



LIVERPOOL HOPE  
UNIVERSITY

175 YEARS OF ACADEMIC  
EXCELLENCE

1979 – 1994

## AN ECUMENICAL INSTITUTION THROUGH FEDERATION



In 1979, S. Katherine's College, Notre Dame College and Christ's College amalgamated into the Liverpool Institute of Higher Education (LIHE). Based in the campuses of S. Katherine's College and Christ's College in Childwall, the move was strongly supported by Archbishop Derek Worlock and Bishop David Sheppard. As well as taking a personal interest in the college, the pair jointly undertook the role of Chair of Council – reinforcing the college's new ecumenical focus.

Dr James Burke was appointed Rector of LIHE in 1980 and worked closely with the principals of the three colleges to ensure that the values of the founding colleges lived on within the new institution. In 1995, shortly before retiring after a significant and illustrious tenure, Dr Burke approved the building of The Sheppard Worlock Library. This replaced the existing college libraries, and was both a practical and symbolic factor in drawing together all elements of the academic community.