

MONICA WHITE: The invocation will be delivered by Nathan Kropp, Director of the Fredonia Newman Center.

NATHAN KROPP:

With gratitude for the appointment of our new president,
and with confident hope for the future,
let us raise our hearts and minds
to the Gracious Mystery at the heart of existence,
to the One who is Goodness itself.

[BRIEF PAUSE]

For President Horvath *... let us be thankful.*

For all that she has already done in her years here at Fredonia,
and for the good that is to come ... *... let us be thankful.*

For flashmobs, for a sense of humor,
for leaders whose office is the whole campus ... *... let us be thankful.*

For President Horvath and all at this university
for whom students are the center of all they do ... *... let us be thankful.*

For everyone who contributes to the success of SUNY-Fredonia:
for the people who maintain its cleanliness and beauty,
and for all the staff who enrich the school and make it tick *let us be thankful.*

For the faculty, who carry out the primary mission of the academy ...
... let us be thankful.

For the students, the next generation of our society,
and for the hope they bear for a just and peaceful world ...

... let us be thankful.

For the private donors who support our mission financially,
and for all who support public higher education ...

let us be thankful.

For political liberty and academic freedom,
which enable an unhindered pursuit of truth ...

... let us be thankful.

For the chance to gather today
to celebrate a new presidency ...

... let us be thankful.

For all these blessings,

... let us be ever grateful.

May the Spirit of gratitude and hope
be with us during today's ceremony,
and throughout all our days.