THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE
MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE
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REMARKS OF PRESIDENT TOM FOLEY

“Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity to take things for granted.” So says writer and philosopher Aldous Huxley who, it is clear--based on that cynical sentiment—never once visited Mt Aloysius College.

As we prepare to celebrate this iconic holiday, let’s remember that sentiment and practice its exact opposite. Let us not take for granted the bonds of friendship, the beauty of air and space and the bounty of God’s presence in each one of us.

Let us not take for granted this very day

- The voices that sang the music here today—Vox Nova
- The hands that conducted the choir and the fingers that played the organ here today--Nancy Way
- The hearts that worked together last night to create this prayer service here today--Sister Nancy
- The minds over the last century that crafted the music we sang here today
- The souls whose sacrifices for 160 years draw us back to this chapel here today

And as we prepare to savor the first taste of the weeklong feast we call Thanksgiving, let us not take for granted

- The backs that bent down to plant, to grow, to reap and to bake the pies we are about to share
- The women and men who prepared the feast that await us all on this Thursday and the hundreds of Thanksgivings since its inception.

They say that gratitude can be one of least articulate of emotions—I’m not sure why that is—because gratitude is truly the memory of the heart.

But let us resolve to be articulate about our gratitude this season, understanding that we are most alive when we are fully expressed in community. So thank you and thank you and thank you, again.