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Introduction of Investiture Speaker

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Good afternoon, Eckerd College! I am honored today to introduce Dr. Julia Upton, Provost Emerita and Distinguished Professor of Theology at St. John's University in New York where she taught for forty years. Dr. Upton is a member of the Institutes of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas and holds a Ph.D. in Theology from Fordham University. She is the author of, Worship in Spirit and Truth: The Life and Legacy of H. A. Reinhold, published by Liturgical Press in 2009. In 2019, she completed a Master's Degree in Public Health and now devotes her time to writing and consulting.

Like all of us gathered here today, Dr. Upton is here to celebrate President Annarelli. But she does so with a breadth of perspective that few of us have. She has known Eckerd's president since he was an undergraduate at St. John's; later she was his faculty colleague when he

returned to St. John’s as a professor. She remains a close family friend and is also Katie Annarelli’s godmother.

This afternoon Dr. Upton will offer a brief Investiture Reflection.

Now, please join me in offering Dr. Upton a warm Eckerd College welcome!