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The *Credo* of Georgetown University

We believe in God.

We believe in the personal dignity of man.

We believe that man has natural rights which come from God and not from the State.

We are therefore opposed to all forms of dictatorship which are based on the philosophy that the "total man" (totalitarianism) belongs to the State.

We believe in the sanctity of the home — the basic unit of civilization.

We believe in the natural right of private property, but likewise that private property has its social obligations.

We believe that Labor has not only rights but obligations.

We believe that Capital has not only rights but obligations.

We are vigorously opposed to all forms of "racism" — persecution or intolerance because of race.

We believe that liberty is a sacred thing, but that law, which regulates liberty, is a sacred obligation.

We believe in inculcating all the essential liberties of American Democracy and take open and frank issue with all brands of spurious "democracy."

We believe in the intense study of the tenets and tactics of those who would seek to destroy these essential liberties of American Democracy.

We believe that "academic freedom" should not be used as a pretext to advocate systems which destroy all freedom.

We believe, briefly, in the teachings of Christ, who held that morality must regulate the personal, family, economic, political, and international life of men if civilization is to endure.
Founder of Georgetown College


Prefect Apostolic of Catholic Church in United States
First Bishop and Archbishop of Baltimore
Organization of the University

Georgetown University consists of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School, the School of Medicine, the School of Law, the School of Nursing, the School of Dentistry, the School of Foreign Service, the School of Languages and Linguistics, the School of Business Administration, and the Summer School.

Executive Officers of the University

The President, Gerard J. Campbell, S.J.
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Georgetown traces its beginning to March 25, 1634, when the Rev. Andrew White, S.J., and the Rev. John Altham Gravenor, S.J., arrived in Maryland with the pioneer colonists. Although the colony was founded by Lord Baltimore upon the principle of absolute religious toleration, anti-Catholic laws soon after its foundation prevented the successful development of a school. Successive attempts were made at St. Mary's City, Newtown, and Bohemia Manor, where Charles and John Carroll passed the first stages of their education.

After the American Revolution, the Most Rev. John Carroll, the first Catholic bishop in the United States, advocated an institution of learning and, in 1787, began to collect funds for an Academy at “George Town, on the Patowmack, Maryland.” The first building, later called Old South, was begun and then a parcel of land, 270' x 310', surrounding it was purchased in 1789, the year of the ratification of the Constitution of the United States. This parcel is now occupied by the Ryan, Mulledy, Maguire and Old North Buildings, and by portions of the Infirmary and Dahlgren Chapel. The Old South was demolished in 1904 to make way for the Ryan. The college property was never extended further east, south or west than it does now. The Archbold estate on the north side of Reservoir Road, opposite the Medical School, was formerly owned by the College but was sold in 1886 to help pay for the Healy Building. When the College opened its doors in 1791 upon the completion of the building, its first student, William Gaston, entered to begin the career that was to take him to Congress and ultimately to the office of Chief Justice of North Carolina.

In 1795 the student body had grown to such an extent that a new building called the North Building was erected on a tract of land which had been recently acquired to care for the growing student population. The College in those days was actually an academy which offered a classical education beginning with the rudiments of reading and
writing and continuing through the classics and philosophy. By the year 1815, the courses in higher studies were so well developed and attended that a bill, sponsored by Georgetown’s protoalumnus, William Gaston, was introduced into the 13th Congress to confer a federal charter upon the institution, giving it the right to confer such degrees as were usually conferred by American colleges and universities. The bill was passed and immediately signed by President Madison. In 1833, further prestige was given the College by the granting of a Papal Charter by Pope Gregory XVI enabling the University to grant, in the name of the Holy See, degrees in philosophy and theology for which ecclesiastical students previously had had to journey to the European continent. The formal incorporation of the institution was effected by Congress in 1844.

Advanced study and research leading to the degree of Master of Arts were offered at Georgetown shortly after the College was raised by Congress in 1815 to the rank of a University. The earliest record of this new experiment in the field of American education is contained in the prospectus for the year 1820, issued separately in French and English: “The Course of ordinary studies is completed in six years; at the completion of which, if the scholar has made sufficient proficiency, he may receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts. If he remain longer and study the higher branches of Mathematics and Philosophy, he may take the degree of Master of Arts, if success in his examinations entitle him to it.”

The Astronomical Observatory was begun in 1841 and the first director, the Rev. James Curley, S.J., began observations in 1846. Father Curley continued as director of the Observatory for a period of forty-five years. Originally intended for the instruction of students, the building was renovated in 1889, the instrumental equipment improved and enlarged, and the main purpose of the Observatory changed from student instruction to scientific research work. In recent years much renown has come to Georgetown through the work of the Observatory on its solar eclipse expeditions.

The College continued to restrict itself to the traditional liberal arts course until 1849 when certain members of the medical profession in Washington petitioned the College
authorities to undertake the foundation of a School of Medicine to fulfill a great need in this portion of the United States. The school accordingly was opened in 1851 in a building at 12th and F Streets, N.W., in downtown Washington from which it moved several times prior to 1886, finally settling in what was for those days an extremely modern building designed for the teaching of medicine at 920 H Street, N.W. Finally in 1929, a modern medical school building shared by the School of Dentistry was erected on Reservoir Road, on the north end of the campus.

In 1870, a proposal was made to the University authorities by Dr. James Toner, prominent scientist, that the University extend its professional structure by organizing a Department of Law, and the first degrees in law were awarded at the 1872 Commencement. The Law Center is downtown adjoining the courts.

In 1898 the University Hospital was opened on the southwest corner of 35th and N Streets, N.W. For the first time since the inception of the Medical School the students were able fully to avail themselves of the facilities of clinical instruction. In 1903, the Training School for Nurses was opened, with facilities in the same building. The hospital remained at this location until 1947, when the new 395-bed hospital was opened on Reservoir Road.

In 1901 the University accepted the offer of the Washington Dental College to become a department of Georgetown, thus raising the standards of dental education in the nation's capital. The Dental School was opened on H Street, and now occupies modern quarters on the Reservoir Road site.

The Seismological Observatory commenced operation in 1911. Its founder, and director until his death in 1929, was the Rev. Francis A. Tondorf, S.J. Besides recording and interpreting teleseisms, and preparing two monthly publications, the Observatory periodically undertakes special scientific investigations. Associated with the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, it is a member of the Jesuit Seismological Association, with an auxiliary station at Woodstock, Md.

At the close of World War I, with increased national awareness of American relations overseas and the probable
growth of our commercial relations, the University opened
the first American school devoted to foreign trade, com-
merce and diplomacy. The School of Foreign Service
shared the downtown Law School Building until 1933,
when it moved to the campus. It attracts hundreds of stu-
dents training for careers in the diplomatic service, as well
as in domestic and foreign trade.

The School of Languages and Linguistics was founded
in 1949 to meet a critical national need for competence in
languages and scientific linguistics. It has the unique atmos-
phere of a specialized international school in the setting
of an American college campus, and grants degrees in nine
languages and linguistics. Courses of study in 27 additional
languages are offered when there is a sufficient demand for
them.

The School of Business Administration, founded in 1956,
prepares students for positions of responsibility in business
and government through a balanced program of liberal arts
and professional courses with specializations in accounting,
finance, foreign business management, management and
public administration.

Buildings

Old South Building: The original College building, built in
1789 by Rev. John Ashton at the direction of Bishop
Carroll. Razed in 1904.

Old North Building: Built in 1793 by Rev. Robert Moly-
neux. General Washington, the Marquis de Lafayette and
Marshal Foch have spoken to the students at its south
entrance.

Gervase Hall: Constructed by the Rev. Thomas F. Mulledy,
S.J., the west section was completed in 1830 and the east
section in 1848. It is now part of the Jesuit faculty
residence.

Mulledy Building: Built in 1833 by Rev. Thomas F.
Mulledy, S.J., to house the students' dining hall, the chapel
and living quarters. The building was erected with money
loaned by the widow of Commodore Decatur representing
prize money awarded her husband by the Congress for the
capture of enemy ships. It became the Cloister for the
Jesuit community in 1904 and was renovated in 1947 after serious damage by fire.

Astronomical Observatory: Built by the Rev. James Curley, S.J., for the instruction of the students in the natural sciences. It was here that the determination of the true meridian of Washington was made in 1850, and the accuracy of the value has not been improved upon since that time. It was here also that Father John Hagen, later head of the Vatican Observatory, began the systematic study of variable stars which is now a world-wide program. The Observatory is now a department of the Graduate School and is well known for its work on solar eclipses.

Maguire Hall: Erected in 1854 by the Rev. Bernard A. Maguire, S.J., as residence hall and classroom building for younger students. As such, it remained until 1919 when Georgetown Preparatory School was moved to its present site at Garrett Park, Md., as a separate institution.

Healy Building: Constructed in 1879 by the Reverend Patrick F. Healy, S.J., in the Flemish Romanesque style. It houses the Offices of the President, Chancellor, Administrative Vice President, Academic Vice President, Vice President for Development and Public Relations, the Office of University Information, the Office of Public Affairs, Randall Reading Room, Riggs Library, Archives, Carroll Parlor and Gaston Hall.

The Law Center: The buildings of the Georgetown University Law Center are located on E Street, N.W., between 5th and 6th, near the courts of the District of Columbia. Construction on the first buildings started in 1891.

Dahlgren Chapel: Erected in 1892 through the generosity of John Vinton Dahlgren, '89, and his wife, Elizabeth Drexel Dahlgren. The address at the laying of the cornerstone was given by James Cardinal Gibbons. The windows in the nave are devoted to the patrons of youth and learning, while the windows in the north and south transepts commemorate respectively St. John and St. Elizabeth of Hungary, the patrons of the donors. In the north transept is a mosaic mural of the sainted Pope, Pius X. The tower bell was brought from Calvert Mansion at Riverdale, Maryland. The Dahlgrens are interred in the Crypt.

Ryan Hall: Erected in 1905 through the generosity of Ida M. Ryan, a residence hall for students.
**Ryan Administration Building:** Erected in 1906 by a gift of Ida M. Ryan to replace a wooden structure formerly on the site, it was until 1952 used as a gymnasium. The edifice now houses the following University offices: Vice President for Business and Finance; Treasurer’s Office; Business and Accounting Divisions; Central Records Office.

**New North Building:** Constructed in 1925 by the Rev. Charles W. Lyons, S.J. In addition to classroom and dormitory space, the building contains the Raymond Reiss Studio of Speech donated by Raymond Reiss, ’19 and McNer Hall, donated by George McNer, ’81.

**The East Campus:** Situated in the block bounded by 35th, 36th, N and Prospect Streets, N.W., the East Campus consists of the W. Coleman Nevis Building, the Edmund A. Walsh Building, Loyola, Ryder and Xavier Halls. The area includes the Graduate School, the Schools of Foreign Service and Business Administration, the Institute of Languages and Linguistics with its Multilingual Conference Room, and the Hall of Nations.

**The Medical and Dental School:** The building housing the Schools of Medicine and Dentistry at the Reservoir Road end of the campus was erected in 1929.

**Copley Hall:** Erected in 1930 by the Rev. W. Coleman Nevis, S.J., as a dormitory building for students of the College, and named for the Rev. Thomas Copley, S.J., one of the earliest missionaries and educators in the colony. In addition to dormitory space, it houses Copley Lounge, the studios of the campus broadcasting station WGTB, St. William’s Chapel, the crypt of the North American Martyrs, the office of the College newspaper, *The Hoya*, and the headquarters of the Air Force R.O.T.C.

**White-Gravenor Building:** Erected in 1932 by the Rev. W. Coleman Nevis, S.J., to house classrooms and the lecture rooms and laboratories of the Department of Chemistry. The building also contains the offices of the Dean and other administrators of the College, as well as the offices of the director of the Honors Program and University Registrar.

**O’Gara Infirmary:** A building to the rear of Mulledy, dedicated to the memory of the Reverend Martin O’Gara, S.J., professor of religion at the College from 1940 to 1943 who
as an Air Corps chaplain died in the service of his country in 1946. Renovated extensively in 1946 and 1953, it has housed the University Health Service since 1951.

**Georgetown University Hospital:** Erected in 1947 with a capacity of 400 beds, the hospital stands at 3800 Reservoir Road, N.W.

**Poulton Hall:** Located at 37th and P Streets, N.W., was built in 1948 and is used for classrooms and the electronic language laboratory. The latter is used jointly by College and Foreign Service students. The laboratory is the outgrowth of a system of communication used at the Nuremberg trials. On the P Street side of Poulton Hall is situated the Printing Department.

**McDonough Memorial Gymnasium:** Dedicated in December, 1951, it was in part the gift of the Georgetown Alumni Association. Herein are contained the basketball arena, coaches' offices, a squash court, six bowling alleys, facilities for boxing, wrestling and intramural athletics. It is a memorial to the Reverend Vincent S. McDonough, S.J., Prefect of Discipline and Moderator of Athletics at the Hilltop from 1916 to 1939.

**Alumni House:** Renovated in 1951 as a permanent headquarters for alumni visiting the campus. The House contains the offices of the Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association and his staff, the records of some 60,000 graduates and former students and the Association's mailing equipment. It also provides an attractive Club Lounge for visiting alumni.

**The School of Nursing:** St. Mary's Hall, housing the School of Nursing, is located at 3700 Reservoir Road, N.W. Completed in the fall of 1956, it includes administrative offices as well as educational, social and dormitory facilities.

**Gorman Diagnostic Building:** Located directly to the south of the hospital building, and joined to it by a passage, the diagnostic building was dedicated in March, 1959. It commemorates the Rev. Lawrence C. Gorman, S.J., Georgetown president from 1942 to 1949.

**Kober-Cogan Hall:** A dormitory housing 200 students in double rooms, it was dedicated in March, 1959. It stands in the Medical Center area, and honors the memory of Dr. George Kober and Dr. William N. Cogan, former deans, respectively, of the Medical and Dental Schools.
New South: Occupied for the first time in September 1959, New South arises to the west of the tennis courts. It houses 400 students in double rooms and has dining facilities to accommodate 1400 persons at one time. The office of the Vice President for Planning and Physical Plant also is in New South.

Placement Office: Located at 1326 36th Street, N.W., adjoining Alumni House.

Reiss Science Center: Dedicated on October 13, 1962 and named in honor of Raymond H. Reiss. It is located near the Gorman Research Building of the Medical Center and expands Georgetown's continuing program of research in the health sciences.

Harbin Hall: Completed in the Fall of 1964. It is west of New North. It is the first high-rise dormitory on Campus and has a lounge floor and eight living floors, housing 448 students.

Darnall Hall and Cafeteria: Completed in the Fall of 1964 and is adjacent to the School of Nursing. It houses 336 women in double rooms and provides a new central cafeteria in the Medical Center with 776 seats.

About the Grounds

University Archives: Located in the basement of Healy, they contain the records of Georgetown University from its beginnings in 1789 to the present time, as well as other interesting collections of documents, signatures, coins and medals. A small museum is attached. Visits by appointment.

The Cannon: Part of the armament of the Ark and the Dove which brought the first settlers to Maryland from England in 1634. As late as the 1920's, when anti-Papal feelings were running high among some groups of Americans, an unenlightened Senator reflected similar views and stated in the Halls of Congress that "Georgetown has its guns trained on the Capitol!"

The Carroll Monument: The seated figure of Archbishop Carroll, founder of Georgetown, was unveiled at the College, May 4, 1912, and presented to Georgetown by the
Chief Justice of the United States, Edward Douglass White, '92, in the name of the Alumni Association.

**Carroll Parlor:** Contains Van Dyck’s “Portrait of a Jesuit,” the “Calling of St. Matthew” by Luca Giordano, Gilbert Stuart’s portrait of Archbishop Carroll, and a dining table of the Queen Anne period, 1702-1714, from the Calvert Mansion in St. Mary’s City, Maryland. In addition, there is the famous “Annunciation,” after Fra Angelico.

**The Jesuit Cemetery:** This was originally located (1805) near the south end of the Healy Building and was changed to its present location behind Ryan Administration Building when Maguire Building was erected.

**Gaston Hall:** Main assembly hall of the University, constructed and decorated by the Alumni Association in recognition of the University’s Centennial in 1889.

**Our Lady of Fatima Statue:** The statue was a gift of the College Class of 1950. It is a Carrara marble statue, designed and executed in Italy. It stands on the campus directly opposite the main entrance of Copley Hall.

**Riggs Memorial Library:** Occupies, with the various reading rooms and offices, the south section of the Healy Building and the basement and first two floors of Maguire. The Riggs Library and its branches contain over 350,000 bound books and periodicals. It was the gift of E. Francis Riggs in 1889.

**St. Joseph’s Statue:** The statue of St. Joseph, east of Ger- vase Hall was cast in Munich and erected in its present site in 1873 in thanksgiving by the students of the College for the preservation from the great smallpox epidemic of that year. On February 9, 1874, the Senior Class of the College inaugurated the St. Joseph’s Lamp Association charged with keeping an oil lamp constantly burning before the statue to obtain St. Joseph’s blessing and protection.

**The Seismic Observatory:** Located in a vault under the Maguire Building, the instruments contained therein constantly record earth tremors all over the world. On September 3, 1923, the Georgetown record of the great Tokyo earthquake preceded Associated Press reports by more than 12 hours.

**Kehoe Field:** The main athletic field of the University, named in honor of the Rev. John Kehoe, S.J., Athletic Director at Georgetown from 1932 to 1943, is directly south of the Medical School building. It was improved in 1938.

**The College Well:** In the main courtyard north of Mulledy is the canopy of the old College well which is mentioned in Georgetown records as early as 1822.