Unveiling and Dedication of the sculpture created in honor of the 75th anniversary of the College and 350th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

The statue is dedicated to the Sisters of St. Joseph and to the founders, as well as to all those who have served Fontbonne.

Each person will get from the sculpture what they bring to it. Her name is your name, or the name of the founders of Fontbonne, or the names of the French women who were the first Sisters of St. Joseph in 1650, or the names of the hundreds of men and women who have served Fontbonne College since 1923, or the names of the thousands of students who have attended Fontbonne.

Visit this presence on campus. Name it. Give it the name of your grade school teacher, your mother, your father, the person holding the book and offering it to you. Give it your name as you reach for excellence, historical remembrance, dialogue. Give it your name as you demonstrate care, strive to serve the larger community, and bring an ethical and responsible presence to the world.

Take its reaching out to higher things with you as you go.
Program
May 20, 2000
12:15 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies
Timothy J. Willard, Ph.D., vice president for advancement

Remarks and Welcome
Dennis C. Golden, Ed.D., president

Remarks from the Sisters of St. Joseph
Stephanie Stueber, CSJ, Ph.D.

Remarks from the Board of Trustees
William H. Walker, chair, board of trustees

Remarks from the Students
Betsy Keegan, student government president

Remarks from the Faculty
Cat Connor-Talasek, MFA, chair of the fine arts department

Remarks from the Artist and the Unveiling
Rudolph Torrini, professor emeritus of fine arts

Blessing of the Sculpture
Msgr. Salvatore E. Polizzi, pastor of St. Roch Church

About the Sculptor

A world renowned artist, Rudolph Torrini most recently created a statue of Pope John Paul II, which the Archdiocese of St. Louis commissioned in honor of the Pontiff’s visit to St. Louis in 1999. His other works include the five Sisters of the Most Precious Blood from Ruma, Ill., who were murdered in Liberia; the Italian Immigrants in front of St. Ambrose Church on the Hill; and works in the Jefferson Memorial and the Civil Courts Building, St. Louis.

Professor emeritus of fine arts, Torrini taught at Fontbonne from 1968-92. He is a graduate of Washington University. He studied on a Fulbright fellowship at the Accademia Di Bella Arti, Florence. Torrini received his master of fine arts degree at the University of Notre Dame. His honors and awards include Knighthood-Commendatore Al Merito Della Republica, conferred by the Republic of Italy in 1977.