We praise and bless you, most loving Trinity, as we confess your goodness and mercy on the occasion of this significant anniversary of Villanova University.

We look back with gratitude to our Catholic, Augustinian roots, which we wish to celebrate under the ongoing patronage of St. Thomas of Villanova, admired still as the “father of the poor” for his boundless charity and untiring efforts to build a more just society on Gospel principles.

We celebrate this moment you have given us, and we invoke the Spirit of your love to accompany us and to reignite in our hearts the fire of *Veritas, Unitas and Caritas*.

As we look to the future in hope, with your divine assistance we rededicate ourselves to be a special place where respect for all is powerfully affirmed, where unique, long-lasting friendships evolve, where love of learning and pursuit of truth are shared tasks for the mission of fostering the common good.

We ask all this of you, God our loving Creator, united in the life-giving Spirit, through our friend and redeemer, Christ our Lord. Amen.