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A Message from the President ☺ For several years the alumni/ae, students, friends, and faculty of the Foundation have enjoyed learning of Foundation activities through our newsletter, *Foundation Footnotes*. Though published semi-annually, the newsletter has always been comprehensive in its coverage of our many and varied activities. First, I am pleased to say that under the leadership of the new publications officer of the Foundation, we are moving to three issues per year with photos and coverage of all major activities of the Foundation. Furthermore, and with no little delight on my part, the publications office is also commencing with this issue a monthly news update on comings and goings at the Foundation in addition to the formal newsletter, *Foundation Footnotes*. I encourage all of you to keep us informed of your activities worthy of sharing with our ever-increasing community of ministry professionals. We hope you enjoy this inaugural issue of *Tower Notes*.

Rome and Oxford, Summer 2005 ☺ For over ten years, the Foundation has been actively involved in both the Oxford University Summer Programme in Theology and the Ecumenical Study Program at the Centro Pro Unione in Rome. This year, both institutions provide a provocative roster of study opportunities which Foundation students are invited to consider and attend. Four Units of Study or twelve graduate credit hours of study may be earned at Oxford University this summer, and three Units of Study or nine graduate credit hours of study may be earned in Rome towards any degree program offered by the Foundation. For literature and information on both of these programs, you are invited to visit the Foundation's web site at www.gtfeducation.org and click on "Rome and Oxford" for full details. As both programs fill up quickly, you are encouraged to act with due speed and deliberation. Call the Foundation if you need further information or advice about the programs.

New Faculty Members Join the Foundation ☺ Within the past few months, the Foundation has added two new faculty persons to our roster and we list them and their credentials here with great pride. The Rev. Dr. Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R. has joined our faculty as the Karl Rahner Professor of Catholic Theology and The Rev. Dr. Hugh Page has joined our faculty as the Benjamin Elijah Mayes Professor of Church and Society. Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R., holds the Th.D. from Harvard, the S.T.D. from the Angelicum/Rome, and the D.Min. from the Foundation. He serves as Professor of the History of Moral Theology and Christian Spirituality at the Accademia Alfonsiana (Pontifical Lateran University/Rome). The Alphonsian Academy is a Higher Institute of Moral Theology located in Rome, Italy, founded in 1949 by the Redemptorists. Hugh R. Page, Jr. is Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies in the College of Arts and Letters at the University of Notre Dame where he is also the Walter Associate Professor of Theology and Director of the African and African American Studies Program. He holds the M.Div. and S.T.M. degrees from General Theological Seminary in New York, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard University.

Additional Staff at the Foundation ☺ Three new fulltime positions at the Foundation have been added since spring and they include Registrar, Ms. Bethany Morgan, who manages all student records and oversees the establishment of Recognized and Endorsed Affiliations as well as P.R.I.M.E.S., and holds membership in the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers; Director of Marketing and Publications, Ms. Kyna Morgan, who oversees internet marketing and all publications of the GTF such as the Program Bulletin and the newsletter, *Foundation Footnotes*, and holds membership in the American Marketing Association; and Information Technology Manager, Mr. Russell Neitzke, who oversees the management of all communications technology, and holds membership in the Association for Communications Technology Professionals in Higher Education, and is currently a candidate for the Ed.D. in data-base models and systems reform.

Inauguration of New Degree Programs ☺ Both the Master of Mediation (M.Med.) and the Master of Fine Arts in Media Studies (M.F.A.) have been added to our list of degree programs administered by the Foundation. The M.Med. has been designed specifically to serve the needs of those professionals involved in various forms and levels of mediation in the course of their daily functions but who do not have sufficient training or background to pursue the Foundation's Doctor of Mediation, which has been cited and endorsed by both the Professional Mediation Association and the New York State Dispute Resolution Association. Furthermore, in an attempt to provide a wider range of educational opportunities to those working in the various fields of media such as film, radio, television, journalism, internet and multimedia, the Foundation has constructed a Master of Fine Arts with a three-pronged option for concentrations, namely, Journalism and Religious Issues, Visual Media and Social Values, and Applied Media Studies. To insure the quality of both of these programs, the Foundation has established Recognized and Endorsed relationships with a variety of leading

institutions including Worklife Institute (mediation) and The Poynter Institute (journalism). Both degree programs have been included in the new *2005-2006 Program Bulletin* of the Foundation.

United Nations Hosts Leadership Program ☞ In January, the Foundation began its new Master of Leadership in Social Artistry program under the oversight of Dr. Helena Sturnick, the Dag Hammarskjöld Professor of International Leadership at the Foundation. The program is taught by Dr. Jean Houston, the Margaret Mead Professor of Philosophical Anthropology at the Foundation. The first residency session of the M.L.S.A. program was hosted at the United Nations in New York, and the spring session will be held at the Foundation in South Bend, Indiana. A detailed description of the M.L.S.A. can be found in the new Program Bulletin.

New Affiliations and Association Memberships ☞ For many years now, the Foundation has been particularly conscientious in establishing formal relationships with various highly regarded educational and professional associations of relevance to those in the various fields of ministry. There is a roster of such memberships and affiliations listed in the current *2005-2006 Program Bulletin* of the Foundation. However, several have been added since the latest catalog was printed and they include the following: Association of Clinical Pastoral Education www.acpe.org, Canadian Association for Pastoral Practice and Education www.cappe.org, National Association of Jewish Chaplains www.najc.org, National Association of Pastoral Musicians www.npm.org, and the National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplains www.nibic.org.

New B.R.E. Program Endorsed by the Foundation ☞ For a number of years, alumni/ae and friends of the Foundation have clamored for a B.R.E. degree built upon the same fundamental principles of institutional networking which has characterized the Foundation's own degree programs for so many years. Finally, the Foundation has identified just such a program and we are most pleased to announce our institutional endorsement of the Bachelor of Religious Education offered by Cloverdale College which is housed in the Tower Building in South Bend, Indiana, the Foundation's home office building on the courthouse square. Cloverdale College offers an exclusively internet-based degree-completion program to Sunday School, CCD, and RCIA teachers who have five years of experience in religious education and who take ten additional courses from institutional providers including internet courses from the University of Notre Dame, the University of Dayton, and Boston College. Each course from ND and Dayton costs about \$60.00, and from BC about \$300.00. The degree is granted by Cloverdale College and the transcript reflects the title of each course and its institutional provider. The entire degree program takes about eighteen months to complete and recipients of the Cloverdale College B.R.E. qualify for entry into the M.R.E. or M.Th. program at the Foundation. For details, go to the Cloverdale College website at www.cloverdalecollege.org.

Launch of the Dissertations On Disc Library ☞ Beginning this spring, the Foundation is launching its Dissertations On Disc Library under the direction of the Director of Marketing and Publications. This library venture is intended to provide easy access by the scholarly community to all Ph.D. and Th.D. dissertations written by students of the Foundation. A roster of titles and authors will be posted on the website later this year in an effort to make these works widely known and available to interested persons as soon as possible. There is no charge to order a copy of any dissertation, but rather a \$10.00 shipping and handling fee. At a time when technology so easily fosters scholarly sharing, the Foundation feels committed to this undertaking in the interest of shared scholarship within the wider religious community.

Current Book Release from the President ☞ For over twenty years, the President has been directing the various educational activities of the Foundation in consultation with a distinguished panel of deans – academic, faculty, professional, convocation, students – and an outstanding array of faculty from all over the world and from the leading institutions of eight countries. From an institution that had thirty-five students at its inception to an institution that boasts over 500 graduate students today, the President has steered a course through a maze of programmatic configurations which have at every juncture pioneered the development of a new educational model for ministry professionals. Called the P.R.I.M.E. Factor (Partnering Resources in Ministry Education), the current design of networking leading educational institutions around the world with professionals in the cognate fields of ministry including education, mediation, counseling, music, health care, and community religious life, the PRIME FACTOR has become the clarion call for recognition and validation of an educational program built around the empowerment of experienced professionals in the custom designing of their own graduate programs. Twenty-three years have gone into the making of this "radical philosophy of collaborative education," which Dr. Morgan has published in book form entitled, *THE P.R.I.M.E. FACTOR: A Radical Philosophy of Collaborative Education.* Distributed liberally throughout the theological community in North America and the United Kingdom, a copy of the book may be obtained from the Foundation by any alumni, student, or faculty person for \$10.00, which covers postage and handling. Call or email the Foundation for your copy.