

TRINITY WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

125th Anniversary

ACADEMIC CONVOCATION





Dear Alumnae and Alumni, Family and Friends,

Welcome to Trinity's 125th Anniversary celebration! Reaching this milestone is a triumph for Trinity and the remarkably loyal and generous family whose loving support and hard work make it possible for Trinity to thrive. We write with a profound sense of gratitude for all who ensured Trinity's durability and success across the years, with very special thanks to:

- ◆ The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur who had the most revolutionary idea ever in the founding of Trinity, and whose selfless sacrifices and creative genius built and sustained Trinity for generations;
- ◆ The Students, Alumnae and Alumni of Trinity, all those for whom this great mission exists, whose lives and witness in the world renew Trinity's mission daily, and whose generosity of talent and resources sustains alma mater;
- ◆ The Faculty and Staff whose dedication to excellence in teaching and service ensure that Trinity's mission lives well in our classrooms and meeting rooms, along the corridors and on the playing fields, and in all places where students encounter the community of teachers and stewards of Trinity's mission;
- ◆ The many generous Benefactors and countless Friends in our local and global Trinity community, who respond to Trinity's need for tangible resources, partnerships, opportunities and affirmations in so many ways that ensure the lifelong benefits of a Trinity education for our students and the communities they influence.

With joyful gratitude for all that has come before today, we look to the future of Trinity with even greater enthusiasm for all that is yet to be. Our confidence is supported by our faith that the power, wisdom and love of the Most Holy Trinity will continue to empower this mission and Trinity's vital work for generations to come.

Happy Birthday, Trinity!

Amy Freeman
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Patricia McGuire '74
President



Trinity: The Founding Years

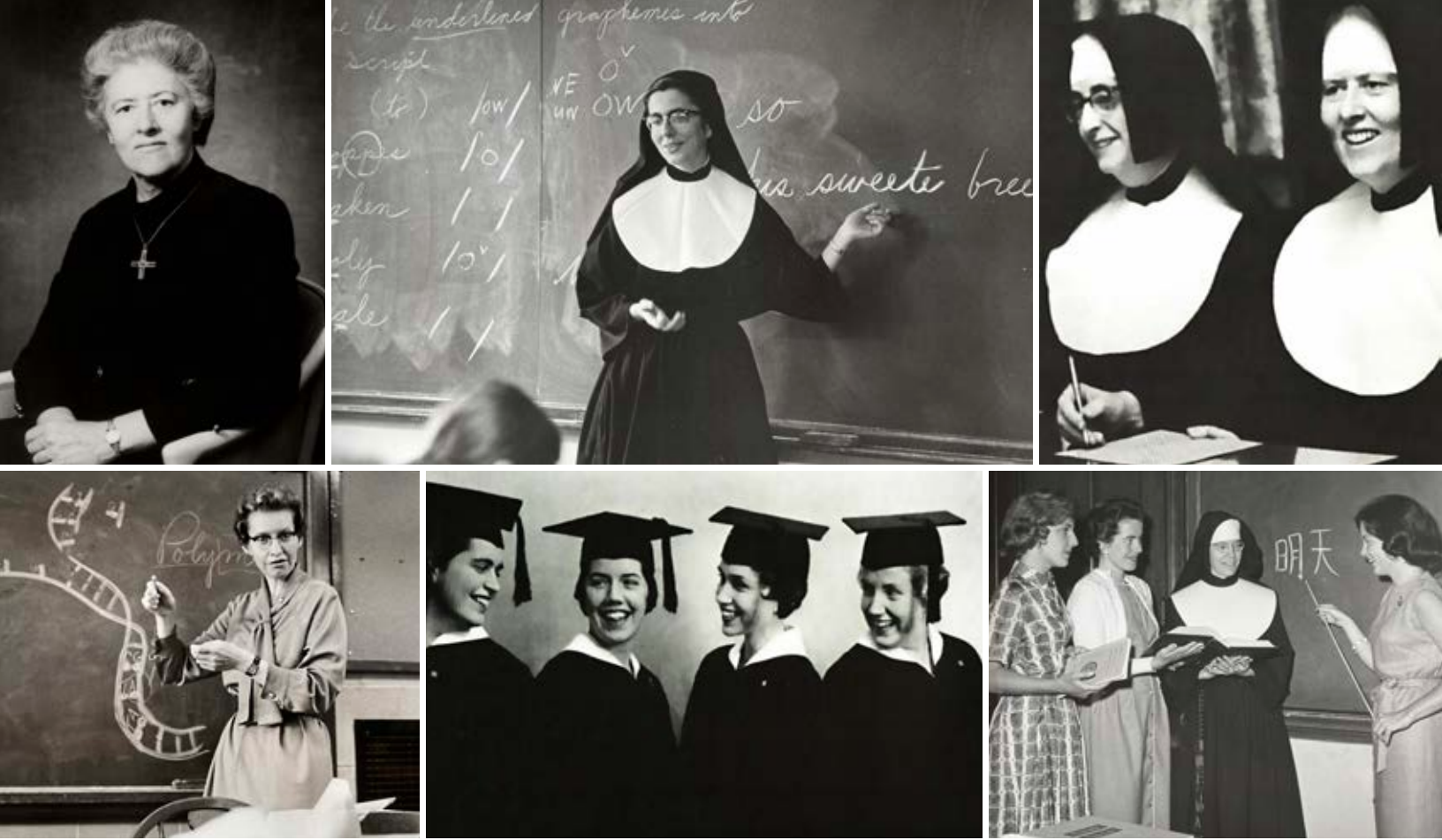
August 20, 1897.

Five courageous women signed their names to Articles of Incorporation for "...the purpose of establishing an institution of learning in the District of Columbia for the higher education of young women." They were Ella Taylor, Margaret Callahan, Mary O'Shea, Margaret Dempsey, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Mary McHugh, known in religious life as Sr. Mary Euphrasia, Sr. Teresa of the Sacred Heart, Sr. Saint Agnes, Sr. Gertrude of the Blessed Sacrament, Sr. Cornelia and Sr. Ignatius Marie. With the blessing of Sister Superior Julia McGroarty, these five Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur established the legal foundation for Trinity College. Even more, they sparked a revolution in women's higher education that continues to burn bright 125 years later in 2022.

Trinity's founding story is one of courage, persistence, creativity and triumph. Sister Julia

worried about the money; Sister Euphrasia replied, "The project is so grand... The incentives so great... We shall succeed!" Some rightwing clerics at then-new Catholic University harumphed that the very idea of Trinity College was a heresy, a manifestation of the "Americanism" (i.e., modernism) that they despised. But the progressive Cardinal James Gibbons assured the SNDs that creating Trinity "...will relieve the [Catholic] University authorities from the embarrassment of refusing admission to women."

The controversy surrounding Trinity's founding went on for weeks through August, September and October 1897, going all the way to Pope Leo XIII. Sisters Julia and Euphrasia relentlessly pressed their case for the importance of Trinity for the education of Catholic women at the dawn of the 20th Century. Their persistence proved persuasive; the Pope gave his approval and the plans for Trinity moved forward. The



The Cap and Gown Tradition

Cap and Gown is one of Trinity's oldest traditions, beginning with the first senior class, the Red Class of 1904. Those pioneer women received their caps and gowns for the first time on Sunday, October 4, 1903, with the right and privilege to wear their academic regalia every day thereafter.

The tradition has evolved in many ways since that first ceremony, but its essence remains the same in its purpose and meaning: to recognize the significance of the academic accomplishments of Trinity's students who have

achieved senior status. The ceremony welcomes Trinity seniors more formally into that lifelong community of scholars with whom they will grow intellectually, socially and spiritually for decades to come. By robing the seniors in powerfully symbolic academic regalia, Trinity aims to create exemplars and role models of achievement for other Trinity students to follow.

As Trinity celebrates the 125th anniversary of its founding, in 1897, the Trinity community is honored to celebrate the achievements of the Senior Class of 2023.

SNDs purchased the land, organized fund raising efforts, created a board and hired the noted architect Edwin Durang to build Main Hall.

On November 3, 1900, Trinity's first students arrived to take up residence in the partially-built Main Hall, and classes began on November 8, 1900. The formal dedication of Trinity College took place on November 22, 1900 with hundreds of dignitaries and clerics attending. During the ceremony, Catholic University Rector Monsignor Thomas Conaty paid tribute to the Sisters of Notre Dame: "The Catholic nun as an educational force is not a result of modern civilization, nor of modern educational demands; she is rather one of the forces which have made modern civilization possible..."

In that same homily, Monsignor Conaty gave this resounding affirmation of women's education that still rings true in our 21st Century Trinity: "God has given to woman great responsibilities; on her largely depends the future of society... She should have the best there is in education... Educated intelligence is not alone for the woman of leisure, nor for the higher grades of society, but for all according to their opportunities."

Trinity in 2022 proudly, even audaciously, reaffirms that bold vision of our Founders to provide the best possible higher education for women of all backgrounds, extending the spark of that courageous 19th Century idea to the 21st Century's commitment to pursue racial and social justice in education, extending Trinity's historic mission to women on the margins economically and socially, to men as well in graduate and professional programs who can also reap great benefits from the powerful purpose of Trinity's curricula and programs.

Just as Trinity's founding in 1897 was an act of courage and faith by the Sisters of Notre Dame, so, too, Trinity's endurance and vitality in 2022 is a manifestation of 12 decades of ongoing commitment to sustain this mission through the loyalty, generosity and creative genius of generations of SNDs, faculty, staff, students, alumnae and alumni, benefactors and friends.

We celebrate this great 125th Anniversary with a profound sense of gratitude for all that has come before us, and with an audacious sense of hope and vision for the Trinity that will continue to thrive through many future generations.



A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To recognize and honor Trinity Washington University for its 125-year anniversary as an educational institution of higher learning in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Trinity Washington University was founded as Trinity College in 1897 by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur as the nation's first Catholic liberal arts college for women;

WHEREAS, for more than 70 years, Trinity Washington University thrived as a Catholic women's college, filling a much-needed space in post-secondary education as many universities were still all male;

WHEREAS, once many colleges shifted from all-male to coeducational institutions, Trinity Washington began offering a weekend college for women from the District of Columbia, helping women earn higher education degrees on the weekend while continuing to work during the week;

WHEREAS, during the 1980s and 1990s, Trinity Washington University suffered from low enrollment. Patricia McGuire, President of Trinity, shifted the school's recruiting approach and reached out to Black and Hispanic women in Washington, D.C. As a result of recruiting from D.C. high schools, the school's enrollment increased, and Trinity became the private college of choice for women graduates from D.C. public schools;

WHEREAS, Trinity Washington University remains loyal to its original founding mission of educating women. While men may attend Trinity at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, only women may attend the undergraduate College of Arts & Sciences;

WHEREAS, Trinity Washington University has educated leaders who continue to have a national and international impact. Trinity alumni include Nancy Pelosi, Kellyanne Conway, Rosemary Collyer, Maggie Williams, Caryle Murphy, and Kathleen Sebelius; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Washington University is an outstanding higher learning institution in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the "Trinity Washington University 125-Year Anniversary Recognition Resolution of 2022".

2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Trinity Washington University on its 125-year anniversary.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.



Chairman Phil Mendelson



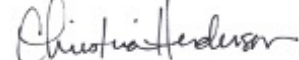
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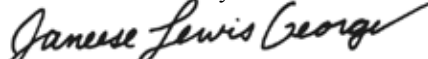
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Congratulations Trinity Washington University 125th Anniversary

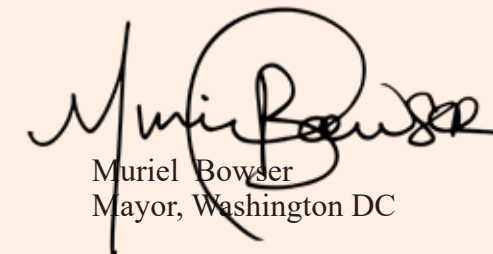
August 20, 2022

As Mayor of Washington, DC, it is my pleasure to extend congratulations to Trinity Washington University on the very happy occasion of your 125th anniversary!

In 1897, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur came together in pursuit of a shared vision: to create an institution that would offer higher education to young women in our nation's capital. Local government as we know it today did not yet exist in Washington, DC in 1897, and as such the United States Congress chartered the establishment of Trinity College, which was later renamed Trinity Washington University in 2004. Over the course of its quasiquicentennial, Trinity has been a consistent source of higher education for all people in pursuit of knowledge, with a special commitment to educating women as its founders intended.

The education of women, the driving force behind Trinity's founding, has led to an even more diverse student body and alumnus. Today, it welcomes and enrolls more graduates of the District of Columbia Public Schools than any other private university here and has a student body comprised of 55 percent Black and 30 percent Hispanic students. And, keeping up with the times, the university in 2020 established Trinity *DARE: Driving Actions for Racial Equity*, which aims to increase career opportunities for its students of color.

I applaud and commend your work to help shape the next generation of leaders and scholars, who will undoubtedly change our city, the country, and the world for the better. To President Patricia A. McGuire, Board of Trustees Chair Amy Freeman, and to the students, faculty, administrators, and alumnus, I am deeply grateful to all, then and now, who worked to make Trinity the highly esteemed, community-oriented center for higher learning we have known for the past 125 years. Congratulations to Trinity Washington University on this important milestone — I look forward to celebrating many more!



Muriel Bowser
Mayor, Washington DC



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October 29, 2022 ★ Notre Dame Chapel

Welcome

President Patricia McGuire '74

Invocation

Sr. Ann Howard, SNDdeN, Director of Campus Ministry



Reflection on Mission and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

Sr. Camilla Burns, SNDdeN, *Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies*



Greetings from the Board of Trustees

Ms. Amy Freeman, Chair of the Board of Trustees

Greetings from the Alumnae Association

Ms. Joan Waks '66, President of the Alumnae Association

Greetings from the Faculty

Dr. Elizabeth Child, Professor of English

Greetings from the Students

Ms. Ingrid Tchouamo '23, President of the Student Association

Presentation of the Senior Class

Dr. Carlota Ocampo, Provost

Cap and Gown Investiture of the Senior Class

President McGuire

Establishment of The Nancy D'Alesandro Pelosi Chair in Global Affairs and Politics

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi '62

Speaker of the United States House of Representatives

Presented By Ms. Karen Cruz-Carbajal '23, President of the Gold Class of 2023

Ms. Deborah Delcid '23, Vice President of the Gold Class of 2023

Ms. Anissa Young '23, President of the Commuter Association



Presentation of the Honorary Degrees

Dr. Sylvia Washington Ba '58

Professor Emerita

Presented by Sr. Mary Hayes, SNDdeN, Archivist, Professor Emerita

Dr. Kimberly Monroe, Assistant Professor of Global Studies

and Dr. Joshua Wright, Associate Professor of Global Studies

Ms. Barbara Bachmann Glynn '64 and Mr. John Glynn

Presented by Dr. Sita Ramamurti, Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences

Ms. Irene Horstmann Hannan '68

Trustee Emerita, CEO, Faith in the Future Foundation

Presented by Ms. Amy Freeman, Chair of the Board of Trustees

and Mr. Larry Savoy, Trustee, President of Archbishop Carroll High School

Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker '71 and Dr. John Grim

Founders of the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology

Presented by Dr. Shizuka Hsieh, Associate Professor of Chemistry

and Dr. Patrice Nielson, Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies



Closing Remarks

President McGuire

Trinity Prayer

Recessional

Dr. Sylvia Washington Ba

Class of 1958, Professor Emerita

Pioneer women in each Trinity era raised and strengthened the foundations on which we stand today. Sylvia Washington Ba is such a pioneer Trinity Woman, a trailblazer whose intellectual and personal achievements inspire each new generation of Trinity students and faculty.

Arriving at Trinity in Fall 1954 after graduating in the last segregated class at Dunbar High School, Sylvia Washington found herself among the very few first African American students breaking barriers at Trinity. With her customary elegance and excellence, she set about demonstrating her intellectual prowess in French Literature, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1958 with offers of both a Fulbright and a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. She took the Fulbright for a year of study in France, and then used the Wilson to support her doctoral studies at Fordham.

Sylvia Ba returned to Trinity in 1961 to teach French, becoming the first full-time Black faculty member. While teaching at Trinity, she won an AAUW fellowship for doctoral research in Paris, completing her dissertation on the topic of the poetry of Senegalese President Leopold Senghor. The Princeton University Press published her book *The Concept of Negritude in the Poetry of Leopold Sedar Senghor* (1973). Few Americans knew the concept of “negritude” at that time, an affirmation of Black consciousness arising in the 1930’s that rebelled against the colonialism, racism and cultural assimilation imposed by the French and other white Europeans on African people and nations.

During her research, Dr. Ba interviewed President Senghor, and he was so impressed with her that he invited her to Senegal where she met and married Samba Ba.



In 1969, Mr. Ba became the press attache to the Senegalese Embassy in Washington, and Dr. Ba resumed teaching French at Trinity. That same year, their son Mbissane was born. They returned to Senegal in 1973. Dr. Ba joined the faculty at the Universite Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar (UCAD), Senegal.

Dr. Ba never forgot Trinity, and her former students and colleagues greeted her with joy whenever she was able to visit. In recent years, she served with distinction on the Alumnae Association Board of Directors.

For her leadership and courage as a trailblazer in desegregation and change in Trinity’s racial culture, for her intellectual excellence and scholarly achievements, Trinity is pleased to bestow upon Dr. Sylvia Washington Ba the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*.

Barbara Bachmann Glynn

Class of 1964, Trustee Emerita, and
John Glynn

Barbara and John Glynn are true exemplars of the “Habits of the Heart,” pursuing a lifelong passion to invest their intellectual and personal resources in the vital work of nurturing and sustaining great academic and intellectual institutions.

Following in the footsteps of her mother, Mary Alice Donovan, Class of 1934, Barbara Bachmann entered Trinity in the Fall of 1960, a time of dynamic change for this nation. In her first semester, John F. Kennedy was elected president of the United States, and his inauguration in January 1961 heralded a time of cultural and political change that inspired the social activism of Trinity students. By the time she graduated with a History degree in 1964, the world had changed yet again — President Kennedy had been assassinated, and movements were growing rapidly for women’s rights, civil rights and against the Vietnam war. Barbara went on to the University of Virginia for graduate studies where she met her future husband John on her way to earning her master’s degree in Intellectual History 1967.

John Glynn entered UVA law school after earning his B.A. in History at Notre Dame in 1962. When they finished their degrees, John and Barbara married and moved west to Silicon Valley where John earned an M.B.A. at Stanford while starting his company Glynn Capital Management.

Soon the Glynnns had four children — Alexandra, David, Elizabeth and Jacqueline. Even with a growing family, they pursued active engagement with their alma maters. The Glynnns continued to return to Charlottesville each year where John teaches at the Darden School of Business. John also teaches at the



Stanford School of Business and has been active on boards at Notre Dame.

Barbara joined Trinity’s board in 2008 where she generously shares her wise counsel. Barbara also is a co-founder of the San Jose Tech Museum (now the Tech Interactive). Barbara is also active in the Northern California Chapter of ARCS, the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation.

As thoughtful philanthropists, Barbara and John have invested carefully in the universities they love. At Trinity, their support has been essential in helping to create the Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports, the Payden Academic Center, and the improvements to Notre Dame Chapel.

For living the “Habits of the Heart” through sustaining great academic institutions, Trinity is pleased to bestow upon Barbara and John Glynn the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*.



Irene Horstmann Hannan

Class of 1968, Trustee Emerita

To “proclaim ideals that never swerve” is the hallmark of a Trinity Woman — no alumna lives Trinity’s ideals with more passion than Irene Horstmann Hannan, Class of 1968.

Growing up in Philadelphia in a family steeped in Trinity tradition — her mother Catherine was a member of the Class of 1938, her sister Marianne Class of 1975, and her father Ignatius was chair of the Board of Trustees, along with many aunts and cousins including Ann Horstmann Rafferty Class of 1967 — Irene came to Trinity in the fall of 1964 as a Political Science major.

Following her graduation in 1968 and graduate school at Temple University, Irene started her career in business while also raising four children — Irene, Hilary, Richard and Alec. Taking up positions in banking, Irene became a senior vice president with Citizens Bank, overseeing a \$6 billion nonprofit portfolio. She quickly became one of the most recognizable and respected women business leaders in the Philadelphia region, serving on numerous boards including the national and local boards of the Girl Scouts and the Pennsylvania Commission on Women, among others. Her advocacy for women in business garnered many awards including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Red Cross.

Even as she managed that very large portfolio of professional and volunteer work, Irene always found time for alma mater. She joined Trinity’s Board of Trustees in 2005 and had a significantly positive impact on Trinity’s financial management as chair of the board’s Finance Committee.

In 2018, Irene started her next career in a place where she could truly focus on values she holds dear: she became the CEO of the Faith in the Future Foundation,



a nonprofit organization responsible for the oversight of Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Under her impressive leadership, the Catholic high schools grew stronger in their commitment to academic excellence and fidelity to Catholic values. With her legendary business acumen and gifted fund raising talent, Irene provided exceptionally strong leadership for those schools through the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result, Philadelphia’s Catholic high schools emerged from the crisis stronger than many peer schools thanks to Irene’s leadership.

For the many ways in which she has lived Trinity’s ideals, for her significant contributions to the financial management of Trinity, and for her leadership on behalf of Catholic education, the Trinity Board of Trustees is pleased to bestow upon Irene Horstmann Hannan the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*.

Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker

Class of 1971, and

Dr. John Grim

“The visionary reimagines the world.”
- Malcolm Gladwell

Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker and Dr. John Grim are visionaries who have reimagined how we think about the future of planet earth by bringing together religion, science and the humanities into a coherent movement to repair our deteriorating environment. Scholars of History and Religion, Drs. Tucker and Grim organized the 10-conference Harvard Conference Series on World Religions and Ecology, the first major convening of religious and scientific scholars focusing on the ethical challenges of the planet’s growing environmental crisis.

From that initiative, they created the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology, with joint appointments at the Yale School of the Environment and Yale Divinity School. With the intellectual influence of their mentor Thomas Berry, they created *Journey of the Universe*, an award-winning documentary and multi-media educational project about the relationship of humanity to the environment.

Mary Evelyn Tucker’s remarkable academic journey started at Trinity where she earned

her B.A. in English and History in 1971, and membership in Phi Beta Kappa. She then taught English in Japan at Trinity’s sister college, Notre Dame Seishin University, where she developed a keen interest in East Asian religions, especially Confucianism. Subsequently, she earned her M.A. in the History of Religions at Fordham, and her Ph.D. at Columbia.

John Grim earned his B.A. in Theology and History at St. John’s University in Minnesota, and then entered the master’s program in the History of Religions at Fordham where he also earned his Ph.D. with a special interest in indigenous traditions, particularly Native American religions.

Mary Evelyn and John met at Fordham, and studied under the renowned cultural historian Thomas Berry. Soon they married, forming an amazing partnership across the last four decades.

In their work we find warning and challenge. They have written, “...we have a staggering ‘great work’ now before us...to renew the face of planet Earth...To renew our wetlands and restore our woodlands. To regenerate fisheries and restore mangroves. To reinhabit cities and countryside in a sustaining way...” Their work has galvanized others to advocacy and action for environmental justice, and they have encouraged and supported the development of Trinity’s Environmental Studies Program.

For their visionary intellectual leadership in reimagining the ethical and moral challenges of environmental sustainability, Trinity is pleased to bestow upon Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker and Dr. John Grim the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*.



The Nancy D'Alesandro Pelosi Chair in Global Affairs and Politics

On the occasion of Trinity's 125th Anniversary, Trinity is pleased to announce the establishment of the Nancy D'Alesandro Pelosi Chair in Global Affairs and Politics, honoring the first (and only) woman ever elected Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Nancy D'Alesandro Pelosi, Trinity Class of 1962. In her fourth term as Speaker, she is widely hailed as one of the most powerful and effective speakers in American history.



The Pelosi Chair recognizes Speaker Pelosi's leadership and legislative achievements across a range of endeavors including her advocacy for human rights and civil rights, racial justice, women's rights, alleviation of poverty, protection of children, enlargement of educational opportunities, environmental justice and affordable healthcare for all Americans.

Speaker Pelosi has responded fearlessly and forcefully to threats to Democracy both in the United States and around the world. The Pelosi Chair will inspire future generations of Trinity Women to follow in her footsteps, emulating Speaker Pelosi's example of zealous public service and courageous confrontation of social and political challenges for the sake of improving communities and achieving the goals of equity, peace and justice for all.

Trinity will appoint an exemplary scholar/practitioner to the Pelosi Chair, an intellectual and civic leader with a strong track record of achievement in public service, legislation, advocacy, diplomacy and other work focused

on the enactment of law and policy that advances civil and human rights and strengthens Democracy.

Nancy D'Alesandro enrolled at Trinity in 1958, the daughter of a well-known Baltimore leader, Congressman and Mayor Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr.. While at Trinity, she thrived to the election of President John F. Kennedy and pursued studies in politics and history. After graduation, she married

Paul Pelosi and moved to San Francisco where they raised five children (and now have the joy of nine grandchildren!). She was elected to Congress in 1987, where she was elected by her colleagues the first woman to serve as House Minority Whip in 2001 then Democratic Leader in 2002. She was then elected the first woman Speaker of the House in 2007, and made history again in January 2019 when she regained her position second-in-line to the presidency – the first person to do so in more than six decades. Speaker Pelosi aptly summarized her philosophy of leadership in her autobiography:

"What a wonderful and exhilarating time to be a woman in America... As long as we recognize the power within us, we will continue to have choices, and we will continue to lead. The source of that power can be the other people who guide us. It can come from the knowledge that courageous women throughout history paved the way for us. It can come from our roots and our families, which give us strength. And it must come from within ourselves --- from our faith, our accomplishments, and our values.

Know your power."



Trinity Prayer

May the Power of the Father
govern and protect us.

May the wisdom of the Son
teach and enlighten us.

May the love of the Holy Spirit
renew and quicken us.

May the blessing of the All Holy Trinity:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us now and forever.

Amen.

