

# “On Eagles’ Wings” Sculpture Unveiled on Campus

Thanks to the intercession of Brendan O’Neill, Sr. ’60, Gonzaga was the recipient of a 7-foot bronze sculpture of a bald eagle lifting off in flight. The sculpture is the work of renowned sculptor Walter Matia, whose monumental pieces have been purchased by Merrill Lynch, American University, and the NFL’s Houston Texans, among others. The sculpture is a gift from an anonymous benefactor who requested that it be entitled “On Eagles’ Wings.”

The sculpture, which sits at the entrance of the Carmody Center, was unveiled to the Gonzaga school community in a ceremony on March 31. After a brief presentation inside the Carmody Center, including remarks by Mr. O’Neill and a prayer of dedication by Gonzaga President Joseph Lingan, S.J. ’75, the students, faculty, staff, and guests moved outside for the statue’s unveiling, which was met with loud applause, followed by the singing of the *Alma Mater*.

Gonzaga is truly fortunate to have received this exceptional piece of art and the school community is grateful for the generosity of the benefactor who made it possible. ■



Mr. Brendan O’Neill ’60 addresses the students, faculty, staff, and guests during the statue dedication ceremony. Seated behind him are Fr. Joseph Lingan, S.J. ’75 and Mr. Walter Matia (right).



The statue is unveiled in front of the Carmody Center.