saman Hettiarachchi, S.S.L. (Rome)	Academic Methodology; General Introduction to the Holy Bible; General Introduction to Pentateuch; Exegesis of Genesis; Exegesis of Exodus; General Introduction to the Holy Gospels; Exegesis of Mark & Matthew; Exegesis of Luke & Acts; Biblical Hebrew; Biblical Greek
Rev. Bro. Joseph Michael, B..A. (London), Dip. in Ed. (Sri Lanka), M.Rel.Ed. (Manila)	World Church History I & II
Rev. Sr. Susan Jane Holland OMVF, S.T.L. (Florence)	Academic Methodology; Theology of Revelation & Inspiration; General Introduction to Sacraments; Sacraments of Initiation; Sacraments of Service; Sacraments of Healing; Catechetics; Christology & Soteriology
Rev. Sr. Rita Gunawardene HF, B.A. (Peradeniya)	Ecology
Rev. Sr. Thushari Wettasinghe RMI, M.A. (Rome)	Blessed Joseph Vaz & Jacome Gonsalvez; Catechetics
Rev. Sr. Frigida Stanislaus RMI, M.A. (Rome)	Blessed Joseph Vaz & Jacome Gonsalvez
Rev. Sr. Geraldine Sasirekah RMI, M.A. (Rome)	Theology of Laity & Consecrated Life

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4. **Certificate Course in Biblical Studies**

Four Certificate Courses were conducted by the Faculty in collaboration with ISFA:

- i. The Gospel and Epistles of St. John
- ii. General Introduction to Apocalyptic Literature & Exegesis of Daniel
- iii. The Most Holy Eucharist. A Biblical Approach
- iv. The Book of Revelation

All these informative and insightful Courses, held on Thursday from 4 pm to 6.15 pm for 15 sessions, delivered by Rev. Fr. Don Anton Saman Hettiarachchi and well attended by a distinguished gathering of religious and lay faithful delved deeper into the immeasurable wealth of the Word of God.

5. **Theological Publications**

The Faculty of Theology is now heading towards publications, as a sign of maturity of the Institute. Hence the Faculty worked tirelessly and published its annual, Aquinas Journal on the occasion of the elevation of His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith as a Prince of the Church and a Member of the College of Cardinals. The lecturers, students and some guest prolific writers made their literary contributions generously.

The lecturers and the students contribute articles on current topics to Catholic and secular print media as and when required. The Faculty encourages both the lecturers and the students to publish their research papers of academic and pastoral interests.

6. Theology Library

The Theology Library is built up to serve the students of Aquinas – the students of the Faculty of Theology and the B.A. students of Christian Culture (English medium).

These students are obliged to do their references in view of semester examinations, final dissertations (thesina on a particular theological argument of their choice) and continuous assignments that demand intense research work.

The generosity of the Archbishops, Bishops and priests of the Archdiocese of Colombo in donating valuable books to the Library is much appreciated.

7. Statistics of Students

The students are categorized as Degree Students, Diploma Students and Extra-ordinary (who frequent some selected subjects without sitting for any exams).

Batch	Ordinary		Extra-ordinary
	Degree	Diploma	
2009 & 2010	06	13	01
2011	-	19	-

The class hours are:

Monday 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.

Friday 5.30 – 7.30 p.m.

Saturday 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

We are happy to acknowledge the generous and committed service, rendered by Miss Anne Florence Perera, the General Secretary of the Faculty of Theology; and Mrs. Rozaine Ivory, Librarian of the Theology Library, Faculty of Theology.

8. Conclusion

We, as a Faculty, of the Aquinas University College, has grown from strength to strength. The whole curriculum is focused more on the quality of the students. The students, trained and highly qualified, will be a future asset of the Church of Sri Lanka. The day when these students will mature as zealous missionaries and lecturers will be the day the dreams of these three wise and ambitious men who advocated the establishment of their faculty, His Eminence the late Thomas Cardinal Cooray OMI, the late Very Rev. Fr. Peter A. Pillai OMI and Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, will be fully realized. God bless Aquinas.

Report compiled by:
Rev. Fr. Don Anton Saman Hettiarachchi Dean,
Faculty of Theology.
24th August, 2011

BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.) INTERNAL DEGREE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES IN SINHALA MEDIUM

In keeping with the terms and conditions under which the agreement signed between the Blessed Joseph Vaz Deva Dharma Nikethanaya (BJVDDN) and Aquinas College of Higher Studies (ACHS) on October 11, 2006.

All students who are enrolled from January 2007 at the BJVDDN in Colombo and at the Negombo branch are eligible to enrol as Students of Aquinas University College for the above degree.

The students who complete their B.A. (four year) degree at BJVDDN which is affiliated to the Congregation for Catholic Education and Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome with a Cum Laude or above, will be eligible to apply for the B.A. Special Degree in Religious Studies at Aquinas University College, if they attend lectures for one more Semester and present a thesis on any specialized area of Theological study.

The students who fulfil all the stipulated academic requirements and successfully complete the thesis will be awarded the Bachelor of Arts (Special) in Religious Studies of Aquinas University College.

Fr. Anton Saman Hettiarachchi, who is the Dean of the Faculty of Theology at Aquinas University College and The Vice Rector of BJVDDN will co-ordinate and work out the modus operandi to select the students and organize the course of study.

Let me record with gratitude all the assistance given to us by His Grace the Archbishop Emeritus of Colombo, The Most Rev. Dr. Oswald Gomis, who was also the 1st Chancellor of

Aquinas University College, and His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, the Chancellor and the continued support given to us by the outgoing Rector, Very Rev. Dr. Cecil Joy Perera and the members of the Academic Council of the BJVDDN.

THREE YEAR DIPLOMA COURSE AND B.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES IN TAMIL MEDIUM.

The above courses are accredited to Blessed Joseph Vaz Deva Dharma Nikethanaya (BJVDDN). The classes are held from July 3rd 2006.

We thank Very Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Fernando, the Episcopal Vicar for Tamil Apostolate, the Course coordinator and the visiting lecturers for the cooperation extended in conducting classes at Aquinas premises.

THE SISTER FORMATION COURSE

Conducted under the auspices of

**THE CATHOLIC MAJOR RELIGIOUS SUPERIORS
(CMRS)**

at Aquinas University College.

Dean: Rev. Sr. Rubika A.C.,

Operational Team Members:

Rev. Sr. Rose Fernando FMM

Rev. Sr. Cynthia Mendis PH

Rev. Sr. Rita Gunawardena HF

Rev. Sr. Geraldine CMF

Lecturers and their Subjects

Residential Courses:

Rev. Fr. Vanderwall S.J. - Prayer and Discernment

Rev Fr. Paul Satkunanayagam - Leadership

Rev. Fr. Mariathas Selvaratnam OMI – Religious Life and its Spirituality

Rev. Sr. Cynthia A.C. PRH (Personal Human Relation)

Three days Exposure Programme – Visiting the sick, poor, broken families, physically and mentally challenged people and children and elders Home.

Block Courses:

Rev. Fr. Gamini Silva OMI – Introduction to Theology
 Rev. Fr. Alvin Fernando - Synoptic Gospel / Book of Revelation
 Rev. Fr. Reid Shelton Fernando – Church Documents
 Rev. Fr. Norbert D’Souza OFM (CAP) – Introduction to Scripture
 Rev. Fr. Indra Fernando – Introduction to the Sacraments
 Rev. Fr. Noel Emmanuel – Moral Theology
 Rev. Fr. Tyrell Alles OSB – Pauline Letters / Acts of the Apostles
 Rev. Fr. Raveen Perera – Buddhism
 Rev. Fr. Jeyaraj Rasiah S J. Ecclesiology
 Rev. Fr. C.P. Rajendram S.J. – Non Violent Communication
 Rev. Fr. Daya Shelton – Prophets / Women in the Bible
 Rev. Fr. Sheron Dias – Church History

Weekly Lectures

Rt. Rev. Dr. Marius Peiris – Mariology/ Social Analysis
 Rev. Fr. Anton Saman - Pentateuch
 Rev. Fr. Cecil Joy Perera – Liturgy
 Rev. Sr. Cynthia Mendis PH - Literary Society / Vita Consecrata
 Rev. Sr. Rita Gunawardena HF – Ecology / NLP (Nero Linguistic Programme)
 Rev. Sr. Janet Nethisinghe FMM – Psychology
 Rev. Fr. Indra Fernando - Baptism / Confirmation / Catechesis
 Rev. Fr. Placidus de Silva – Sociology
 Rev. Fr. Gerard Rosairo OMI – Christology / Hinduism / Social Teaching of the Church
 Rev. Fr. Reginald Lucian OMI – Islam& Lent Preparation
 Rev. Fr. Justin Chawkan SSS – Eucharist
 Rev. Fr. Dharshana Jayamanne - Methodology / Actualization of Human Wholeness
 Rev. Fr. Vaijir Shobha TOR – Psalms/ Gospel of John

Guest Speakers

Rev. Fr. Lasantha de Abrew S J. – Motivational talk

Rev. Fr. Henry Silva – Lent Special talk

Rev. Fr. Shanthikumar Weliwita – Self Awareness talk

Rev. Fr. Rohan Dominic CMF & Mr. Nimal Perera - ASIPA

Rev. Sr. Kathleen A.C. - Women trafficking

Rev. Sr. Fatimanayaki A.C. Child Sexual Abuse / Healing and
Reconciliation

Rev. Sr. Irene Madurawela RGS – Power of God

Rev. Sr. Josita Corera RGS – Listening Skills

Dr. Jehan Perera - Update situation in Sri Lanka

Dr. Judeson Selvachandren MD (Russ), MD (Col) - Facts of life

The Annual Report for 2011

THE SISTER FORMATION COURSE OF THE CATHOLIC MAJOR RELIGIOUS SUPERIORS (CMRS)

The vision and the mission of the Sister Formation Course conducted by the Conference of the Catholic Major Superiors, is to provide the young Religious Sisters with adequate knowledge and practical skills in keeping with their particular Charisms, “Growth towards the fullness of life. (Jn.10/10)

The sister formation Course aims at providing the sisters, a sound, all round integrated formation, enabling each of them, to live her religious life meaningfully as a woman of God, docile to the Spirit, capable of facing the challenges of life and responding to the needs of our contemporary society.

Duration of this Course is one year. Congratulations to all the 26 Rev. Sisters of 2010 who will be awarded Diplomas today.

During this year, Sister Formation Course began with 20 young sisters of temporary commitment of 10 different Religious Congregations. Unfortunately, there were no foreign students this year. We had the inauguration on 11th January 2011. The Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese Rt. Rev. Dr. Marius Peiris, Rev. Fr. Placidus de Silva the Rector of the Aquinas University College, Rev. Sr. Malathie Dissanayake PH the Vice President of CMRS, and Superior General of the Congregation of Perpetual Help, along with other Major Superiors and representatives’ and Sr. Rita Gunawardena HF the member of the administrative team presence was truly encouraging. Rev. Fr. Lasantha de Abrew was the guest speaker of the day, gave a motivational talk to our students.

At the beginning all 11 congregations took trouble to share the history of their congregations, Spirit of their Charism, their

Founders and Foundresses, their main apostolate, their life style, and the way they conduct prayers in their group. This sharing and discussion helped to know one another and their congregations better.

The student Formees followed various block courses at Ampitiya Retreat House in Kandy during the Live-in-session at the beginning of the academic year. The Live- in-session has helped our sisters to build an inter-congregational and inter-racial community. However, it was a new experience to live together as an inter-congregational group they had a good rapport, praying together, having meals together, sharing household tasks, relaxing and enjoying recreations as a group. This gradually helped them to build better life giving and healthy relationships with one another.

The courses at the beginning such as Leadership, Prayer and Discernment Religious Life and its Spirituality for 21st century, PRH (Personal Human Relation) and various group activities created a deeper self-awareness and thus they could receive help from all the lecturers who conducted the sessions according to their schedules.

The daily lectures on various subjects were so enlightening, urged our young sisters to give their full active participation in Personal prayers and in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Each congregation initiated to conduct the prayer of the Church daily in a creative way helped the community to pray better.

This year students had an exposure while they followed the residential course at Ampitiya. Students were divided in two groups; while one group followed the PRH session and other group had the exposure within that area. They visited the sick, lonely, cancer patients in General Hospital, distributed Holy Communion to the sick, Elders Home run by Good Shepherd Congregation, Physically and mentally challenged ladies and girls who are cared

by the congregation of Mother Theresa etc. They also visited families who have lost their houses and properties due to the natural disaster. Besides that Rev. Fr. Nandana Manatunga - the Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Ampitiya gave a half-day programme on Social awareness. He shared with them about the social injustices that are taking place in our country, Child Sexual abuses, abduction, killing etc.

Sr. Fatimanayaki A.C. gave eight hours programme on **“Child Sexual Abuse, Reconciliation and Healing”**, through which our students benefited to know the girl children struggles, their pain and stagnated growth due harm done to them in their tender age; together it was instilled, the gift of forgiveness and holistic healing that they can bring to themselves and to their communities. On **Women's' Day**, we had a special programme. Sr. Kathleen A.C. shared with our students facts on **“Women's Trafficking”**, showing the life reality and the problems of our women in today's society: some of them are child sexual Abuse, abortion, raping and dysfunctional families. She explained to them the pain women go through in their day-to-day life. Through a power point presentation, she moved the hearts of our young sisters to respect and accept the dignity of their womanhood.

Celebrating the Birthdays of the Rector Rev. Fr. Placidus de Silva, other lecturers and the companions were joyful events. Students learnt to give their respect, loyalty and honour to the elders, by exchanging their gratitude and love.

Justice, Peace and Human Development runs by SETH SARANA CARITAS – Colombo organized a special programme for our sister Formees during the season of lent. Rev. (Dr.) Fr. Henry Silva, Biblical Scholar, delivered the talk. He highlighted the theme on Humanitarian Suffering in the light of the sacred scripture as following;

- Justice
- Justice of God
- Justice in revelation to man
- In today's term Justice means 'Human Right'
- How much just we ought to be towards our neighbours
- Reconciliation
- Mediating function in reconciliation / condition for reconciliation
- Suffering servant of our Lord
- Memorial in the words of Jesus
- Eucharist is breaking my life for others
- Christ emptied Himself in death - were the discussed topics during the programme.

A day of recollection was organized at Carmel Piyuma Convent-Wanathamulla just before the Holy week. Sr.Rubika guided them in prayers. Rev.(Dr) Fr. Noel Dias, Lecturer in the Law Faculty of the University of Colombo, on Human Rights, gave them an inspirational talk on 'Forgiveness'. It helped our students to make their confession better on that day. With Fr. Noel Dias another priest too joined to give the Sacrament of Reconciliation for 20 Formees. In the evening they shared their experiences with one another, it enriched every one.

Student Sisters actively participated in the Aquinas College Walk. They prepared appropriate banners according to the theme given by the Aquinas University College. Sister Formees joined together with other student walk along the street carrying their banners giving honour to Aquinas University College. They received the second prize for their banners gave them great joy. They joined together for meals and enjoyed the cultural show presented by the students.

Other Activities

- A Day of Recollection is organised once a month.
- Interiorization and group therapy sessions are done by the Dean.
- Personal help for Sister Formees
- Every Wednesdays Aquinas Mass is organized by the Sister Formees.
- Once a month Birthday Celebration and get-together.
- Visiting the Worshipping places of Mosque, Hindu Kovil and Buddhist Temple.
- Video show on life of the saints or Educational films or Psychological films.
- Bulletin “Sun Flower” is edited and published once a month.

Our thanks rise up to the almighty God and to all the service oriented people who have accompanied us in our journey so far.

Report compiled by Rev. Sr. Rubica A.C.
Dean, Sister Formation Course

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Conference of Major Religious Superiors for the trust and confidence they have placed at Aquinas University College, and the course co-ordinator and Dean, Rev. Sr. Rubika A.C., and her new team members, for their guidance and support to administer the study programmes so efficiently.

(Fr. Rector's note)

Faculty of Undergraduate Studies

BSc. in Psychology & Counselling, Diploma in Psychology & Counselling

Father In charge / Dean of the Faculty / Course Director :

Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita, B.Th. (Rome), B.A. (Peradeniya - SL),
M.A. (New York)

Asst. Registrar & Course Coordinator:

Mr. Esmond de Silva, B.Ph. (Rome), B.Th.. (Rome), M.A. (Kelaniya - SL)

Panel of Lecturers :

Rev. Dr. Fraccid Anthony, B.Th. (Rome) M.A. (Philippines)
M.A.(Psychology)(New York), Ph.D.(Fordham) USA.

Rev. Dr. Sunil Rupasinghe, Dr. in Clinical Psychology (Chicago - USA)

Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita, B.Th.(Rome), B.A.(Peradeniya - SL),
M.A.(New York)

Rev. Sr. Janet Nethisinghe, B.Sc. Psychology (Philippines), M.A. Counselling
Psychology (California)

Rev. Sr. Margie Wanniarachchi, M.A. in Pastoral Counselling (Fordham -
New York - USA)

Rev. Sr. Canice Fernando, B.A.(SL), M.A.(Pastoral Counselling)

Rev. Sr. Mary Selinta RGS, B.A. (Kelaniya), M.A. (Bangalore - India)

Dr. Sarath Gunasiri Perera B.A. (Pera - SL), M.Edu. (Col - SL), M.Edu.
(Wollongong), Dr.of Edu (Wollongong)

Mr. Lakmal Ponnampereuma B.A. (Psychology) Hons. (Pera - SL), M.Phil
(Clinical Psy. - Colombo - SL)

Ms. Arundathi Manorama Abeypala B.A. (Bangalore - India), M.Sc.
(Counselling Psy. - Chennai - India)

Ms. Amalka V.S. Edirisinghe B.A.(Hons)(New Delhi - India), M.Phil.
(Clinical Psy. - Colombo - SL),

Faculty of Undergraduate Studies

**B.Sc. in Psychology & Counselling,
Diploma in Psychology & Counselling,
B.A. Business Administration,
Diploma in Catholic Education & Teacher Training,
Foundation Diploma in Shipping – UK**

B.Sc. Degree in Psychology & Counselling

In keeping with the vision and mission statements of Aquinas University College, which states, “... to prepare disciplined, socially conscious and morally committed intellectuals and professionals to be catalysts of a “BETTER WORLD”, the branch of Psychology & Counselling of the Faculty of Undergraduate Studies proudly presents the second batch of Graduates numbering nine (09) at this convocation. We salute them as they receive their honours today.

There are a total of 38 students reading for the B.Sc. Degree in Psychology & Counselling numbering 24 and 14 in the second and third years respectively.

Lectures are conducted on weekends and two semester based examinations are held for each Academic Year in keeping with the requirements of the course structure. A dissertation on a selected topic relevant to the field of study has been made a partial requirement of the Degree Programme, for which graduands of this convocation adhered to and will continue with the following batches too.

Diploma in Psychology and Counselling

The faculty branch of BSc. in Psychology & Counselling programme has produced thirteen diplomates this year who will be vested with Diploma in Psychology & Counselling at this convocation. The 6th batch of students numbering 30 is currently following the Diploma programme. The next intake is due in October/ November and the course will commence in January 2012.

The Diploma in Psychology & Counselling programme is accredited to the National University of Galway, Ireland. We thank present Rector, Very. Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Placidus de Silva for inaugurating such a venture for this programme.

Both BSc. Degree & Diploma in Psychology & Counselling Programmes have gained local as well as international recognition today, as a result of the dedicated and committed services of highly professional tutorial staff. It is with much gratitude, I thank Rev. Fr. Dr. Sunil Rupasinghe SSS – The Academic Co-ordinator, Rev. Fr. Fraccid Anthony OMI, and Rev. Sr. Janet Nethisinghe – Senior Lectures for their yeomen continuous services over the years. I also thank all the other lecturers for their invaluable services to the Faculty.

It is the generous effort and commitment of Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita, the Vice Rector cum the Dean of the Faculty of Undergraduate Studies and Mr. Esmond de Silva, Assistant Registrar that has brought much needed advancement to the Faculty.

B.A. in Business Administration

Having foreseen the demand for a Degree programme in Business Administration, the Dean of the faculty, Very Rev. Fr.

S.K.Weliwita on advice of Rev. Fr. Rector, has deployed much effort in introducing B.A. in Business Administration at Aquinas University College.

The Programme has a total number of 16 students following the course in their 2nd Semester of the First academic year at present.

At this convocation, Aquinas University College through Faculty of Undergraduate Studies awards fifteen diplomates who successfully completed Diploma in Business Administration and three diplomates with Advanced Diploma in Business Administration.

B.A. in Business Administration is the ‘brainchild’ of Dr. Kennedy Gunawardena, the academic advisor and the course co-coordinator. We thank him for his able guidance and the efforts of tutorial staff.

I thank Rev. Fr. S. K. Weliwita, the Vice Rector and the Dean of the Faculty of Undergraduate Studies for highly enthusiastic attitude in moulding this programme to suit the needs of the day.

Diploma in Catholic Education & Teacher Training (DCETT)

After having much scrutiny on the whole, DCETT is about to make it more comprehensive to suit the demands of a credited diploma with the next intake commencing soon.

Academic discussions have been held, Administrative plans have been drawn up and syllabus & course content are being revised and accelerated with a deadline on agenda.

Consequently, DCETT will be an one year Diploma Programme at Aquinas University College with the next batch.

The aim of the course is to give much needed formation, information, methodology and the attitudes to be an effective and efficient teacher to guide the young to excel in their talents and grow up to become useful citizens in control of their own destiny.

The Diploma in Catholic Education and Teacher Training commenced in October 2010 for the fifth batch of newly recruited teachers in Catholic Private Schools, with seventy three teachers on roll. Forty eight students have successfully completed the course and receive their certificates today.

Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita the Vice Rector and the Dean of the Faculty of Undergraduate Studies has devoted much of his time for the success of DCETT programme, for it directly involves the formation of teacher students. I also thank the able guidance and formation given by the panel of Lecturers towards this worthy cause.

We thank very Rev. Fr. Ranjith Madurawala, the Archdiocesan Director of Education & General Manager of the Catholic Private schools, who pioneered this noble venture and Rev. Fr. Nilantha Heshan Fernando, Assistant Archdiocesan Director of Education, Rev. Fr. Anton Ranjith, our Academic Coordinator and the dedicated lecturers, for the whole hearted cooperation extended to us to make this course a success.

Foundation Diploma in Shipping - UK

Aquinas University College offers Foundation Diploma in Shipping - UK in collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers - UK, which would open the doors to sit for “Qualifying Examinations” that lead to Membership of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (MICS) UK thereafter the Fellowship of the institute (FICS).

Aquinas is very grateful to Mr. Maxwell De Silva, Chairman, Mr. M.S.M. Ilmi, and Secretary. Ms. Anoma Ranasinghe, Education Office and Mr. Sudath Wickremasinghe, Co-ordinator of Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers, Sri Lanka for their support to sponsor this programme of study.

I remember with gratitude Rev. Fr. S.K. Weliwita the Vice Rector and the Dean of the Faculty of Undergraduate Studies for all the guidance and direction extended for the success of Foundation Diploma in Shipping – UK programme.

Rev.Sr. Rita Gunawardana HF - Former Assistant Registrar

It is our bounded duty to appreciate and acknowledge the untiring and committed services rendered by Rev. Sr. Rita Gunawardana to the Faculty of Undergraduate Studies from its inception. It is noteworthy to mention that she backed and pioneered the Diploma and Degree programmes of the Faculty. Please accept our sincere gratitude and prayers on your retirement.

Commitment to service, perfection in every minute matter and enlightened leadership was the sublime motto of **the Dean of the Faculty of Undergraduate Studies, Very. Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita** which enabled students, lecturers and administrative officers to work in unison to be disciplined, socially conscious and morally committed intellectuals and professionals to be catalysts of a “BETTER WORLD”. We owe much to his dedicated and untiring services.

Report compiled by Mr. Esmond de Silva

Assistant Registrar-Faculty of Undergraduate Studies (BSc. in Psychology & Counselling)

FACULTY OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts (General) Internal Degree in Humanities Sinhala and English media

Father In charge & Course Director: Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar
Weliwita - B.Th. (Rome), B.A.(Peradeniya - SL), M.A.(New York)

Asst. Registrar & Course Coordinator: Mr. Sunanda Perera

Secretary: Mrs. Damayanthi Samaraweera

Coordinator: Mrs. Aruni Perera

Objectives

To provide opportunities to the needs of a large number of G.C.E (A.L.) qualified students who are deprived of pursuing their higher studies at our National Universities.

To provide quality teaching at affordable cost within a conducive environment so that both young and adult-working students are given the opportunity of upgrading their careers in their chosen fields or in new ones with recognized, quality academic certification second to none, awarded under University Grants Commission approval.

Panel of Lecturers (English Medium)

Rev. Fr. Anton Saman Hettiarachchi - B.Ph. (Rome), B.Th. (Rome), S.S.L. (Rome)

Rev. Sr. Concelia A.C., B.A.(Hons), PDG, MA

Prof. Wilfred Jayasooriya - B.A. (Pera - SL), Ph.D. (Illinois - USA)

Mr. Mervyn Senanayake - B.A. (Ceylon) M.Sc.(Mass Com.), Post Graduate Dip. In Admin

Ms. Nalini Madanayake - B.A. MA.(Economics)

Mr. A. Robinson - B.A.(Hons). MA.(Delhi), M.Phil. (Delhi)

Ms. Tharindi Udalagama- B.A.(Hons) Sociology,

Mrs. Anupama Weeraratne -ESOL (TKT), B.A. (English)(J'pura), Adv. Dip. in Eng, NCE (Teacher Training)

Ms. Vimukthini Nonis - B.A.(Bangalore)

Mr. L. Sri Ananada Wedaarachchi - B.A.(Hons.) (J'pura), M.A. (Communication) (J'pura)

Panel of Lecturers (Sinhala Medium)

Professor Ananda Abeysiriwardane - B.A.(Hons), M.A.(Peradeniya), Ph.D.(Kelaniya)

Rev. Fr. Anton Saman Hettiarachchi - B.Th.(Rome), STL(Rome)

Mr. M.M. Seneviratne - B.A., M.A.Q., M. Phil Dip. Edu.

Mr. N.K. Ratnadasa - B.A., MA, M. Edu.

Mrs. K.D.V. Ratnaseeli - B.A. (Econ. Sp)

Mrs. Nirmala Nishanthi Aluthgama -B.A.Sociology (Hons). MA. (Kelaniya - SL)

Mr. Mervyn Senanayake - B.A. (Ceylon) M.Sc.(Mass Com.), Post Graduate Dip. In Admin

Ms. Thiwankee A. Wickramasinghe - B.A. (Mass Com - Hons.) (Kelaniya), LL.B. (Hons.), MSSc.(Mass Com)

Mrs. Nimali Perera - B.A.(Kelaniya)

Mr. Kalpa Eranga Pushpakumara - B.A.(Kelaniya)

Mr. Priyankara de Silva M.A. (Econ.) (J'pura)

FACULTY OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

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The above degree programme commenced in March 2009 , with the approval of the University Grants Commission ,by virtue of the Gazette notification published under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 (section 25A)of dated 6th. October 2005.

At Aquinas University College, this degree programme is designed for semester based examinations (2 semesters per academic year) and evaluation is based on 2 components, 70% being on written paper and the balance 30% on written documents/Assignment/Project/Presentation conducted at the end of each semester.

We have adopted the most current and latest method of credit system practiced by all reputed universities globally.

We engage a qualified and well experienced panel of visiting lecturers now numbering almost 25 during the weekends to conduct lectures in both English and Sinhala media.

The first batch is now in its final academic year (3rd Year) of studies, in its 5th semester. There are 55 students in this inaugural batch who are due to graduate in 2012. Their academic year is from May to May in the final year.

We, at Aquinas are proud to mention that this first batch is progressing well.

The second batch (2010 intake) numbering 101 is now in its 3rd Semester, in year two. Academic year for this batch is from January to January.

Our third batch (2011 intake) comprises of 76 students, and is now in its 2nd Semester. Its academic year is also from January to January.

Registration of the next Batch (2012 intake) is scheduled for October 2011 with a screening tests and interviews. Lectures are to commence in May 2012.

Administrative procedure

This programme comes under the direct purview of the Dean of the faculty, Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita, Vice Rector.

All administrative functions are carried out by the Assistant Registrar, Mr. Sunanda Perera with his staff.

The Degree programme is structured in line with the administrative procedures and practices of the universities both local and overseas in order to facilitate and ensure the delivery of quality outcome with the following Councils:

- 1. Board of Examination**
- 2. Academic Council**
- 3. Senate**

Above councils are being headed by Very Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Placidus De Silva, Rector/Vice Chancellor as Chairman and Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita, Vice Rector/Dean and a team of academics and administrators participating as members.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Marius Peiris, the Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo and Professor Ananda Abeysiriwardena continues to serve as members representing our faculty in the Senate that comprises several other distinguished academics from other universities and various professional bodies, on an honorary basis.

The Board of Examination administers all matters relating to Examinations, results/ grading and all related areas. There is a set of Rules & Regulations which are strictly adhered to in conducting all our examinations.

The Senate of Aquinas University College which comprises of several academics in the country is chaired by the Rector/Vice Chancellor, ratifies all decision with regard to all academic affairs at the meetings held as and when required.

Highlights and important events for the year 2011

- 1. The students of the Faculty of Arts have formed a “Students’ Association” to foster and cultivate teamwork, unity and interpersonal relationships among students through activities of academic and extra –curricular interests such as debates, drama, lyrics and poetry, creative writing, short stories and photography, in an organized manner.**

A concept initiated by some of the lecturers in our faculty, very specially that of Mr. Kalpa Eranda who has been the prime mover of the event “Sanhida Pamula” – Art Festival - was held on the 4th of September at the Don Peter Auditorium with the participation of the students of all 3 batches. A

distinguished gathering of invited guests, students, parents and well wishers participated in a colourful ceremony where students' talents were displayed and recognized. Trophies and certificates were awarded to the successful participants in all the events.

- 2. On September 3rd as a prelude to the main event, a series of debates in both English and Sinhala were held in a competitive atmosphere at the Cardinal Cooray Auditorium where the rhetoric of the talented students came to light.**
- 3 In keeping with the University traditions, a Research Symposium was held by the Department of Sinhala on September 24th, where several students made their power point presentations on selected topics with success. The session was organized and conducted by Mr. Kalpa of the Department of Sinhala.**
- 4. Several other Departments also conducted presentations as part of the 30% component of the student evaluation which is a very vital part of the course structure.**
- 5. The lecturers' meeting was conducted on the August 31st, as a full day's session at Hotel Janaki where a serious review of all our academic and administrative tasks was discussed in order to improve the quality of teaching.**

Our grateful acknowledgement and sincere thanks go to Rt. Rev. Dr. Marius Peiris, Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo, Very Rev. Fr. Ivan Perera, Episcopal Vicar for Western

Region & National Director of Catholic Education, Very Rev. Fr. Ranjith Madurawela, Archdiocesan Director for Education and the Manager for Catholic Schools, Very Rev. Fr. Cyril Gamini Fernando , Episcopal Vicar for Colombo South, Rev. Fr. Anton Saman Hettiarachchi, Rev. Fr. Jayalath Balagalle, our Lecturers, and other priests who have been of immense support and encouragement to our faculty in various ways.

We also acknowledge the loyal and dedicated services rendered to us by all our resource lecturers who have been our strength.

A very special mention extended to the staff attached to the Assistant Registrar's office for the consciousness, dedication and commitment with which the routine work is being efficiently carried out.

Finally, a big thank you to Very Rev. Dr. (Fr.) Placidus De Silva, our affable and inspiring Rector/Vice Chancellor and to Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita, Vice Rector/Dean of the faculty, for their untiring efforts, passion and commitment which guide and direct us in our quest towards excellence.

**Report compiled by Mr. Sunanda Perera
Assistant Registrar- Internal Degree (B.A.)
Faculty of Undergraduate Studies**

FACULTY OF UNDERGRAUATE STUDIES

Faculty of Information Technology

Course Director : Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita

Dean of the Faculty : Eng. Lasitha Devendra

Management Support : Mr. TMF Packeer & Mr

Mohamedali Abdulhussain

Directors of Asian Technologies,

Student councilor/Coordinator: Mr. Imtiaz Jaldin

**Panel of Lecturers : Permanent & visiting lecturers from
leading state & private Universities**

Objectives:

The Aquinas University College (AUC) BIT degree is focused towards creating ICT professionals with a clear mandate to develop high-end ICT specialists in specific domains. Also with a vision to accomplish Sri Lanka's ambitious Endeavour to take greater international market share in the ICT field.

Highlights of the AUC BIT Degree:

Degree combined with international qualifications

Reputation for educational excellence

Pedagogical learning methods

Focused towards creating ICT professionals

Up to date curriculum

Unique industry/domain experiences

Guest lecturers
Research project
Affordable costs

FACULTY OF UNDERGRAUATE STUDIES

Faculty of Information Technology

Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) Degree program

The professional BIT Degree, offered by Aquinas University College, sets itself apart from similar IT degrees by focusing on training the degree holder with comprehensive core IT skills, and exclusive training to acquire internationally recognized qualifications from world renowned organizations such as Microsoft, Novel, PMI, CISCO etc. The BIT degree, along with the internationally recognized qualifications will assist the graduates for suitable higher employment, and also will make him confident in facing challenges of a true IT professional.

The BIT Degree programme, which was approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka in year 2005, is designed to be completed in 3 years. The degree programme is conducted in the English. The first 2 years of the course consist mainly of academic training and activities associated with hands on practical training, where the students will gain comprehensive knowledge in Information Technology. The student will also acquire the core skills and competencies that will be the foundation for specialization in his/her the future career. In the 3rd year of the Degree the student will have to decide on the preferred field within the IT profession and during the last 6 months of the final year the student will be trained and prepared by the specialized IT lecturers, to undertake a series of examinations that will lead to an internationally recognized qualification. All module

examinations are based continuous evaluations and a final end semester written examination. Each student is expected to write a research report based on his/her identified area of specialization. The research report will be supervised by a qualified supervisor and the student should defend the research at the viva. The research component is on a compulsory module. The BIT degree lecture panel consists of qualified lecturers from leading state/ private Universities. In addition to the regular lectures, from time to time there will be specialized lectures on latest technologies and trends, which will be delivered by expert lecturers and industry specialists.

The first batch of the BIT degree commenced in November 2009 with 18 students. The BIT undergraduates commenced their induction programme with the modules such as English and technical report writing, Basic management, soft skills and Fundamentals of Information Technology. Upon successful completion of the induction programme, the first semester academic modules were started in February 2010. The first semester modules were Mathematics for Computing 1, Introduction to Computer Programming, Computer System and PC Applications, System Analysis and Design and Information System. The Semester 2 modules are Data Structures and Algorithms Analysis, Software Engineering, Database Management System, Computer Architecture, Numerical Methods all of which were completed. Currently the year 2 - Semester 3 modules such as Operating Systems, Object Oriented System Development, Mathematics for Computing II, Internet Programming, Multimedia and Hypermedia Systems Development, Semester 4 modules are

WWW and web Development Techniques, Data Communication and Networking Technologies, Computer System and Systems Programming, Commerce and the Group Project are in progress.

The second batch of the BIT degree commenced in December 2010 with 27 students. They too underwent a comprehensive induction programme with the modules such as English & technical report writing, Basic management, soft skills and Fundamentals of Information Technology. Upon successful completion of the induction program, the first semester academic modules were started in February 2011. The first semester modules were Mathematics for Computing 1, Introduction to Computer Programming, Computer System and PC Applications, System Analysis and Design and Information System. The Semester 2 modules are Data Structures and Algorithms Analysis, Software Engineering, Database Management System, Computer Architecture, Numerical Methods are now in progress.

Already some students have registered for the 3rd intake of the BIT degree program, which will formally commence from September/ October 2011. The registration process is now on. We encourage any student, who has completed the GCE (A/L) examination in any stream OR with acceptable qualifications in IT to register for the BIT degree without delay.

I wish to thank Very Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita, our Vice Rector, Course Director, of the BIT Degree programme for his guidance and commitment, our Dean of the Faculty of

Information Technology, Mr. Lasitha Devendra for his dedication towards managing the faculty functions, the Directors of Asian Technologies, Mr. TMF Packeer & Mr. Mohamedali Abdulhussain for providing management support, all the fulltime/part time lecturers for their commitment, setting high standards in teaching and finally the Student councillor/Coordinator Mr. Imtiaz Jaldin for all coordination work.

Report compiled by Lasitha Devendra, Dean, Faculty of Information and Technology.

THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

The Faculty of Agriculture - Founded in 1966, provides a full-time two year Diploma course in Agriculture and Animal Husbandry. Those who successfully complete the course are awarded the Certificate for [Diploma in Agriculture](#).

Government Approval

The Ministry of Agriculture Development and Research of the Government of Sri Lanka has given approval and recognition to the Diploma in Agriculture Certificates offered by the Aquinas University College, in 1981'

The Ministry of Public Administration has gazetted stating that this Diploma offered by Aquinas to be on par with that awarded by the Government sponsored Schools of Agriculture. Students of Aquinas can now apply for vacancies in Government service along with Agriculture Diploma Holders from Government Agricultural Schools.

Father in-charge :

Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva – Ph.D. (UK), B.Th.(Rome),
B.Sc.(Sociology) Hons. London, M.A./ Dip in Sociology (Colombo) B. Th. (Rome)

Assistant Registrar : P. N. De Silva (BA)

Director : Mr. K. Karunanayaka, (BSc, MA (Dev . Econ), ANU,
Australia .

Panel of Lecturers

Mr. K. Karunanayake (BSc, MA (Dev . Econ), ANU, Australia .

Mrs. Dayani Samarawickrama (BSc)

Ms. S. Mudalige (BSc)

Mrs. Gayani Ratnayake (BSc, MSc)

Mr. Sarath Weeratunge (BSc, MSc)

Mrs. D. Goonatilake (Diploma in Agriculture)

Ms. Nadeema Thillekeratne (BSc)

Secretary : Mrs . Lakmini Ranasinghe

THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

REPORT OF THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE (2010/2011)

The Faculty of Agriculture was known as the school of Agriculture in the past and was started by Rev. Fr. Tissa Balasooriya in 1966. 2011 is the 45th year since this faculty was established. E. L. Senanayaka, then Minister of Agriculture granted the Government approval and recognized our Diploma in Agriculture, when Dr. A. W. R. Joachim, Former Director of the Department of Agriculture functioned as the Director of the School of Agriculture at the Aquinas University College.

The state universities have recognized our two year Aquinas Diploma in Agriculture as an entry requirement for their degree programmes. The Government Departments, Corporations and Boards also recruit our Diploma holders similar to those of Government sponsored Schools of Agriculture. Thus Aquinas enjoys a parity status with Government sponsored schools of Agriculture. Several universities in Sri-Lanka, especially the Sabaragamuwa University and the Open University in Sri Jayawardhanapura have granted our Diploma holders exceptions in their major courses in their Degree programmes in Agriculture. Similarly Uva Wellassa University, Fresno University of California, U. S. A. the Southern University of Coff & Harbour, N. S. W. Australia too have granted concessions to our Diploma Holders to proceed with their Bachelors Degree programmes in Agriculture.

The Aquinas Diploma in Agriculture is a full time two year course. 45 students have successfully completed their two year programme of study this year with written, practical and oral

examinations and also have submitted their assignments. They have also done projects after having been attached to different institutes in the field of Agriculture and completed their dissertations based on the relevant projects and have presented same to a Board of Examiners in order to fulfil the requirements of the Aquinas Diploma in Agriculture. They will be awarded their diplomas at this graduation ceremony. We congratulate them and wish them every success in their respective careers.

This Academic year we commenced our Diploma Course in early September 2010 with 120 new students. Residential orientation programmes for one week each were held at our 46 Acre Farm at Walpola, Ragama, from August 30th and September 09th for male and female students respectively. The 120 students, who began their studies in September 2010 are continuing their lectures at the College, with practical work at our Aquinas Farm.

The Agricultural work-camps held at the farm have boosted students' interest, enthusiasm in farming and provided opportunities to improve their leadership qualities. Furthermore the team work efforts helped achieve success in farming found it useful in improving their entrepreneurial capacity and in part-financing their educational tours to Agricultural Research Institutes, Training Centres etc.. They went on educational tours to Horti-cultural crop Research Institute, Food Research Unit and Veterinary Institute at Gannoruwa, Artificial Insemination Centre at Kundasale, the Institute of Post Harvest Technology in Anuradhapura, Rubber Research Institute at Agalawatta, the Coconut Research Institute at Lunuwila, the Paddy Research Institute at Bathalagoda, Farm Mechanization and Training Centre at Pulliyankulama, Anuradhapura, CIC Farm at Pelwehera, the Potato Research Station at Seetha Eliya, the New Zealand

Dairy Farm and the Dairy Products Factory at Ambewela and the Tea Research Institute at Thalawakele during the course of their academic year.

We thank all the directors of the research institutes and the training centres, managers and all others involved in making these study tours extremely informative and productive for our students'

The students' hostel located at the farm was refurbished and improved to the satisfaction and safety of girls who were enrolled for our Diploma Course. We have found that hostel facilities are mostly sought by female students who come to follow the Diploma Course from outstations.

As English has been made compulsory for all Diploma students of this faculty, they can be assured that they would not lag behind when seeking higher studies and employment. Further a decision has been taken to conduct the Agriculture Diploma Course in English Medium too from this academic year. We have already advertised the Course accordingly. Further, with the blessings of U. G. C. we are now engaged in the preliminary work towards starting our B. Sc. Agriculture Degree at our earliest.

The committed services of Very Rev. Dr. Placidus De Silva, our Rector and Father in Charge, Mr. Neville de Silva, Assistant Registrar, Mr. K. Karunanayaka, Director, Mr. Clement Perera, CEO of Aquinas Farm, Lecturers, Asst' Lecturers, Staff at the Farm and Laboratories are very much appreciated for their contributions towards the success of the Faculty.

In conclusion we wish to make a special note here in regard to the valuable contribution made by the Former Minister of Agriculture and present Senior Consultant to the President,

Dr. Hemakumara Nanayakkara in delivering special lectures to our students on a voluntary basis during this year which he hopes to continue in the preceding years too'

Summary

Orientation Course for 120 students.

Boys	:- 30th Aug. To 04th Sep. 2010.
Girls	:- 09th to 18th Sep. 2010.
First Term	:- 23rd Sep. to 26th Nov. 2010.
Second Term	:- 04th Jan. to 08th Apr. 2011.
Sessional Examination	:- 26th April 13th May 2011.
Third Term	:- 19th May to 08th July 2011.
Promotion Examination	:- 26th July to 06th August 2011.
Final Examination	:- 09th to 26th August 2011.

First Term of 2011 :- 20th September 2011.

**Report compiled by:
P. N. De Silva
Assistant Registrar**

FACULTY OF HOSPITALITY & HOTEL MANAGEMENT**(AQUINAS HOTEL SCHOOL – HOTEL & TOURISM)****OBJECTIVES:**

Opportunity to gain internationally recognised hotel management training which is tailored to the demands of hospitality recruiters worldwide.

The course covers both operational and management theory. On successful completion of the course the students will obtain an internationally recognised qualification.

COURSE DIRECTOR:

Rev. Fr. Raymond Samarakoon, Vice Rector.

ACADEMIC DIRECTOR:

Mr. Milinda Hettiarachchi, FHCIMA, MBIM, CHA.

LECTURE PANEL:

Mr. Krishan Senarathna, ICHM, HCIMA, AHMA, CIM – UK, PIM

Mr. Chandra Jayathilake, FCHSGA, FIH (UK), JP

Mr. Vijitha Nugegoda, Diploma in general Catering, Post graduate Diploma In industrial engineering, Post graduate Diploma in international affairs, Foundations of leadership, Certificate in international training methodology, On the job trainer, Membership in Professional Association.

Secretary: Miss Kaushalya Janani

FACULTY OF HOSPITALITY & HOTEL MANAGEMENT

(AQUINAS HOTEL SCHOOL – HOTEL & TOURISM)

The Hospitality Faculty (Aquinas Hotel School) embarked on the British based OTHM (The organization for Tourism and Hospitality Management) courses with Ofqual / QCA accreditation from the UK Govt. leading to an MBA, with the visit of the OTHM officials from UK.

In November 2010, after short listing the candidates, the OTHM Level 3 courses, commenced on the January 25th 2011 for the June 2011 exams on the efforts made solely by the Faculty.

There were 8 students and all of them passed the exam with one candidate obtaining over 70 % of marks in the exam in June 2011.

The Aquinas Hospitality Faculty was the FIRST unit to commence the OTHM / UK Exams in Sri – Lanka, though widely promoted here by OTHM. Mention should be made that we appreciate the cooperation extended to us by the higher authorities of OTHM, London,

We are also very grateful to Dr. Aelred Samarakoon, President L.C.D. Dublin, Ireland for being a valuable partner in these ventures and the guidance and encouragement given by Very. Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, our Rector, Rev. Fr. Raymond Samarakoon, Vice Rector & Course Director is also greatly appreciated.

It is with pleasure and respect I place on record, Mr. Milinda Hettiarachchi, FHCIMA, MBIM, CHA, our Academic Director, a distinguished Aquinas University Alumnus who has rendered his services free of charge, with total commitment. His liaison in the lecture rooms, to select students, career guide them and placement is greatly appreciated with much gratitude. Mr. Chandra

Jayathilake, Krishan Senarathna, Vijitha Nugegoda as lecturers performed diligently and consistently. Ms Kaushalya Janani has been of great help at the Faculty for her assistance at the clerical desk.

In June 2011 the courses for the OTHM Level 4, for exams held in UK in December 2011 commenced, without any formal advertising.

There are 12 students in the list at present including a student from Maldives. The Professional Course being on the upmarket scale, the faculty faces stiff competition from the lesser known fee levying institutions. Proficiency in the English Language has been a great deterrent to many students unfortunately.

Mr. Milinda Hettiarachchi as the Academic Director and Lecturers Chandra Jayathilaka and Vijitha Nugegoda continue to work with dedication.

The Faculty is currently preparing for the Five OTHM Specialization courses intake in January 2012 for the June 2012 exams.

The Academic Director is in discussion with the Armed Forces to secure three batches of 30 officers to improve their hospitality service on a curriculum designed by the Course Academic Director. A verbal agreement has been made in Mid July, to be finalized urgently by them. The one year courses are to commence in the late August 2011 and the lectures are to be held on Saturdays from 9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

The Hospitality Faculty has shown much promise and progress during the period in reference and continues to do so.

Report compiled by: Rev.Fr.Raymond Samarakoon Vice Rector & Course Director of
the Faculty of Hospitality Management

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

The Faculty of Engineering was started in collaboration with OKI School of IT (Information Technology) and City and Guilds (UK) on 25th January 2008. Three batches of students (47) joined in January, June and September 2008. First batch of students (22) sat the City and Guilds (UK) in June 2008. They produce excellent results 16 Distinctions, 5 Credits and 1 Pass.

Father in Charge

Very Rev. Fr. Placidus De Silva (Rector)

Rev. Fr. Dinesh Fernando from May 2011

Course Director: Mr. E. A. L. Kusum Fernando

Course Coordinator: J. A. S. Kaviratne

Secretary: Miss. Kushali Ruwanthika

Panel of Lecturers

Mrs. R.M.A.P. Samaradhivakara

Mr. Mohamed Thanq Faiz

Miss Varuni Vidya Allis

Mr. D. P. S. S. Pathirana

Mr. K. P. S. Sudharshana

Mr. Waruna Jayasooriya

Mr. A. Wijesiri

Mr. S. D. L. S. Senanayaka

Courses offered by the Faculty:

[Certificate Course in Radio /TV](#)

[Certificate Course in Refrigeration /Air Conditioning](#)

[Advanced Certificate Course in Radio /TV](#)

[Advanced Certificate Course in Refrigeration /Air Conditioning](#)

[Diploma in Electrical & Electronic Engineering](#)

[Diploma in Construction Industry \(Civil Engineering\)](#)

[Diploma in Telecommunication Systems](#)
[Diploma in Quantity Survey](#)

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

On January 23rd, 2011, the Engineering Faculty of Aquinas University College celebrated its 3rd anniversary. It continues to cater to City & Guilds (UK), Engineering Council (UK) and Aquinas University examinations.

The rate of growth of its number of students from 23 in 2008 to 662 in January 2011 itself demonstrates the quality of courses conducted and how students are attracted to Aquinas Engineering Faculty. The availability of well equipped laboratories, spacious environment with a permanent building in the heart of the city, sophisticated IT laboratory with over 100 computers, well planned library with a vast collection of very useful reference books for all its subjects and more specially the well qualified panel of lectures are the secret of the success of the Faculty.

We consider the following as our Values;

- High level discipline.
- Inculcating the respect towards the Clergy & Panel of Lectures.
- Maintenance of respect towards the religious environment.
- Respect to the Heritage.
- Family concept among all the three parties. i.e. Students , Academic staff and the Management.
- Introduction of highly recognized and relevant value additions.
- Promise Fulfilments.
- Maintenance of cost controls concept.
- Safety and Protection.
- Highly service oriented concept.

We consider the following as our **Strengths**

- University Status from University Grant Commission of Sri Lanka.
- Reputed organization for more than Fifty Five years.
- Close supervision by the Catholic Church.
- Dedicated and well qualified Lecture Panel.
- An obedient and understanding Student population,
- A supportive Academic staff and efficient administrative arrangement.

The secret of success of the Engineering Faculty depended on the following factors of our Portfolio.

- Preparing the Educational Programs of all Engineering courses for City & Guilds (UK),
- Engineering Council (UK) & Aquinas Examinations.
- Calling applications for relevant Certificates, Diplomas & Graduate Diploma programmes
- Calling suitable candidates for the Placement Tests and segregating them according to the results of Tests.
- Monitoring Syllabus Coverage, Progress & arranging special classes for needy students.
- Arranging study tours, field visits and survey camps.
- Continuous revision Assignments and holding examinations before public Examination.
- Obtaining feed-back from the students periodically.
- Obtaining and delivering the final results of the Examinations.
- Reviewing the results and taking necessary steps to obtain better results in next semester by finding remedies and correction them.
- Holding Annual Convocation Ceremony of Aquinas University College and the City & Guilds.

The **Vision** of the Engineering Faculty is to be the best Institution in modelling technologically advanced, well qualified and cultured global Citizens.

Our three fold Mission:

- To create opportunities to the selective students with different abilities to excel in education with modern technology and direct them in the identical footsteps of obtaining most suitable professions.
- To inculcate the norms and ethics with team spirit and leadership qualities within them.
- To provide them the knowledge to be recognized in the world, for highly demanded and economically valued careers.

The academic programmes include the Examination bodies grading of courses & the Discipline.

Examination Bodies

Engineering Council –UK
 City & Guilds Institute of London
 Aquinas Engineering Faculty for Internal examinations

Grading of Courses

Certificate Level
 Diploma Level
 Advanced Diploma Level
 Graduate Diploma Level

Disciplines

Electrical & Electronic Engineering
 Civil Engineering (Construction Industry)
 Quantity Surveying
 Telecommunication Engineering

We also offer the following Trade Courses;

Certificate and Advanced Certificate levels in

Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
TV, Monitor and Radio Repair
Engineering Draftsmanship
Electrical and Electronics Technology
Cellular Communication Technology

We are still in consultation with the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) for obtaining the accreditation of the certificate courses we conduct at Aquinas. We thank the TVEC for their assistance and corporation extended to conduct these certificate courses successfully. We are grateful to NAITA for the assistance they offered to us at various times.

During the academic year 2010- 2011, the Engineering Faculty has recruited 267 students (i.e. 122 in July/10, 73 in Sept/10 and 72 in Jan/11. Our 2nd batch of 36 students sat the Graduate Diploma of the British Engineering Council Examination in May 2011. Totally we've catered to 55 batches of students from 2008 Jan to 2011 June. We are awaiting the results of the May 2011 Graduate Diploma Examination. Our students faced their practical (Viva) tests after their Diploma and Advanced Diploma Level, conducted by the City & Guild (UK) through their Colombo office, in order to obtain their full certificates.

The Faculty of Engineering is very fortunate that His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, the Archbishop of Colombo, has placed his trust upon the Rector of Aquinas University College, Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva and the management of Aquinas and preferred to hand over the late Fr. Ignatius Perera's Radio Laboratory at Kotahena to be administered by Aquinas in order to run the entire Faculty of Engineering there. We had a soft opening

on May 14th, 2011 and commenced the academic and administrative activities for the July 2011 batch. We are now busy preparing for September intake after the GCE (A/L) August 2011 Examination. Although we have undertaken a tremendous challenge of the shifting process from Borella to Kotahena it has been an extremely tedious task in refurbishing and refurnishing the entire 3 storey building at great cost in transporting all the furniture and equipment etc. The shifting process became still more difficult because the building had been thoroughly neglected for several years. It's been given a complete facelift. We are ever grateful to His Eminence the Cardinal for gifting and providing a spacious three storey building with all its facilities.

Thanks to the challenge and the initiative taken by the Rector and the management of AUC now the Engineering Faculty has its own building with 14 spacious lecture rooms, well equipped laboratories and workshops and a library, computer rooms, an auditorium, a chapel, a sacristy, a canteen, a bookshop, a recreation room, a large drawing room, office rooms, an equipment room, a museum and many more facilities. We are also thankful to His Eminence the Cardinal for appointing a Priest-in-Charge of the Faculty in Rev. Fr. Dinesh Priyashantha Fernando, a very young and energetic priest, who looks after the daily activities of the faculty, especially during the period of refurbishing, supervising all its details. We welcome Fr. Dinesh and wish him a long stay with us in our Faculty.

Within Just over 3 ½ years, we are now well established. In September 2011 we have made all arrangements for students after GCE (A/L) and for those who seek a career change or a career advancement to enter the Engineering Faculty to continue their tertiary education up to the Chartered Engineering level starting with the four academic levels – i.e. Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Graduate Diploma courses, both during

the weekdays and weekends, for the convenience of the students joining the Faculty of Engineering.

All our programmes are a well knit mixture of theory and practicals, as well as site visits, survey camps and regular evaluations. We are extremely fortunate to possess a well qualified lecture panel. We do make arrangements for the students to obtain industrial training placements after their Advanced Diploma Level. They are provided direct entry to the 3rd year of the UK Engineering Degree or to the Graduate Diploma (Bachelor of Engineering equivalent). In addition they are offered the internal qualification from the Aquinas University College.

TRADE COURSES

The Faculty of Engineering conducts certificate and Advanced Certificate level courses in TV, Monitor and Radio repair, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Engineering Draftsmanship, Electrical & Electronic Technology and Cellular Communication Technology. Totally 241 students completed these courses during the academic year and obtained their certificates. A special ceremony was held on Nov. 13th 2010 in the Cardinal Cooray hall to award the certificates to the successful candidates.

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

An extra-ordinary get-together - 'Interactive Techno Evening' was held on Dec. 18th 2010 for our Faculty Lecturers and for our Fellowship members at the Banquet Hall of Excel World Entertainment Park. It was jointly organized by AUC and OKI. The special feature was the formation of the Fellowship Council. At the same ceremony Mr. Waruna Jayasooriya, the Senior Lecturer, Civil Section Coordinator was accorded a grand farewell to express our sincere gratitude for the invaluable services he'd

rendered to the Civil Section of the Faculty, from its inception. He left to the United States of America to read for his Ph.D.

During the academic year we were able to equip our Faculty library with more subject related reference books and the Laboratory with necessary equipment and apparatus for the benefit of the ever increasing student population.

Within this academic year, our students were able take part in 03 study tours, 02 site visits and 02 survey camps in order to enrich their much needed practical skills. We are proud to mention that we were able to and could assist nearly 50 of our students to attend industrial training programmes and on the job training after completing their Advanced Diploma and Graduate Diploma levels in all four disciplines.

As these types of outdoor practicals aren't available in other C&G approved centres, we take pride in announcing that we are the only centre in Sri Lanka that conducts such practical sessions in the above mentioned fields, which given Aquinas an added value asset to attract more and more students.

We made a 2 day annual excursions last year to Nuwara Eliya. Our students took part very actively in the Aquinas Walk. For the first time in Aquinas history our students organized an 'Internet streaming' to webcast the whole Aquinas Day programmes into the worldwide web, from 08.00 am to 05.00 pm. We appreciate very much the assistance extended by M/s. Mobitel Ltd (in Sri Lanka) and Vowsa Inc. (in USA) for the transmission facilities provided by them. A grand Christmas party and dinner at the end of 2010 was another event.

Distant Lecturing through 'Internet facility' for Graduate Diploma students was another historic event. Seven lecture sessions were

successfully conducted - 5 from USA (Mr. Waruna) and 02 from Australia (Mr. Darshana Perera).

We record with extreme sorrow the passing away of our dear, Managing Director & Co-founder of the Engineering Faculty, Mr. Nimal Saparamadu on December 14th 2010. We do miss his invaluable services not only to the Faculty of Engineering but to the entire Aquinas Community. We record our appreciation for his tremendous services to the Faculty from the day of its inception.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are grateful to the Management, Administration of Aquinas University College, the Registrar & the Rev. Vice Rectors, Rev. Sisters, the Department of IT, all our lecturers, our parents and students without whom the Faculty wouldn't be what it is today. A very big thank you to His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith the Archbishop of Colombo, Chancellor of Aquinas University College. Our sincere thanks go to Rev. Dr. Placidus De Silva, the Rector for his keen interest in assisting the Faculty of Engineering in every way. We appreciate and express our gratitude to Rev. Fr. Dinesh Priyashantha Fernando for his efficient contribution to make the students stay at Aquinas Engineering Faculty more meaningful and fruitful. We thank our office staff, especially Miss. Kushali Ruwanthika for her effort in assisting the management, the lecturers as well as students.

The Engineering Faculty is very grateful to the entire management of Aquinas University College and OKI School of IT, for the assistance and cooperation provided to achieve its objectives.

Compiled by

E. A. L. K. Fernando (Director)

J. A. S. Kaviratne (Coordinator)

The faculty of Information & Communication Technology

The Faculty of Information Technology at Aquinas University College continues to impart computer literacy to students with our technological resources such as well equipped computer laboratories, multimedia projector facilities in our well furnished class rooms.

Father in charge	: Rev. Fr. Saman Hettiarachchi
Senior Consultant	: Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita
I.C.T. Consultant	: Mr. Padmakumara Jayanetti
Course Coordinator (weekday)	: Mr. Suranga Wickramasinghe
Course Coordinator (weekend)	: Mr. H. Don Bernard Aruna Nishantha
Coordinator	: Ms. Niranjana Sri Ragavan

Panel of Lecturers

Mr. Suranga Wickramasinghe
 Mr. Padmakumara Jayanetti
 Ms. Niranjana Sri Ragavan
 Mr. H. Don Bernard Aruna Nishantha
 Mr. Indunil Denis Mallikarachchi
 Mr. Kosala Perera

Courses offered by the Faculty:

[Diploma in Information & Communication Technology \(DICT\)](#)
[Diploma in Hardware Engineering & Networking](#)
[Certificate Course in Microsoft Office](#)
[Certificate Course in Graphic Designing](#)
[Certificate Course in Programming Language](#)
[Certificate Course in Web Page Development](#)
[Certificate Course in Java with Flash](#)

The faculty of Information & Communication Technology

Aquinas Institute of information & Communication Technology at Aquinas University College occupies the second floor of the millennium building with well equipped computer labs comprising of cutting edge technology computers, multimedia projectors with air conditioned lecture halls in an educative environment.

There are 3 levels of compact and organized **AICT** courses.

They are:-

Certificate Level (**CL**)

Diploma Level (**DL**)

Professional Diploma Level (**PDL**)

Certificate Level courses;-

Certificate in Microsoft Office (MSO)

Certificate in Graphics Design (GD)

Certificate in Multimedia Applications (MMA)

Certificate in Java Programming (JP)

Certificate in Web Technologies (WT)

To follow the above courses the students must be over 16 and no other prerequisites are needed.

Diploma Level Courses;-

Diploma in Information & Communication Technology
(DICT)

Diploma in Hardware Engineering and Networking (DHEN)

The prerequisite to follow the Diploma in ICT

The student is expected to pass the aptitude test or to have a Credit or Merit pass from any of the above certificate level courses.

Only the students who pass the aptitude test and viva conducted by the faculty could enter the Diploma in Hardware Engineering and Networking Course.

A Professional Diploma Level (PDL) course is being planned in keeping with the BCS (British Computer Society) curriculum.

Students new to the IT stream and the computer literacy standard are able to acquire certificate level courses. To gain information technology about the ways in ICT with the proper understanding about Programming, Web Technology and Graphics the students could follow a Diploma in ICT. This Professional Diploma will produce trained professionals to fill the vacancies in the local and the foreign job markets..

There are 292 students who have benefited from Diploma in ICT, Diploma in Hardware and Networking, Certificate in Microsoft Office, Certificate in Graphics Designing, Certificate in Multimedia Applications during the year under review.

The statistics of our students were as follows: -

Diploma in ICT	216
Diploma in Hardware	18
Certificate in MS Office	23
Certificate in Graphics Designing	33
Certificate in Multimedia Applications	2

In this age of information the role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), *especially internet* in the

education sector plays a very important role. This is highlighted especially in the process of empowering this technology into the educational activities. Thus the education sector can be the most effective sector to anticipate and eliminate the negative impact of ICT. The internet Technology on the other hand can be the most effective way to increase the student's knowledge. The cyber zone located in AIICT premises has become a portal of information resource in this age of information.

For those who wish to follow IT Degrees, IT Professional Degrees like ACS (Australian Computer Society), BCS (British Computer Society) or use ICT as a tool to enhance their careers, our courses provide a strong groundwork.

In addition, as a standard renowned Institution that renders IT knowledge to uplift the quality of peoples' lives, we are seeking possibilities of Government departments, organizations, private sector institutions, companies to provide and broaden our services and to become their official IT training partner.

It is with gratitude that we remember Rev Dr. Placidus de Silva, Rector, Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita, Consultant in IT, Rev. Fr. Anton Saman Hettiarachchi, Priest in charge AIICT and Mr. Suranga Wickramasinghe, Chief Coordinator, Mr. Nishantha Hettiarachchi (Coordinator Weekends), Ms. Niranjana (Chief Administrative Officer) and the ever loyal and committed panel of lecturers for their hard work and commitment.

Report compiled by :
Suranga Wickramasinghe
Course Coordinator(weekdays) IT
AIICT.

THE FACULTY OF MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT (AFMM)

The Faculty of Marketing & Management offers several diploma courses in the field of Marketing & Management. Aquinas University College was the first and pioneered accredited centre by CIM (UK) and the University Grant Commission, (UGC) of the Ministry of Higher Education and we have been conducting classes since 1995. CIM (UK) programme is also handled by the Faculty of Marketing & Management.

Father in Charge

Very Rev. Fr. Placidus De Silva

Faculty Consultant

Mr. Ranjan Saheed - B.A.(Hons)(SJ), Dip. M. (SL), PGDM (UK), CIM (UK), CIM, MSLIM, Chartered Marketer.

Panel of Lecturers

Mr. Jagath Gamanayake

Mr. Nalin Anthony

Mr. Priyankara Dharsana

Mr. Aravinda Sugathadasa

Courses offered by the Faculty

Aquinas Preliminary Certificate in Management (APCM)

Diploma In Marketing Management (D.MKt.)

Diploma In Professional Business Management (DPBM)

Diploma In Human Resource Management (DHRM)

Diploma in Project Management (DPrM)

Diploma In Management (DM)

Advance Diploma In Marketing (ADMK)

Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM)

THE FACULTY OF MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT (AFMM)

The Aquinas Faculty of Marketing and Management (AFMM) was launched on the 27th January 2007. In keeping with the rapid changes in the field of Marketing and Management, our Diploma Courses are regularly updated and new portfolios are introduced. Aquinas now conducts the following 5 month courses with one month for a research project in a specified establishment.

- 1. Diploma in Marketing Management (DMKT)**
- 2. Diploma in Business Management (DBM)**
- 3. Diploma in Human Resource Management (DHRM)**
- 4. Diploma in Management (DM)**
- 5. Diploma in Project Management (DPM.)**
- 6. Advanced Diploma in Management Studies (ADMS)**
- 7. Post Graduate Diploma in Management Studies (PGDM)**
- 8. Aquinas Preliminary Certificate in Management (APCM)**

Aquinas University College Faculty of Marketing & Management has already commenced a very fruitful dialogue with the London School of Management and Science (LSMS) and the University of Glyndwr to introduce the MBA of the University of Wales after the Post graduate Diploma in Management. As there is a considerable potentiality to do the MBA programme with almost 150 students of Aquinas, we will shortly finalize it to upgrade our faculty to MBA status.

The Faculty of Marketing and Management (AFMM) of Aquinas University College, has now been affiliated with the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) in Sri Lanka and to offer the Post Graduate Diploma in Management Studies (PGDM) holders' the Certified Professional Managers.

It is with pride that we record here that already 8 batches of students, numbering 1280, have completed their Diploma studies and Higher Diplomas. 416 students of the 7th and 8th batch will receive their Diplomas at this Graduation Ceremony.

The 8th Batch commenced its programme of study in August 2010 and concluded in February, 2011. The 9th Batch with 230 students that commenced in February 2011 concluded at the end of August 2011.

The 10th Batch is scheduled to start on September 16th, 2011.

While congratulating all the Diploma Holders I wish to thank Mr. Ranjan Saheed, Chartered Marketer, Senior Management Consultant and Course Director, lecturer for handling the above faculty with professionalism and commitment. A word of gratitude goes out to all the other lecturers for their professional tutoring and guidance to our students.

The report was prepared by:
Mr. Ranjan Saheed, Consultant cum lecturer,
The Faculty of Marketing and Management (AFMM)

FACULTY OF BUSINESS & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Administration

Very Rev. Fr.Placidus De Silva - Rector (BTh, BSc, MA/Dip.in Sociology)

Course Director : Mr. Nalin Anthony -
MCIM(UK),PGDM(UK),MSLIM,MCPM, CPM(Asia Pacific)

Ms. Anne Fernando - Course Co-ordinator

Panel of Lecturers

Members of Panel	Professional Background
Nalin Anthony MCIM(UK), DipM (UK), MSLIM,MCPM, Chartered Marketer (UK)	Course Director – Aquinas University College Country Manager - Braiform Sri Lanka
Viraj Manatunga BSc (Accounting) Sp. Hon, ACMA(UK), ACMA(SL)	Group Accountant – CIC Group
Mahesh Amarasiri MBA, FCMA(UK),FCMA(SL), B.Sc (Eng), MIET, MIESL.	Senior Manager, Business Planning – Etisalat (Pvt) Ltd
Jagath Gamanyake MBA(Col), MCIM(UK),B.Sc, AIB, Chartered Marketer	Deputy General Manager-NSB
Dilan Wijegoonawardana MBA(USJ), FCMA(UK), FCMA(SL), AIB(SL)	Chief Manager-Seylan Asset Management
V. Shakthivel B. Com (Special)-USJ	Tax Director -Ernst & Young Ltd
Lakshman Premasiri Attorney-at- Law	Corporate Legal Officer- DSI Group

Priyanka Darshana BBA (Marketing) Sp. Hon, ACMA (UK)	Risk Accountant – Ceylinco Insurance PLC
Dilruk Bitar BSc.(Mgt) Special -USJ	Lecturer / Staff Member- St. Joseph College
Ms. Dilushi Dabare MBA (Honolulu), AIB(SL)	Assistant Chief Risk Officer – Seylan Bank Plc





FACULTY OF BUSINESS & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT



REPORT ON “FACULTY OF BUSINESS & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT” 2010/11

This faculty of Aquinas was established in July 2009 and is celebrating its successful second year in operation. To be in line with its core objectives, the faculty reflects itself a knowledge centre that imparts knowledge, builds skills and offers qualification in the areas **Financial Accounting, Management Accounting, Financial Management, Taxation and Business Law** across qualification levels starting from certificate right up to higher diplomas.

Our Diploma portfolio

1. Diploma in Financial Accounting (4th intake) 
2. Diploma in Management Accounting (2nd intake) 
3. Diploma in Financial Management (5th intake) 
5. Diploma in Business Law & Taxation (new programme) 

These programmes have been widely accepted by the non - Financial professionals as they help build knowledge, improve skills and provide greater flexibility ingrained in one programme.

We have 6 batches completed their diplomas and number exceeds 100 students who passed out during 2010/2011.

This student population represents executive directors, senior managers as well as operational level staff across various diploma programmes.

The programmes are conducted by a professional panel of lecturers who are well qualified and adequately experienced in their respective disciplines. This provides this faculty a greater strength to stay different in the professional education industry in Sri Lanka.

These programmes are further moderated by a board of council encompassed by industry specialists to ensure that our diplomas continue to deliver what they promise and stand on par with industry requirements and expectations of our wider stakeholders.

Aquinas University College (AUC) remained an accredited education centre for the **Institute of Certified Management Accountants (ICMA)** from 2009 and has become 'preferred CMA education centre' today.

We educate over 50 students for the **Certified Management Accountants (CMA)** who aspire to be professional Management Accountants across 4 levels namely Technician, Intermediate and Professional 1 & 2.

Our CMA results have been above the national level, achieving 68% pass rate producing island ranks. Our student Shiny Sathyanathana became 2nd in the Island in 2010 September exam few others have been nominated / awarded for subject excellence.

We are also proud to be recognized that our panel of lecturers for the CMA is probably the best of it's kind in Sri Lanka redefining

some of the traditional methods of teaching in relation to professional course like CMA.

The combination between CMA and Aquinas is committed to add values towards management accounting education and profession in Sri Lanka at large.

Our future plans would mainly capitalize on upgrading our qualification portfolio to degrees (internal or/and affiliated) providing our students a continued path way to excel their professional career enriched by business and financial management studies and qualifications.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Very Rev. Dr. Placidus De Silva, the Rector of AUC and who is in-charge of this division for his guidance and encouragement. Also the contribution from management, staff, lecturers and students in various capacities has been significant in achieving the continuous success of this faculty.

This faculty is committed to strengthen our position in the year to come and continue to create value to our stakeholders and drive our objectives around the theme of to be “more than just a qualification”

Prepared by,

Nalin Anthony MCIM (UK), Dip M(UK), MSLIM, MCPM
Chartered Marketer /Certified Professional Manager
Course Director- Faculty of Business & Financial Management
Aquinas University College

THE FACULTY OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The Faculty of Professional Studies offers several Diploma courses in English Teacher Education, Pharmacy Management and Practice, Diploma in Plantation Management, Diploma in Animal Husbandry, Diploma in Landscaping, Diploma in Private Secretary's, Diploma in Law, Certificate in Business English and Diploma in Business English.

Fr. In-Charge - **Rev. Fr.Dr.Dharshana Jayamanne**

Secretary - **Ms. Dinali Koshala Abraham**

Objective

We envision:

- Equipping our students with a comprehensive understanding of theories and practice, enabling them to remain integrally involved in their profession.
- Building a critical base of future leaders both in government and private service, who have the ability to cultivate positive interactions and relationships by working with experts both nationally and internationally.
- Developing professionals with more than the traditional knowledge who can use this ability to help their organizations to prosper and make sound decisions and strategies.
- Providing students the opportunity to obtain applied experience in preparing them to become effective practitioners and
- Enhancing institutional capacity and increasing the number of beneficiaries who can be the catalysts of the society towards achieving these goals.

**Diploma in Plantation Management / Diploma in Animal Husbandry /
Diploma in Landscaping**

Panel of Lecturers:

1. Mr. R.W. Udawatta – (Course Director)

Bsc .Plantation Mgt. Second Upper (University of Wayamba) 2007-2010
Dip. In Plantation Mgt. N.I.P.M 1996-19
Dip. In Agriculture –Kundasale 1983-1985
Wild Life Con & Mgt. – Open University 1994-1996

2. Ms. U.K.A. Udawatta -

Dip. In Agriculture –Technical Institute 2004-2006
Dip. In Plantation Mgt. Aquinas University College 2006-2008
Dip. In Landscaping- Aquinas University College 2006-2007
Dip. In Computer Micro Institute 2008-20009

Diploma In Pharmacy Management

Panel of Lecturers:

1. Mr. H.A.D.W. Nidangoda – (Course Director)

Dip. In Pharmacy-Ministry of Health-1986
Estate Medical Assistant Certificate-(Sri Lanka Medical Council)
Dip. In Health Pharmacy (University of Colombo-2008)

2. Mr. K.P.H. Sandaruwan –(Course Director)

Professional Qualification in Pharmacy, Ceylon Medical College Council -1986
Dip. In Pharmacy, University of Colombo (Faculty of Medical0-1996
Dip. In Management (OUSL)-2006

3. Ms. Manori Jayasinghe - (Lecturer)

Bachelor of 2nd Pharmacy (Degree) University of Peradeniya-2006-2010
Certificate in Human Resource Management
Dip. In Information Technology

4. Mr. R.P.M.S.M.P. Pathirana – (Lecturer)

Dip. In English (2000-2001), Certificate in Pharmacy Management (2004-2005) At
Aquinas University College.
Certificate in English Worker's Education- 2002-2003
Dip. In Computer System Design & Analysis -2003-2004

- 5. Mr. W.K.A.M.M. Arthanayaka –(Lecturer)**
B.Pharmacy Second Upper-Sri Jayawardhanapura

Diploma In English Teacher Training

Panel of Lecturers:

- 1. Mr. P.D.J. Bernard- (Course Director)**
General Degree in Arts (University of Peradeniya)
Post Graduate Dip. In English (University of Peradeniya)
Special Trained Teacher in English

- 2. Ms. Ranga Eramudugolla-**
Bachelor of Arts – General Degree (University of Jayawardenepura)
English Trained Teachers Certificate- Bolawalana Teacher’s Training College,
Negambo
Director of Educational (English)- Zonal Education Office, Piliyandala

- 3. Mr. K.Premarathna-**
BA Degree – Peradeniya University (External)

- 4. Mr. D.W. Munasinghe-**
A.L. (London) Degree

Diploma In Private Secretary’s

Panel of Lecturers:

- 1. Mr. Neil Stephen – (Course Director)**
LCCI (UK), CIM, IAA, ACCA (Part)

- 2. Ms. Sunethra Jayarathna -**
LCCI (UK), MIPA (UK), MCPA

- 3. Ms. Anne Felishiya-**
MACS, NCCA (SL), Dip. COMP

Diploma In Law

Panel of Lecturers:

1. Mr. Neil Stephen – (Course Director)

LCCI (UK), CIM, IAA, ACCA (Part)

2. Dr. Dhamma Vidyarathna-

LL.B. (SL), Attorney At Law/ Notary Public/ Commissioner for Oaths & Company Secretary

Diploma In Business English

1. Mr. Neil Stephen – (Course Director)

LCCI (UK), CIM, IAA, ACCA (Part)

Certificate course in Business English

Panel of Lecturers:

1. Mr. Neil Stephen – (Course Director)

LCCI (UK), CIM, IAA, ACCA (Part)

2. Ms. Kithali Jayawickrama-

BA (Curitin University)

LL.B. London

THE FACULTY OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

THE DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH TEACHER EDUCATION

This course specially designed to train those who are interested in taking to teaching English as a second language was first implemented in January 2002. We have been able to continue the course for ten years successfully. We have been able to give the country about 300 professionally qualified teachers of English.

Those who have passed G.C.E. O/L with a credit or Distinction pass in English are eligible to follow course.

It is a one and half year course conducted on Saturdays and Sundays from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm. The total number of lecture hours is 580. In addition to these workshops and seminars on TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) are also conducted. 20 hours of practice teaching in Convents, Private and International Schools are also done.

Lectures on course material are conducted by experience teacher educators who had worked in Teacher Training Colleges.

We are grateful to the students and their parents/guardians for placing their confidence and trust in the Aquinas University College. We also sincerely thank the lecturers of the course for their dedication in coaching the students to develop themselves into professional teachers.

We are very grateful to the principals of the schools who have cooperated with us in organizing practice teaching sessions. We must also thank the supervisors who volunteered evaluate our teacher trainees during teaching practice sessions.

This year 35 Students who have successfully completed the course will be awarded the Diploma. At present the course work of the

10th batch is in progress and there are around 70 students, who follow lectures. We thank Mr. Bernard in a very special note for all the trouble he has taken as the academic coordinator.

DIPLOMA IN PLANTATION MANAGEMENT

The Diploma in Plantation Management is a new dimension of Managerial & Technological development specially designed for senior and middle level executives in the Plantation and Agriculture sector towards corporate level development.

From the global point of view, it is evident that the success of business and industry has a greater bearing upon scientific and conceptual professionalism mainly to face future challenges to be competitive and sustainable. Our faculty is the one and only part time plantation Management Faculty in Sri Lanka.

The objectives are:

- a) To provide a Higher Diploma in Plantation and Animal Husbandry. The course has been formulated to be conducted as a joint programme by Aquinas and the staff of the Rubber Research Institute (RRI), Tea Research Institute (TRI), and Coconut Research Institute (CRI). The importance and rationale to provide a collaborated programme.
- b) To provide a Higher Diploma in scientific background in advanced plantation crop production technology and aspects of management. (Conceptual and Theoretical)
- c) To help plantation managers & executives to identify global changes with regard to technology, external environment, tendencies of market for plantation crops, consumer behaviour and social trends etc.

d) To improve the skills in diagnosing production, technological market, labour and management problems on micro and macro basis.

This faculty provides 3 Diplomas under the patronage of Mr. R.W. Udawatta course Director and Mrs. Kusum Udawatta as coordinator who are very much committed to deliver promising career opportunities by mentoring our students in:

1) Diploma in Plantation Management –

(2 years part time course –Saturday)

3rd Batch – 23 Students

4th Batch – 27 Students

3rd Batch – 18 Students passed out in September 2011

5th batch – 34 Students (2011)

2) Diploma in Animal Husbandry –

(2 years part time course – Sunday)

1st Batch – 26 Students

2nd Batch – 39 Students

3) Diploma in Landscaping and Horticulture –

(1 year part time course – Saturday)

2nd Batch – 12 Students

3rd Batch – 14 Students

DIPLOMA IN PHARMACY MANAGEMENT AND PRACTICE

Aquinas Diploma Course in Pharmacy Management and Practice is conducted with the aim to upgrade the profession on pharmacy in Sri Lanka. Students who followed the course get a comprehensive knowledge of medicines, which are sufficient to sit for the examination conducted by Ceylon Medical College Council.

Our well equipped laboratory and other facilities like well furnished class rooms are an added attraction for many qualified students to apply for this course. Those employed as nurses, laboratory assistants, Arurvedic Doctors and Pharmacy assistants take a keen interest to follow this course. The classes are conducted during weekends in two slots, each consisting of four study hours.

At present there are 246 students on roll. Since many reputed pharmacies and medical institutions call for lists of our successful candidates immediately after their final examinations, most of our Diploma holders get quick employment. Students who have met the required admission criteria (eg. Three G.C.E. A/L passes including Chemistry and two other Science subjects) are allowed to sit for the Ceylon Medical Council Examination which enables them to obtain a certificate of efficiency as a Pharmacist.

DIPLOMA IN PRIVATE SECRETARY'S

This Programme is designed to equip secretaries with the ability, confidence and skill to perform the auxiliary/support role to management personnel within large organizations.

The secretarial studies programme commences with the Private Secretary's Diploma and takes students on to the Executive Secretary's Diploma.

This Programme is also linked to the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) qualification which enables students who follow the Aquinas College programme to obtain the LCCI qualification as well.

The Private Secretary's Diploma trains secretaries and Personal Assistants to handle a variety of functions required to support executives at the strategic planning stage.

The syllabus incorporates a number of key facets including, Business English, Business Administration, Secretarial Practice, Understanding Meetings, Book-Keeping and Practical ICT Skills. Five batches of students numbering sixty nine have been trained at Aquinas College since commencement of the programme.

DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS ENGLISH

The Diploma was introduced this year to provide students who are studying at graduate and postgraduate levels as well as taking up professional exams in management, finance, marketing and Business Administration with skill and aptitude in the application of English Language skills to business.

The course provides students interpersonal skills that are developed through interactive association with their peers and lecturers.

Listening, reading, writing and speaking skills are developed to an IELTS equivalent of 8.0 points.

Students may also sit the LCCIIQ exam and qualify for the award of the Level4 Certificate in Business English. Seventy Three students completed the programme and received certificates

CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS ENGLISH

This programme was designed for students to gain aptitude in using English Language skills in a Business Context. It is ideal for school leavers and those seeking employment in business and commercial organizations.

The course has been popular with 93 students receiving certificates. The sixth batch commenced in July 2011.

DIPLOMA IN LAW

The Diploma offered by Aquinas College includes coverage of the requirements of the Law Entrance Exam and the syllabus of the Legal Environment Level 4 paper of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry International Qualifications. Thus students taking the Aquinas College Diploma in Law, acquire knowledge up to the level of a first year Degree in Law.

The method of review is based on submission of research projects and exams the standard of our students is high. Thirty three students have completed the Diploma in Law at Aquinas College. After completion of the Diploma, Students may proceed to a HND in Law and then complete an LLB (External) Degree in a recognized UK University.

Report compiled by:

Rev. Dr. Dharshana Jayamanne.

Vice Rector/Director

Professional Studies & Linguistics

FACULTY OF LINGUISTICS I

AQUINAS SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Father in Charge: Rev. Fr. Dr. Dharshana Jayamanne

Registrar: Mr. M. L. Fernando

Assistant Registrar: Mr. Milroy Wickremasinghe

Course Directress: Rev. Sr. M. Concilia HC.

Course co-ordinators:

Ms. Rohini Dias (Morning classes)

Mrs. M. Saputhanthri (Afternoon classes)

Mr. R. A. M. Perera (Evening Classes)

Mrs. M Paranavithana (Weekend classes)

Sectional Heads :

Mrs. Ira Perera for composition,

Mrs. Luckshmi Maganarachchi for Grammar,

Mr. B. Q. S. Bandara for Comprehension,

Mrs. Ruth Dharmaratne for Literature

Mrs. Padma Karunaratne for Speech

FACULTY OF LINGUISTICS I

AQUINAS SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

Realizing the rapidly falling standards of English among our youth, Aquinas School of English was launched by our 3rd and 5th Rector, the late Very Rev. Msgr. W.L.A. Don Peter as far back as in 1973 to award a Diploma for English.

This is a popular English Language Programme and we are proud to record that this year too over 5600 students were registered and have gone through or are presently following the English language Diploma programme at Aquinas University College.

As in the past we continue to conduct 3 sessions of the week-day, morning course commencing in January, mid May and September, to cater to students who have completed their G.C.E. Ord. Level examination in December and G.C.E. Adv. Level examination in August and are awaiting their results. The Week-end course comes next as regards the number of students on roll. Week-end, Afternoon and Evening courses continue to have two sessions per year commencing in January and July. This arrangement had enabled us to make greater use of our resources available in the form of class room accommodation and to employ the visiting tutorial staff throughout the year.

Due to the large number of students who do not qualify to enter the English Diploma programme from Preliminary level, and heeding to their requests, from January 2010 we introduced a Foundation Level. The weaker students too have benefited from this arrangement. Thus all students could now complete all four levels, (Foundation, Preliminary,

Intermediate and Final) in one and half years or two, to obtain the Aquinas English Diploma.

It is heartening to note that our English programmes are hardly advertised except for the simple notices published in the newspapers calling for applications before the commencement of each session. The students and their parents contact Aquinas long before the G.C.E. O/L or A/L examinations are over or await the publication of the notices to forward the applications to join the courses.

Thus the Morning and Afternoon courses are mainly patronised by students who have completed their G.C.E. O/L and A/L, while the Evening and the Week-end sessions consist of employed persons who seek to improve their competency in English for betterment of their employment opportunities.

When the whole of Sri Lanka is facing a dearth of competent teachers to teach English language, we have been able to secure the services of a well experienced and highly qualified panel of lecturers and they continue to extend their fullest co-operation in maintaining high standards of teaching in spite of the current programmes becoming more intensive. We are thankful to them for their unfailing support, dedication and deep loyalty to this institution.

I take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Rev. Dr. Dharshana Jayamanne, Vice Rector and the priest in charge, who had shouldered the above responsibilities from August 2010 with Mr. Milroy Wickremasinghe, the assistant Registrar for English Diploma Courses, the Directress, Rev. Sr. Concilia HC., and the team of our dedicated and ever loyal Lecturers for carrying out the day to day administrative and tutorial duties so efficiently.

We also thank to Rev. Sr. Concilia HC, the Directress and to all our course co-ordinators, Ms. Rohini Dias for Morning classes, Mrs. M. Saputhanthri for Afternoon classes, Mr. R. A. M. Perera for Evening Classes, Mrs. M Paranavithana for Weekend classes, for their supervisory roles with regard to class work and discipline. We also thank all our sectional heads, Mrs. Ira Perera for composition, Mrs. Luckshmi Maganarachchi for Grammar, Mr. B. Q. S. Bandara for Comprehension, Mrs. Ruth Dharmaratne for Literature and Mrs. Padma Karunaratne for Speech, for monitoring the work done by the lecturers and keeping the lecturers informed of the syllabi requirements and for holding regular meetings with them. We wish them God's choicest blessings for the work well done.

**Report compiled by:
Mr. M. L. Fernando,
Registrar**

FACULTY OF LINGUISTICS II

Fr. In-Charge - **Rev.Fr.Dr. Dharshana Jayamanne**

Secretary - **Ms. Dinali Koshala Abraham**

Course Directors:

A/L English as a Subject

1. Mr. Maxwell R. Keegel- (Course Director)

B.A Degree (Peradeniya University)

2. Mr. S. Fransis Perera-

B.A. Degree

English Trained Teacher's Special Certificate

1. Ms. D.G.T. Sanjeevani Gamage-

B.A. English –(Jayawardenapura University)

Dip. In English- (Aquinas University college)

Dip. In Teacher Education Course- (Aquinas University College)

German for Beginners

Mr. P.P.R. Pathirana-

BA Languages (German Sp.)(Sabaragamuwa Univrsity

B2-Goethe Institute in Berlin

French for Beginners

Ms. J.M. Jennifer Fernando-

Dip. In supérieur De L 'Auiance Fraçase Asszbien

French Language & Lecture 2006

ACIM (UK) Marketing Management Chatered Institute of Marketing

(UK) 2010

Professional Chartered Marketing Fundamentals (A)

Certificate in Institute of Marketing Environment (C)

Marketing (UK) Marketing Lecturer (French) Marketing & Practice

Tamil for Beginners

Ms. N. Francisca Rajayogini-

Bachelor of Arts (University of Kelaniya)

Bachelor of Christian Studies (Pontifical Urbaniana University of Rome)

Post Graduate Dip. In Education (University of Colombo)

Japanese for Beginners

Ms. A.C. Kamani Abeysundara-

B.A (University of Kelaniya)

Japanese/Linguistic

Passed 3rd and 4th level of the Japanese Proficiency Test

Passed IELTS Exam (International English Languages Testing System)

2006

Chinese for Beginners

Ms. Sarah Shi-

Bachelor in Human Resources (Renmin University of China, Labor and Human Resource Management)

Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language (Beijing Foreign Studies University)

FACULTY OF LINGUISTICS II

A/L ENGLISH AS A SUBJECT

A weekend class is conducted for students preparing for the A/L English Literature Language paper. The course is designed for two years and the classes are held on Sundays. Although this course is meant for A/L students, there are many working people and including members of the clergy who are following this class to improve their appreciation of English Literature. The current batch commenced their classes in July 2011 under an able and experienced couple of lecturers Mr. Keigal and Mr. Francis Perera. We note that the number of registrations escalating considerably with eager students in A/L literature.

We congratulate all the students who have followed the previous course in A/L English and obtained good results and convey our best wishes to those who sat the exam this year. We are grateful also to our former panel of lectures Miss. Emilda, Miss. Gamage, Mr. Anthony and Mrs. Baddra for their committed service.

FRENCH LANGUAGE

Aquinas College conducts two short term French courses for the certificate level (6 Months) and the Advanced level (8 Months). These courses are designed for beginners and professionals who are interested in improving their knowledge in French language and civilization. Presently, there are 27 students following these courses. An assurance is given that those who complete these courses are able to communicate in French and obtain a very good working knowledge in French.

We are thankful to our present lecturer Miss. Jennifer Fernando who conducts the above classes.

TAMIL LANGUAGE

The Tamil language is a short term certificate course for beginners and professionals and the course duration is 6 months (48-60 hours). These classes are well patronized by many students as Tamil is now a pre requisite for promotional prospects for public servants. Further while the students gain knowledge of the language this course helps to promote unity and ethnic harmony in Sri Lanka. 19 students had already completed the first batch, at present there are 10 students on roll.

The official Language Commission where Fr. Rector is an official member, in their recent conference held this year agreed to give the fullest support for Aquinas Tamil Language Certificate Course. The OLC also gave the option for those public servants who follow our course to sit the examinations conducted by them with the allotted incentives to better their prospects.

Our special thanks go to Miss. N.F. Rajayogini, whose devotion to Aquinas and her expertise has been the key note for the success of this course. An assurance is given by her that all who completes this certificate course could speak and write in Tamil with a very good working knowledge.

GERMAN LANGUAGE

The German language is also a short term certificate course for beginners and professionals and for anyone interested in improving the knowledge of German. On this course you'll develop a basic knowledge of the German language for use in everyday situations. In communicative games, and through reading and writing, you'll learn lots of important words and expressions. With every class you'll improve your ability to build sentences in German and enlarge your vocabulary.

Duration of this course is 6 Month (48-60 Hrs). In July 2010 this course were introduced and now the present batch is 10 students.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE

The Japanese language is also a short term certificate course for beginners and professionals and for anyone interested in improving the knowledge of Japanese. Duration of the course is 6 Months (48-60 Hrs). In November 2010 this course were introduced and now the present batch running with 8 students.

CHINESE LANGUAGE

The Chinese language is also a short term certificate course for beginners, students and business professionals and for any one interest in improving the knowledge of Chinese. Duration of this course is 3 Months. This course is conducted by a Chinese Lecturer. In July 2011 the present Chinese language class was resumed with 9 students.

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FACULTY OF NURSING

THE REPORT OF THE FACULTY

FROM MARCH 28th TO 15TH AUGUST 2011

With the blessings of Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, Rector, Aquinas University College and with the collaboration of Hemas Hospitals (Pvt.) Ltd., the Diploma in Nursing Programme commenced at Aquinas University College on March 28th, 2011.

Inauguration

The inaugural session was held on March 22nd 2011 and the Chief Guest was very Rev. Fr. Ivan Perera, it was presided by Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, Rector, Aquinas University College, Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, the Board of Management, Mr. Packeer, Mr. Lasitha, Mr. Ali and Head of the Faculty and lecturers of the Nursing Programme were participated. The Chairman, Director Medical Services and the Departmental Heads of Hemas Hospital were also present for the inaugural session.

I state my heartfelt thanks to all, those who participated to make it a memorable day for Aquinas University College.

Enrolment of Students and Commencement of the Nursing Diploma Programme

On March 28th 2011, the formal training of Nursing Diploma Programme commenced. The Faculty of Nursing consists of four lecturers, including the Head of Faculty, namely; Mrs. Dharma de Silva, Sr. Celine Gomez, Ms. Susila Kalahe Arachchi and Ms. W.D. Wijyanthi Kumari.

At the inception of the programme 107 students enrolled and, gradually the number of students declined without any given

reason. To gather information for the students leaving and to strengthen our Faculty side, a questionnaire was administered to Batch A students. According to the responses received, majority of the students were happy with the teaching and learning.

The current number of students in Batch A is 58.

Nursing Diploma Programme

The duration of the Nursing Diploma Programme is three consecutive years. Each year is divided into three terms and separate Study Programmes have been designed for each year with the practical component.

The First Term commenced on March 28th 2011, however, due to the Sinhala New Year and Easter (10 days) the first term had to be extended until the August 08th for Batch A. According to the Study Programme 8 subjects have to be covered together with the practical training in the First Term of First Year.

The Faculty lecturers responsible to conduct six subjects in the First Term i.e. Ms. Dharma de Silva Fundamental Nursing Theory and Microbiology, (Head of the Faculty) Ms. Susila Kalahe Arachchi, Anatomy and Physiology and Sociology, Rev. Sr. Celin Gomez, Fundamental Nursing Practice, Ms. W.D. Wijyanthi Kumari Fundamental Nursing Practice and Psychology.

As special components, the Diploma in English and Information Technology have been included in the curriculum at the request of Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, Rector.

I wish to mention my sincere thanks to Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, Rector, Rev. Fr. Dharshana Jayamanne, Vice Rector, Registrar, Mr. M.L. Fernando and the Staff of the Department of English for making arrangements for our students to improve their

knowledge in English and the opportunity given to follow the Diploma in English Course.

I thank Rev Sr. Rita HF for conducting a 'Life Education Programme', Ms. Saputantri and Ms. Perera for their hard work and commitment in teaching English in this regard. The subject of General Science is conducted by visiting lecturer Mr. D. M. Mahanama. This subject has now been completed for Batch A, however, it is being conducted for Batch B. I thank Mr. Mahanama for his commitment in educating our students.

The Mid Term examinations were conducted for each subject of the first term. The Term End examinations were also conducted for some subjects.

The second term commenced on August 08th 2011 and four new subjects have been included. The students of Batch A were sent to Hemas Hospital, Wattala for clinical training from August 15th 2011, the clinical practices will be conducted two days per week (Mondays and Wednesdays).

Report on batch B Students

On the June 13th 2011, 115 were enrolled to Batch B for the Faculty of Nursing after having had the inaugural session with the participation of Aquinas University College and the Hemas Hospital.

On June 12th the Faculty staff and the Board of Management agreed to conduct classes separately for the Batch A and Batch B students. The time tables were designed separately and lectures were conducted by Faculty staff. Once most of the areas were covered in most subjects, with the agreement of the Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, Rector, and the Board of Management and the

Faculty staff, Batch A & B students were amalgamated as one batch on July 22nd 2011.

Presently lectures are being conducted as one group. However, the practical training is being conducted separately. The number of student is 107 currently.

Extra Curricular Activities

An educational trip was organized for both Batches of students to visit Kandy on Saturday, July 30th 2011. The students had the opportunity of visiting the Temple of the Tooth Relic, National Seminary, Ampitiya and the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens and ninety six students participated.

I thank Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, Rector and Fr. Sanjeeva, Mendis, Bursar of the National Seminary (Ampitiya) for organizing our lunch and providing facilities for our staff and students. I also extend my gratitude to the Board of Management for giving us the fullest support in making this picnic a memorable event.

We take this opportunity to thank Rev. Fr Raymond Samarakoon, Vice Rector for providing accommodation to have our Secretarial Office of the faculty within the space of Hotel Management until the office moved to Science Block.

I wish to thank Rev. Fr. Dharshana Jayamanne, Vice Rector, for the fullest cooperation extended us to organize our new Faculty Office and the Skill Lab by refurbishing it.

It is my duty to thank the Board of Management for the interest and the support extended to us to improve the teaching and learning environment for students as well as the staff.

Last but not least I wish to thank the Management of Hemas Hospital for providing the equipment, instruments and material to the skill lab of Aquinas University College for the practical training of students.

THE AQUINAS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Rev. Dr. W.D.G. Chrispin Leo, 06th Rector of Aquinas College of Higher Studies was instrumental in the formation of the Aquinas Alumni Association after discussions with the past pupils who were committed towards achieving the goal of the late Very Rev. Fr. Peter A. Pillai the founder. Thus the Aquinas Alumni Association was conceived on March 08th, 1998. The membership of the Aquinas Alumni Association stands at 265 at present.

The Aquinas Alumni Association held its Annual General Meeting on November 29th, 2010. Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, Rector is the President ex-officio. Mr. Mano Devasagayam and Mrs. Yvette Rodrigo were elected as Vice Presidents, Mr. Ajith Wickremaratne as Treasurer, Dilu Rodrigo as Secretary and Ms. Rohini Dias as Assistant Secretary and Ms. Ruth Dharmaratne as Editor.

The Alumni Association Executive Committee held six meetings. The Annual General Meeting was followed by the Christmas Dinner which was attended by many of our distinguished Alumni. The Sing-A-Long and the American Auction made it a memorable event.

The first activity after the Annual General Meeting was the cash donation made to the differently-abled children of Vidumina Institution, Nawala to celebrate the Sinhala & Tamil, New Year. The celebrations were held at the Vidumina Institution.

The Aquinas Alumni Association members took part in the Aquinas Walk and gave their fullest support.

The future events planned out are many and it will start with the fellowship lunch on October 22nd, hosted by Mr. Nihal and Priyanthie de Silva, our Alumni members at their residence. It will

be followed by our Annual Picnic to “Hide Out” in Puwakpitiya, A Fund Raising Event, Annual General Meeting in November, Christmas get-together and a Christmas Party for the Children.

Our sincere thanks go to Very Rev. Dr. Placidus De Silva, President, Vice Presidents Mr. Mano Devasagayam and Mrs. Yvette Rodrigo, Fr. Raymond Samarakoon, Vice Rector, Coordinator and all the active Executive Committee members for their loyalty, commitment and cooperation extended to their Alma Mater.

Dilu Rodrigo,
Secretary,
Aquinas Alumni Association

The Senior Common Room

The Senior Common Room embodies all members of the academic staff both permanent and visiting of all faculties of Aquinas University College.

Our founder and first Rector of Aquinas, the late Very Rev. Dr. Peter Pillai O.M.I. had a fore-sighted view that, Aquinas University College would be a Degree awarding University one day. Thus according to British traditions that originated from Oxford and Cambridge Universities the name Senior Common Room was given from inception to gather all the Academic Staff.

The annual general meeting of the SCR was held on Monday December 13th, 2010. Mr. Ira Perera was elected President. The new committee together with the help and guidance of the Rector, Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva and the heads of the different faculties are trying to reorganize and maintain the SCR to its best standards. The SCR hopes to build up a better understanding, friendship and cordiality among the members.

Due to inevitable circumstances the annual trip has been postponed to the month of October.

Our future events of the year will be carried out according to schedule. The SCR assures our fullest cooperation and support to our Rector Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, the administrators and the students in all events of Aquinas University College.

Report compiled by :
Mrs. Rosie Janendran
Secretary
SCR

PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION (PPA)
FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

THE ACTIVITIES carried out during the year 2011

The P.P.A under the leadership of Mr Nihal Samarasinghe as president has carried out successfully the following activities as mentioned below. Our main objective is to serve our motherland through agriculture in order to make Sri Lanka a bountiful country. We can be satisfied with ourselves that we have achieved it in the best way we could.

Event-(01)-

Aquinas Walk 2011

With a distinguished gathering of members including our Alumnus and Lecturer, Mr Hemakumara Nanayakkara, Senior Advisor to the President and Dr Jayalath Jayawardena MP for Gampaha District, the walk started from Aquinas premises representing all our alumni of various study groups.

For the second consecutive year the faculty of Agriculture won the first place for the best squad display in the walk. The members of the PPA took the initiative to grant financial assistance to our present Students of the Agriculture faculty to make this event a success.

Event-(2)

The Banana project organized by the 2nd year students of the Diploma in Agriculture was a success and the PPA played a vital role by supplying all the fertilizer needs and the irrigation requirements.

Event- (3)**Drip Irrigation project at Aquinas farm in Ragama**

Mr. Menaka Gunasekara, executive member of PPA took the initiative to carry out a Drip-irrigation project on a selected piece of land at Aquinas Farm to fulfil its irrigation requirements This was followed by an awareness program related to the subject to our students.

Sujeewa Walisundara

Secretary

PPA

Faculty of Agriculture

CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

AQUINAS DAY & AQUINAS WALK

The Aquinas Walk this year was organised on Sunday, March 27th. It was a tremendous success and generated a lot of enthusiasm among our students. The organization of out-door sports like Basketball, Volleyball, Netball and Cricket, prior to the Walk, provided them with the opportunity of showing their talents, capabilities in playing together as members of a team to gain valuable experience in leadership qualities. During the walk, the Best Squad, the Best Banner and the best Poster were selected by our distinguished Alumni and the winners were amply rewarded.

The day's proceedings commenced with a Thanksgiving Mass at Aquinas Chapel at 7.30 a.m. followed by the Solemn Assembly and other accompanying festivities. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Hon. Hemakumara Nanayakkara a distinguished alumnus, former Minister of Agriculture, who was recently elevated by His Excellency the President Mahinda Rajapakse of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as his Senior Advisor for Agriculture.

Very Rev. Fr. Ivan Perera, the Episcopal Vicar for the Western Region of the Archdiocese of Colombo and National Director for Education, Very Rev. Fr. Ranjith Madurawela, Archdiocesan Director for Education, General Manager of Catholic private non fee levying schools in the Archdiocese and Hon. Jayalath Jayawardena MP for Gampaha District an Illustrious Alumnus of Aquinas who created history for breaking the Guinness World record for telecasting a medical programme for the longest period, were the Guests of Honour.

The theme selected for the occasion, **“Aquinas Youth for A New Sri Lanka”** was highlighted throughout the walk and celebrations. The Singing and Dancing Competitions, together with the selection of the Prince and the Princess of Aquinas added much glamour and generated a lot of enthusiasm among our students to show their God given talents. Awards were also given to the teams that displayed their best in Basketball, Cricket, Volleyball and Netball tournaments worked out earlier.

The Western Band of St. Benedict’s College of Colombo 13, participated in our Aquinas Walk. Let me thank Rev. Bro. Granville Perera, Director for his graciousness and for the students for their excellent performance.

The Spelling Bee, Oratorical contests, and Penmanship competitions were held as part of the celebrations for Rector’s Day in July & August 2011.

Let me thank all the Rev. Fathers on the staff, our Registrar, Assistant Registrars and his band of active and vibrant lecturers together with our Administrative, and Clerical staff for organizing these events in a manner to develop not only our students language skills but also their character and personality.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING THE YEAR

For the benefit of our Catholic Students and Lecturers we begin each day with the Holy Eucharist celebrated at the Aquinas chapel at 7.15 a.m. On Sundays and every first Friday of the month, we continue to have The Eucharistic celebration at 12.00 noon. During lent we continue the

tradition of taking the Catholic students to an open air Way of the Cross cum a day of recollection to Tewatte.

All solemn events at Aquinas, like the Rector's Day, Aquinas Walk, Convocations and the Christmas Get together, begin with the Eucharist to invoke God's choicest blessings. It is also heartening to note that not only the Catholic students and the lecturers but also the non Christians gather in numbers to show their solidarity.

The Catholic students of Aquinas took part in the solemn inauguration of the Year of the Eucharist on Sunday, August 29th, 2010, by His Eminence Antonio Cardinal Canizares Llovera, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on the occasion of the Blessings of the Sick at Tewatte, Ragama. We continued to display the banner and the lighted lamp given on that occasion in our Chapel. The Prayer to the Eucharistic Lord was recited daily at Mass. Once again they were present at Tewatte on Sunday, August 28th, 2011 for the official closure of this year of the Eucharist and the solemn ushering in a Decade of the Eucharist in the Archdiocese by His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law, the Archbishop of the Roman Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. This will give us the impetus to instil in our Lecturers and students that great devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. I sincerely Thank Rev. Sr. Rita Gunawardena HF and Mr. Milroy Wickremasinghe, the Assistant registrars for organizing these events with our students.

Archdiocesan Liturgy Convention was also held at the Don Peter Auditorium of Aquinas University College from 1st to 3rd September 2010. It was also presided by His Eminence Antonio Card. Canizares Llovera.

CAREER GUIDANCE SEMINARS

Under the patronage of the Aquinas Alumni Association (AAA) Career Guidance Seminars are organised for all our final year students of the English Diploma in February/ March and November/December.

THE LIBRARY

The library holds the most important place in our educational institution. Hence the library must be equipped with up to date books, current periodicals and magazines in order to cater to students who now read for graduate and post graduate degrees. As our library (lending, borrowing, sectional libraries and archives) is scattered and housed in three buildings, plans are underway to construct a new library with ample room for the students to do their reference / reading.

I wish to thank Rev. Fr. Don Anton Saman Hettiarachchi, Dean of the faculty of Theology and in charge of the library, for re-organizing the Library of Religious Studies for all who are reading for the Internal B.A. Degree in Religious Studies. I also appreciate the assistance extended by Miss Anne Florence Perera, the General Secretary of the Faculty of Theology and Mrs. Rozaine Avory, librarian of the Faculty.

I also extend a word of gratitude to Mr. D.V.E. Jayamanne, the librarian, and his staff for their valuable commitment to duty.

Let me with deep joy extend my best wishes to The President and Vice Presidents of the National University of Galway, (NUI) Ireland and Members of the University's Board of Governors and Senate, at NUI, Galway for extending their generous hand in inaugurating the Diploma of Psychology and Counselling at Aquinas as far back as 2006. Let me also extend my heartfelt gratitude to all at NUI, Galway for the concern, academic and financial support extended to us from 2006 to make this day a reality.

Let me also extend a word of gratitude to Dr. Brendan Tempest Mogg, President, and Dr. Mark Fernando, Vice President and all other members of the Council of Warnborough University Alliance, Canterbury, United Kingdom A memorandum of Understanding was signed by the President of Warnborough College, Canterbury, UK and the Rector of Aquinas University College, Colombo 08, Sri Lanka on 15th August, 2010 for close collaboration and to award joint undergraduate and post graduate degrees of selected disciplines to students of Aquinas in the near future.

It is with joy that I record here about the successful discussions that I had already with the Chancellor, Deans of the Faculties and the Academic Directors of the University of Glyndwr, Wrexham, UK, the University of Wales and the London School of Management and Science (LSMS) in UK., for closer collaboration and to award joint Degree programmes in Nursing, Management/ Marketing and Engineering shortly.

CONCLUSION

It is with fraternal love and devotion that I cherish all the love and concern, cooperation and guidance extended to me by my priestly family. In addition to our personal prayer and the common celebration of the Eucharist, we are also enriched with inspiration and strength from our priestly get-togethers and very especially our monthly reflections on the study of the Word of God conducted by Fr. Anton Saman Hettiarachchi on every First Tuesday of the month, These reflective moments are followed by our Priests' Council meeting.

I am truly indebted to you dear Frs. Raymond Samarakoon, Shanthi Kumar Weliwita, Anton Saman Hettiarachchi, Dharshana Jayamanne and Dinesh Fernando for your ready and valuable advice which makes our tasks so much easier and lighter. My dear Fathers, with your personal dedication and commitment to duty, you have contributed immensely in the administration of Aquinas University College. Thank you for all your cooperation and for being with me in good times and bad, to make this year a very fruitful year of grace and accomplishment.

I also extend my gratitude to our Registrar, Assistant Registrars, the Course Directors, Course co-ordinators and all the lecturers for helping the administration in every way to raise the academic standards of Aquinas.

My dear graduates of B.Sc. in Psychology and Counselling, all of us who have graced this occasion congratulate you and wish you that you continue to attain wisdom.

Let me also congratulate all our other diplomates, for successfully completing courses and the distinction that you have achieved from this illustrious Educational Institute.

All our programmes of study whether they lead to a degree, diploma or a certificate are geared to make you ‘men and women of wisdom and of high moral integrity / probity, of spiritual depth.’ We are also proud to record that all our past students are gainfully employed with a strong character, endowed with personality and leadership qualities to lead the nation with a fully fledged life in our society. They have excelled in their respective fields both here and abroad and support the development programmes of our country.

I trust that the disciplinary life that you observe and the higher education that you cherish at Aquinas campus together with your fellow students of different nationalities, races, religions and castes, would make you strong in character to face the challenges of a better tomorrow and exemplary leaders of a society that would bring about peace and harmony. Let me wish you all God’s blessings in order to lead an accomplished life for the betterment of our dear country.

1st Convocation & Conferment of Degrees & Diplomas on Friday 30th September, 2011.

May I take this opportunity once again to thank Your Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith the Archbishop of Colombo, on behalf of all at Aquinas University College for the great honour and joy given to us by virtue of your exalted position as Chancellor of Aquinas University College, and for presiding at this convocation and conferment of Degrees and Diplomas.

We trust that you, as the Chief Shepherd of the Archdiocese of Colombo, an educationist, and the Chancellor, under whose purview Aquinas University College functions, would always extend your supporting hand to educate our youth with the

ideals expressed above and keeping with the aspirations of our Founder Fathers, for the years to come.

We thank all our guests of honour for gracing this occasion, all our invitees and my dear students, your beloved parents and well wishers for the kind presence today.

Finally and not the least, I thank the administrative, Clerical, and Minor staff for their dedicated service and commitment to duty. All your efforts and the noble qualities of your lives have greatly contributed to maintain discipline and promote human and spiritual values, the very hallmarks of this hallowed institution.

Thank you and God loves you.

**Very Rev. Dr. Placidus De Silva,
Rector,
Aquinas University College.
Colombo 08.**

**2nd Convocation & conferment of Diploma on Saturday , 01st
October 2011**

We thank you Sir, Professor Ashley Halpe, Emeritus Professor of the University of Peradeniya, for graciously accepting our humble invitation to preside at the 2nd convocation and conferment of Diplomas to 1083 students who have successfully completed the English Diploma.

We thank all our guests of honour for gracing this occasion, all our invitees and my dear students, your beloved parents and well wishers for the kind presence today.

While congratulating one and all I wish to thank them for their perseverance. Let their knowledge of English studied at Aquinas University College, bring them every success in their future undertakings.

Thank You and God bless you.

3rd Convocation & Conferment of Diploma on Saturday , 01st October 2011

We thank you Mr. Eardley Perera, Consultant and chartered marketer for graciously accepting our humble invitation to preside at the 3rd Convocation and Conferment of Diplomas to 482 students who had successfully completed the Diplomas in Marketing and Management studies and Business and Financial Management.

We thank all our guests of honour for gracing this occasion, all our invitees and my dear students, your beloved parents and well wishers for the kind presence today.

While congratulating one and all I wish to thank them for their perseverance. Let their knowledge of Business and Financial Management, marketing & Management studied at Aquinas University College, bring them every success in their future undertakings.

Thank You and God bless you.

**Very Rev. Dr. Placidus De Silva,
Rector,
Aquinas University College.
Colombo 08.**

30th September 2011

CONVOCATION 2011
CONFERMENT OF DEGREES & DIPLOMAS
30TH SEPTEMBER 2011

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

- 3.30 pm - *Congregation / Guests take their seats*
- 3.45 pm - *Invitees / Guests of Honour take their seats*
- 3.55 pm - *Arrival of Chancellor, His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith
Archbishop of Colombo*
- 4.00 pm - *Graduands & staff procession commences*
- *The Chancellor's procession commences*
- 4.05 pm - *The Chancellor arrives on stage*
- The Chancellor and the entire congregation stands for National Anthem*
- * *National Anthem*
The Chancellor and the entire congregation remain standing

- * ***Prayer : Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita, Vice Rector***

The Chancellor then takes his seat and the entire congregation sits down

- * **Welcome speech – Very Rev. Dr. Placidus De Silva, Rector / Vice Chancellor**

- * **Presidential Address – The Most Rev. Dr. Malcolm Ranjith, Chancellor, Archbishop of Colombo**

The Chancellor will rise immediately afterwards and announce the opening of the Convocation

“I DECLARE THIS CONVOCATION OPEN FOR THE CONFERMENT OF DIPLOMAS AND DEGREES”

The Chancellor resumes his seat

The Vice Chancellor (Fr. Rector) will announce
“CHANCELLOR, YOUR EMINENCE, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE SENATE OF AQUINAS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCILS, HAS RESOLVED THAT THE B.Sc. DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY & COUNSELLING AND THE FOLLOWING DIPLOMAS BE CONFERRED ON THOSE PRESENTED IN PERSON AND IN ABSENTIA.”

Vice Chancellor (Fr. Rector) resumes his seat

The Vice Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Shanthi Kumar Weliwita will now present the B.Sc. Psychology & Counselling Graduands by announcing

“CHANCELLOR, YOUR EMINENCE, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING FOR THE AWARD OF” *B.Sc. in Psychology & Counselling Degree*

As the Graduands come up to the Chancellor, the Chancellor will hand-over the certificates to the Graduands

The Vice Rectors, Registrar, Assistant Registrars, Course Directors will present the graduands by announcing,

“CHANCELLOR, YOUR EMINENCE, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING FOR THE AWARDS OF DIPLOMA....”

As the diplomates come up to the Chancellor, the Chancellor will hand over the certificates to the diplomates.

Once the complete list has been read out the Chancellor will confer the Diplomas / Degrees as follows.

“ BY AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, AS CHANCELLOR, I CONFER UPON THOSE WHOSE NAMES HAVE BEEN READ, THE DEGREES / DIPLOMAS FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED COURSES OF STUDY”

The Chancellor resumes his seat.

Signing of the Register of Graduates / Diplomates

* **The Chancellor will sign the Register of Graduates**

* **Closure of the Convocation**

Chancellor will rise and declare the convocation closed as follows

“I NOW DECLARE THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERMENT OF DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS CLOSED”

* ***All stand for Aquinas University College Anthem***

The Congregation stands and remains standing until the Chancellor and the other Guests of Honour leave the hall. The Drummers will lead the recessional procession. The Chancellor now leaves the stage followed by the Rector, Vice-Rectors, Registrar, Assistant Registrars and other VIP’s.

GENERAL CONVOCATION 2011

2ND CONFERMENT OF DIPLOMAS

01st OCTOBER 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

PROGRAMME

9.30 am *All invitees and guests take their seats in the Don Peter Auditorium*

All Diplomates take their seats according to their seat numbers

Members of the Tutorial Staff take their places in the procession

9.45 am **Arrival of all Guests of Honour**

9.55 am **Arrival of the Chief Guest :**
Professor Ashley Halpe, Emeritus Professor of English, University of Peradeniya

Procession to the Auditorium with Drummers & Magul Bera

* **Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp**

- * **Prayer by Rev. Fr. Dharshana Jayamanne**
- * **Aquinas University College Anthem**
- * **Welcome Speech /Report : Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva, Rector, Aquinas University College**
- * **Address by the Chief Guest – Prof. Ashley Halpe**
- * **Presentation of Awards and Diplomas by the Chief Guest**
- * **Vote of Thanks by Mrs. K. I. Perera President of Senior Common Room**
- * **National Anthem**

The procession leaves the auditorium

(Please remain standing until the procession leaves the auditorium)

GENERAL CONVOCATION 2011

3rd CONFERMENT OF DIPLOMAS

01st OCTOBER 2011 at 4.00 p.m.

PROGRAMME

- 3.30 pm *All invitees and guests take their seats in the Don Peter Auditorium*
All Diplomates take their seats according to their seat numbers
Members of the Tutorial Staff take their places in the procession
- 3.45 Pm **Arrival of all Guests of Honour**
- 4.00 Pm **Arrival of the Chief Guest :**
Mr. Eardley Perera, Consultant, Marketer

Procession to the Auditorium with Drummers & Magul Bera

- * **Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp**
- * **Prayer by Rev. Fr. Anton Saman Hettiarachchi**
- * **Aquinas University College Anthem**
- * **Welcome Speech /Report - Very Rev. Dr. Placidus de Silva - Rector - Aquinas University College**
- * **Address by the Chief Guest – Mr. Eardley Perera, Senior Consultant, Marketer**
- * **Presentation of Awards and Diplomas by the Chief Guest**
- * **Vote of Thanks by Mr. Nalin Anthony, Director, Faculty of Business and Financial Management**
- * **National Anthem**

The procession leaves the auditorium

(Please remain standing until the procession leaves the auditorium)

