

TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS BY THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE CONVOCATION CEREMONY AT NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1982

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TRANSCRIPTION DE L'ALLOCATION DU PREMIER MINISTRE LORS DE LA CÉRÉMONIE DE COLLATION DES GRADES À L'UNIVERSITÉ NOTRE-DAME, SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, LE DIMANCHE 16 MAI 1982

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Mr. Chairman, Reverend Father President, Your Eminence, Members of the Clergy, Fellow Graduates, Ladies and Gentlemen et mes chers amis, et tout particulièrement ceux et celles ici qui m'ont salué par mon nom, et les autres là-bas qui arboraient la feuille d'érable, I am grateful for the honour which you are bestowing upon Canada and upon me today. With the other members of the class of '82, I shall be proud to call this university, my university.

It should not surprise you Mr. President that a Canadian should take a proprietary interest in Notre Dame. For it was in the 17th century that we sent the Jesuit explorer, Father Marquette, down here with instructions to discover this place and get it started. If, after that, we left you to your own devices, it was not through indifference, but because of our confidence in what you could achieve without further help from Canada.