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A SALUTE TO THE MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW

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This year marks the Golden Jubilee of the *Marquette Law Review*, and I am very pleased to join in the observance of this special anniversary. I am a great believer in commemorative celebrations, whether they mark the birth of a person, the solemnization of a marriage, or the establishment of an institution. Such occasions provide us with the opportunity to indulge in satisfaction and take justifiable pride in our accomplishments. But—even more important—they afford us a suitable opportunity to project our thoughts ahead and to chart our course for the future.

During the half-century that the *Review* has been in existence, the dominant theme of our times has been the development of human rights and the emergence of the rights of individual nations. At the same time it has become ever more apparent that correlative duties, on domestic and worldwide levels, attend the assertion and realization of these rights. We have come to realize that unilateral assertion of rights outside the law is self-defeating and intolerable. As Pope John XXIII said in his encyclical *Pacem in Terris*—a document, incidentally, which has already taken its place among the historic charters of the ages—“those . . . who claim their own rights, yet altogether forget or neglect to carry out their respective duties, are people who build with one hand and destroy with the other.” Only by responsible adherence to the Rule of Law at all levels of our dealings with each other can we hope to achieve the true goal of the law—peace.

We are all too mindful that this quest has not been achieved. Our law schools are the focal point in ascertaining the reasons for the failure.

In the performance of this vital mission, law reviews like yours can, and do, perform an essential function, not merely within the confines of the law schools but in our courts as well. For the law review has now long since achieved a unique position in our jurisprudence. It has served not only to limit the law as it is (or is thought to be) but to probe, prod, plumb, query, criticize, provoke, and explore—in an on-

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going effort to make the law an ever more effective tool for regulating conduct and resolving differences.

Twenty-five years ago Chief Justice Hughes noted that reliance on law reviews, which he characterized as the "fourth estate of the law," had "become an accepted part of the judicial process in this country." In the period which has followed that observation, their influence has become even more pronounced.

The *Marquette Law Review* has come a long way since taking what was characterized in the Foreward to Volume 1, Number 1, as the "long forward step" of its initial publication. It has played an increasingly important role as part of the great tradition set by our journals of legal comment. As you stand on the threshold of the next fifty-year period, we can look forward to your continued impressive participation in that tradition. Congratulations to you for your past accomplishments and my best wishes for the future.