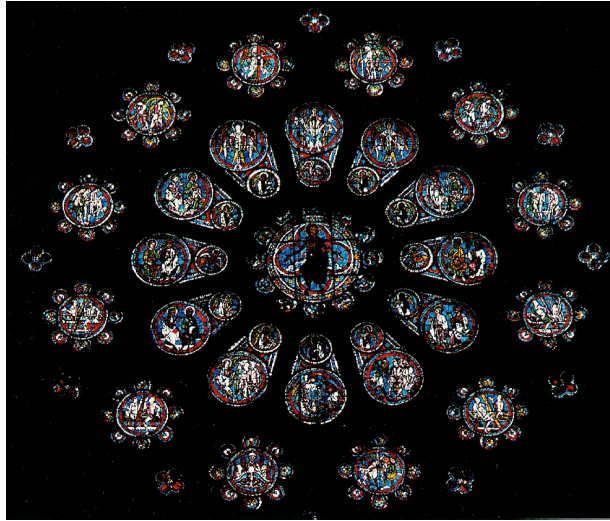


BLESSING OVER MEETING AND MEAL



West Point Society Luncheon

Gracious Lord and Father, thank you for this day and the chance to enjoy you through it.

Thank you for the birds, the sun, the air, the animals and all the delights of your creation.

Thank you for this company and its ideals, its camaraderie and its excellences.

Thank you for the Long Gray Line, for our United States Military Academy and for the trustworthy leadership of our nation's affairs that these institutions guarantee us.

Thank you for this nourishment of body, mind and spirit, we are about to enjoy.

Call to remembrance our schoolmates and their charges who are in harm's way. Show them, as you always do, the way to victory over these enemies that threaten life and civilization.

Call to remembrance our senior national leaders, give them insight and courage and determination to protect our nation and inspire our fellow citizens.

Call to remembrance all who have proceeded us in the struggle to protect and to promulgate democratic principles.

Grant, we ask, fulfillment of our deepest desire, to experience the transcendent unity of unambiguous life.

In gratitude for your blessing upon us we pray, Amen.