

The Inauguration Ceremony of Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. Quick Facts

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Attendance (approximate numbers):

Total for all events: 5,025

Inauguration Ceremony: 2,000
Inauguration Mass: 1,000
Inauguration Concert: 700
Inauguration Run/Walk: 150
Inauguration Student Ball: 1,100
Community Welcome: 275

Number of Colleges and Universities Represented: 102

Number of School Presidents in Attendance: 24

Former University of Scranton Presidents in Attendance: 2

Most Distant University Represented: Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome

World Premiere at Inauguration: Lawrence Wolfe's original composition "All in Every Part," based on text from "Of the Blessed Sacrament of the Aulter" by Jesuit martyr St. Robert Southwell, S.J. Southwell's poem has not been performed since the 16th century.

Keynote Speaker/Honorary Degree Recipient: Author Suzanne Strempek Shea

Inauguration 5K Run/Walk:

First Place (Men's Division) T.J. Hromisin, Pittston
First Place (Women's Division) Maribeth Smith, Moscow
First Place (President's Division): Fr. Pilarz (66 overall)

Quotable: "This university, this miracle in the mountains, began as an engine of opportunity, a gateway to the American dream. Like the city of Scranton and the region of northeastern Pennsylvania, The University of Scranton has always welcomed those who were looking to find their place in the world, to find their place as citizens, to find their place as full participants in our society."

Inauguration Address, Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., University of Scranton President