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EDUCATION FOR RESPONSIBILITY

An Address by the Honourable Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, to the Jubilee Convocation of Loyola University at Los Angeles on Being Awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws on October 22, 1964.

...May I begin by congratulating you on the dual jubilee which you will be celebrating in the course of the present academic year. It is a full century since St. Vincent's College, the precursor of your own, was first established in the then village of Los Angeles. And it is 50 years since the tradition established by St. Vincent's College was resumed under the auspices of the Jesuit Order, with all the single-minded devotion and labour for which the Order is so justly reputed. It is a proud and noble tradition that has been created here, in this great city of Los Angeles, and I am deeply honoured to have been made part of that tradition by being admitted to the academic community of Loyola University. You will understand me if I say that I regard the honour you have done me as having been conferred, in equal measure, upon my country as upon myself.

While this is an occasion of pride for your university -- of pride in the contribution which this university has been able to make to the building of a better and more responsible society in this city, in this country, and in the world beyond -- I know it is also an occasion of sorrow. Only a little over a fortnight ago, the Jesuit Order lost its revered leader, Father Janssens, who had presided over the affairs of the Order with wisdom and devotion for the past 18 years. It is naturally a source of gratification to us in Canada that Father Janssens should have designated a Canadian, Father Swain, to take charge of the Order until a new leader can be elected. I am sure we would all wish to express to Father Swain our confidence that divine guidance will attend him in the arduous responsibilities he has been called upon to assume.

Educational Explosion

You have asked me, on this occasion, to speak to you on the theme "Education for Responsibility", which is the theme you have chosen for your Jubilee. Any such theme, it seems to me, cannot leave out of account the tremendous explosion of education that has been one of the most significant features of the past several decades. In your own country, according to a study made some years ago by a Committee of Harvard University, enrollment in high schools multiplied some 90 times between 1870 and 1940 and enrollment in