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ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOLAR

ADDRESSES LUTHERAN CONVOCATION

A renowned Roman Catholic scholar, speaking this week at the spring convocation of a Lutheran university, called for a new look at man's religious life in the scientific age.

Very Rev. Henri Legare, director of studies for the Oblate province of Manitoba-Saskatchewan, speaking to the Waterloo Lutheran University's spring convocation, said:

"The most fundamental error is that of considering the religious instinct of the human soul as a product of feeling or fantasy, which should be rooted out as an anachronism and an obstacle to human progress."

It is the religious feeling, he told graduates gathered in the large Kitchener Memorial Auditorium, that man reveals himself for what he really is: a being created by God and destined for Him.

"Whatever the technical and economic progress, there will be neither justice nor peace in this world until men return to a sense of their dignity as creatures and sons of God.

"No folly is more characteristic of the modern era than absurd attempts to reconstruct a solid and prosperous temporal order while withdrawing from God, the only foundation on which it can endure," he said.

Nearly 300 degrees were awarded with Hon. W. Ross Macdonald, chancellor of the university, and Dr. Villaume, as vice-chancellor, hooding the candidates. Most of the degrees were in the bachelor of arts program of Waterloo University College, the arts and science faculty. Others were conferred by Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, the theological faculty. Also conferred was the university's first master of arts degree, in Romance Languages. It was won by a West German student, Helga-Maxi Weyrauch, who was awarded an Ontario Graduate Fellowship for study at the university.