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IT IS A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO BE HERE TONIGHT TO RECEIVE THE POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD OF THE INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES. IT IS WITH GREAT TREPIDATION THAT I ACCEPT AN AWARD BEARING THE NAME OF HIS HOLINESS—WHOSE CARE OF THE CHURCH AND LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD FOREVER CHANGED THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY IN SO MANY POSITIVE RESPECTS. FOR ALL THAT MY WIFE SALLY, MY CHILDREN, MY PARENTS, THE CHURCH AND MY SHEPHERD BISHOP LOVERDE, AND THE FRIENDS WHO ARE SO VERY KIND TO BE HERE TONIGHT HAVE DONE TO SUSTAIN ME SPIRITUALLY, I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL.

I CAN ONLY SAY THAT I WILL TRY TO USE THIS AWARD AS A CONSTANT REMINDER THAT I MUST STRIVE EVER HARDER EACH DAY TO ACHIEVE THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE THAT POPE JOHN PAUL EMULATED UNCEASINGLY UNTIL HIS PASSING.

THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS EXTRAORDINARY. IT IS CAPABLE OF LEADERSHIP, COURAGE, CHARITY, REASON AND CONTEMPLATION, SELF-DEFENSE,

HUMILITY AND SELF-MORTIFICATION, INVENTION, DISCOVERY, AND SO MUCH MORE. THERE IS, IN SHORT, NOTHING THAT MAN COULD MAKE FROM THE SWEAT OF HIS BROW THAT IS MORE POWERFUL AND VERSATILE. TRULY, WE ARE CHILDREN OF A SUPREME BEING, ONE WHO HAS BESTOWED A VERY SPECIAL GIFT.

AS THE RECIPIENTS OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY GIFT OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT, WE HAVE A DUTY TO ENSURE THAT IT IS WELL-MAINTAINED. AND THAT IS, IN ESSENCE, THE MISSION OF THE INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES—TO HELP OUR CULTURE ON ITS JOURNEY TO NURTURE AND CARE FOR THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

THE DISTINCT TASK THAT THE INSTITUTE HAS ASSUMED IS TO PROMOTE WITHIN THE FIELD OF PSYCHOLOGY A COMPLETE VIEW OF THE HUMAN PERSON—ONE THAT TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE ESSENTIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAN’S SPIRITUAL LIFE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH. IPS HAS TAKEN TO HEART THE CALL OF POPE JOHN PAUL II, WHO URGED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO RECOGNIZE THAT “ALL DIMENSIONS OF THE PERSON—PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, SPIRITUAL, AND MORAL—SHOULD BE PROMOTED IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER. THE INSTITUTE’S EFFORTS TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD OF PSYCHOLOGY ADVANCE POPE JOHN PAUL’S EXHORTATION IN VERITATAS SPLENDOR THAT GENUINE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PERSON MUST MEAN “LOVE FOR

THE PERSON, FOR HIS TRUE GOOD, FOR HIS AUTHENTIC FREEDOM.” THIS MISSION IS A FAR CRY FROM THE THERAPEUTIC CULTURE OF TODAY, WHICH ALL TOO OFTEN IMPRISONS THE HUMAN SPIRIT WITH A SENSE OF VICTIMHOOD AND SEDUCTIVELY TEMPTS MAN TO HARBOR RESENTMENT AND ASSIGN BLAME TO OTHERS FOR ALL OUR TROUBLES.

IT IS SO HEARTENING TO SEE THAT THE INSTITUTE HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS THE LEADING VOICE IN THE SECULARIZED WORLD OF PSYCHOLOGY FOR THE IDEA THAT MAN’S SPIRITUAL SIDE MUST BE RESPECTED, CONSIDERED, AND NURTURED—NOT DISMISSED OR IGNORED. FAITH AND REASON MUST WORK TOGETHER IN THIS BRANCH OF SCIENCE, AS IT SHOULD IN OTHERS. AND SO, TONIGHT, WE CELEBRATE THE HARD WORK AND LEADERSHIP OF THOSE AT IPS—THE FACULTY, STAFF, AND DEGREE CANDIDATES WHO ARE A GROWING INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE DISCIPLINE OF PSYCHOLOGY AND WHO ARE EFFECTING MEANINGFUL CHANGE. THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING TO ENHANCE OUR CULTURE’S PRESERVATION OF ALL THAT IS GOOD WITHIN THE HUMAN SPIRIT.