A beautiful spring day provided the perfect backdrop as Molloy’s new residence hall was officially named Fitzgerald Hall in honor of Sister Janet Fitzgerald, Molloy’s fourth president. Sister Dorothy Fitzgibbons served as emcee for the special event, as alumni, students, faculty, friends, staff and administration all turned out to pay tribute to a key person in Molloy’s growth over the years.

“Today we recognize the visionary leader of the College,” said Drew Bogner, Ph.D., Molloy’s President. “Molloy is what it is today because of this remarkable individual who guided us through so many transformations during her 24 years as President of the College. This beautiful building is a testament to Sister Janet’s clarity of purpose and gift of service.”

Sister Janet Fitzgerald was Molloy’s fourth president and held that title from 1972-1996. Her career spanned more than four decades at Molloy, where she was also a faculty member. The College saw many changes during her tenure as president, including a new name (from Molloy Catholic College for Women to Molloy College), the addition of three new buildings to the campus, the creation or expansion of three new academic programs, and the launch of the College’s first master’s degree program.

“I have been privileged to know Sister Janet for 30 years,” said Teresa Loheide, ’80. “She broke so many glass ceilings and hers is a legacy that will last forever.”

“Sister Janet is the perfect choice to be recognized at the dedication of Molloy’s first residence hall,” said Sister Mary Hughes, O.P. “This special day is also a
I guess like every other space in Nassau, This was once a farm, where dedication To a crop, a life, a future, oversaw The seasons—Nature’s generation, Carried by the hurricanes and the raw Atlantic salt, they grasped, and now in visitation Those farmers stir again this soil for yet more Growth. Hands calloused by their occupation Join ours in hopes for yet a greater store.

This farm is now a field of friends residing: This is our Janet’s legacy, for so She kept an eye on Dominic’s wise guiding, With Catherine, took the rake up and the hoe, Helped build a place for promise and providing. And we shall see a vibrant new crop grow.

- Fr. Thomas Catania, Ph.D., Faculty President