



Committee for the Sesquicentennial 1818/1968

KNOWLEDGE AND THE
FUTURE OF MAN

September 15, 1967

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Dear Father Lonergan:

On behalf of Saint Louis University, may I invite you to make one of the major addresses at a conference "Theology in the City of Man," to be held at the University October 15-17, 1968, in observance of the University's 150th anniversary celebration.

One of the purposes of this conference is to bring together in an academic setting scholars and specialists in theology in its very broadest and deepest senses. It will ask them to sum up the fruits of cooperative research in theology over the past decades, and it hopes that they will push further out the horizons that the future decades hold. The conference hopes also to bring theological insight to bear upon several of the more pressing problems and several of the more hopeful opportunities offered by secular academic disciplines.

In light of these purposes the conference will be organized around two major areas: the lines of future development in theology itself, and the relationships of several important academic disciplines to the theological enterprise.

The major address we should like you to make is on the topic "Theology and Man's Future." This address might seek to point out some of the contributions to the future which theology can provide. It might also discuss the fact that theology must reach out to the enrichments that other and more secular disciplines can give to it and that, in turn, it must make itself relevant to the questions these disciplines ask and to the problems they present.

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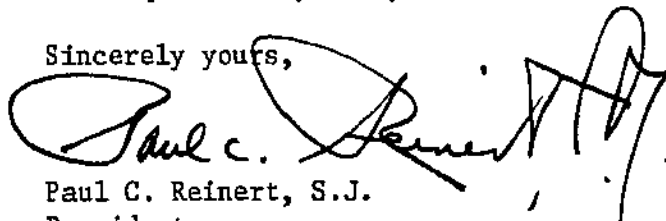
Saint Louis University, the first University west of the Mississippi River, will celebrate its anniversary during the academic year 1968-1969. During the Sesquicentennial year the University will hold several academic conferences and bring to the City of St. Louis prominent leaders and scholars in various fields to discuss and explore the theme chosen for the Sesquicentennial year: Knowledge and the Future of Man. In addition to the conferences, several cultural and artistic presentations will be held. Among the publications will be a book published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc., entitled Knowledge and the Future of Man which will bring together the thoughts of several outstanding world figures.

We shall, of course, be pleased to offer you an honorarium, travel expenses and accommodations for the time you spend with us.

For your information, I am enclosing certain material which explains the theme of our Sesquicentennial observances.

As you well understand, I am sure, a reply at your earliest convenience will help us very greatly in furthering these Sesquicentennial plans. We shall be happy to send further information on the conference, "Theology in the City of Man," and to answer whatever questions you may have.

Sincerely yours,



Paul C. Reinert, S.J.
President
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