

The Turnaround

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'The Time Has Come'

**Cardinal-Theologian
Avery Dulles Calls
for Renewal of
Catholic Higher
Education**

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His Eminence Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J.

2001 John Henry Newman Award Recipient

His Eminence Avery Cardinal Dulles, S.J. is a preeminent theologian, a wise scholar, a faithful convert, and a champion of Church unity and tradition.

Since 1988, Cardinal Dulles has served as the Laurence J. McGinley Professor of Religion and Society at **Fordham University** (NY). His teaching career began prior to his ordination to the priesthood in 1956, beginning with philosophy at Fordham University from 1951-53, systematic theology at Woodstock College (MD) from 1960-74, and systematic theology at the **Catholic University of America** (DC) from 1974-88. He has had several visiting appointments at Catholic universities and seminaries, and he has served as a trustee at Fordham, **Georgetown University** (DC),



Woodstock Theological Center (DC), and St. Mary's Seminary and University (MD).

A leading Catholic theologian, Cardinal Dulles has received numerous awards including the National Catholic Book Award, the Religious Education Forum Award, and the Cardinal Spellman

Award for achievement in theology. He has served as President of the Catholic Theological Society of America and President of the American Theological Society.

Cardinal Dulles has authored 21 books and more than 650 articles, essays, and reviews. His book on John Henry Newman's theology will be released soon.

In February, Cardinal Dulles followed in the footsteps of the Venerable John

Henry Newman by his elevation to cardinal without having served as bishop. Pope John Paul II sent a clear signal by selecting Cardinal Dulles as the first U.S. theologian to join the College of Cardinals. Cardinal Dulles has said the message is threefold: "to emphasize the centrality of theology in the life of the Church; to encourage the Society of Jesus to pursue its theological mission; and to acknowledge the growing contribution of the North American scholarship."

The Cardinal Newman Society has publicly supported the U.S. bishops' efforts to recall U.S. theologians to a closer relationship with the bishops and Church tradition. We appreciate Cardinal Dulles' own efforts to encourage Church unity and discourage public dissent. His careful and faithful scholarship is the model to be emulated in Catholic colleges and universities built on the foundation of theological understanding.

Mary Cunningham Agee

2001 Ex corde Ecclesiae Award Recipient

Mary Cunningham Agee is Founder and Executive Director of The Nurturing Network, an international charitable organization of 30,000 volunteers who have provided life-supporting, practical help to more than 14,000 women faced with the crisis of an unplanned pregnancy. College women nationwide have benefited from the Network's comprehensive support including professional counseling, medical services, residential assistance, and educational, employment, and financial resources. The Network helps students temporarily transfer to partner colleges and universities to continue their studies while carrying their babies to term.

A Phi Beta Kappa and Honors graduate of Wellesley College and Harvard Business School, Mary had a successful career including experience in the top management of two Fortune 500 companies. But 16 years ago, Mary left a six-figure salary and her corporate success to found The Nurturing Network. She also lends her expertise as Vice Chairman of the



Culture of Life Institute, Vice Chairman of the National Council for Adoption, a member of the Advisory Board of the Cardinal Newman Society, and a board member of the Catholic Campaign for America, the Susan B. Anthony List, and Women Affirming Life. It is no wonder that she has been twice voted by *World Almanac* as one of "The 25 Most Influential Women in America" and has been invited into the Sovereign Order of Malta and the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

This year, Mary and The Nurturing Network have helped launch the Campus "Culture of Life" Project with the Cardinal Newman Society and Priests for Life. Together these groups are working to ensure a "culture of life" on Catholic college and university campuses, with attention to pro-life educational efforts, compassionate services for pregnant students, campus speaker policies, health center services, residential life, and campus ministry. Mary's leadership in this project, The Nurturing Network's commitment of services and outreach efforts, and Mary's generous support of the Cardinal Newman Society through the Semper Charitable Family Foundation are invaluable to the renewal of Catholic higher education.

The Nurturing Network offers a common ground for both pro-life and pro-choice advocates on campus. As Mary has said, "Those who support 'choice' can hardly dispute the value of creating another choice; those who support 'life' can hardly reject an alternative made real."