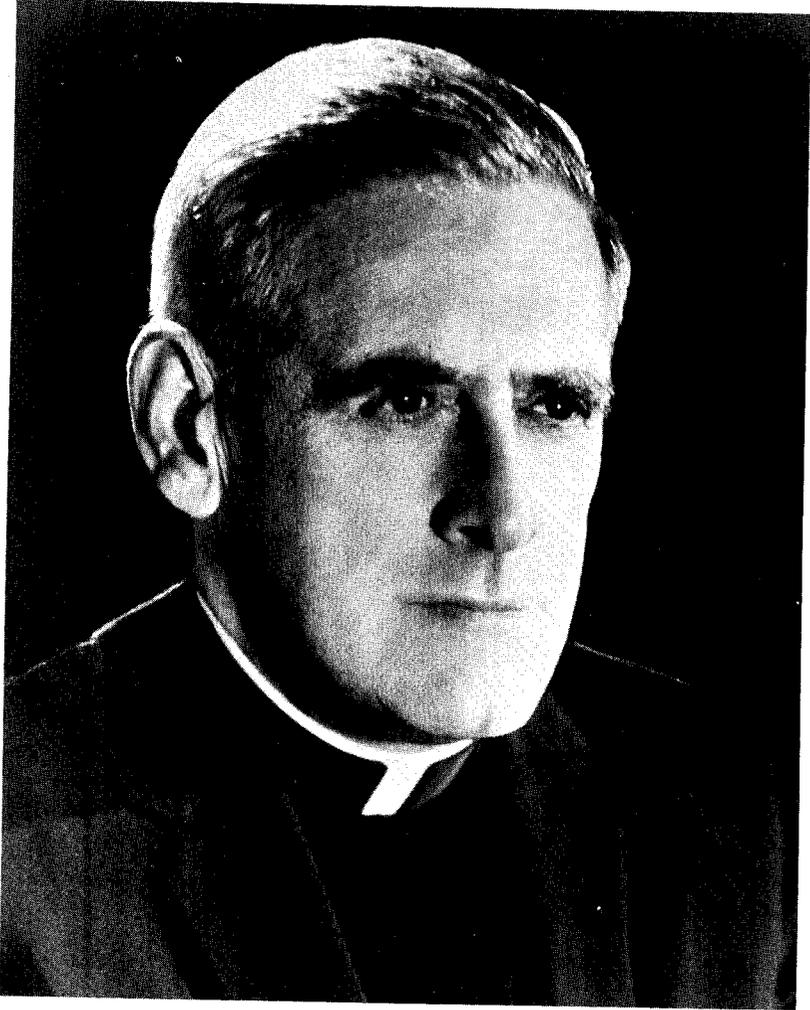


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He was there when we needed him. President of our University from 1970 to 1976, he was counselor to those who asked; he officiated at many weddings of our personnel, baptized our children, urged us on in our careers and came to each of us in adversity.

During his tenure, our administrators and faculty grew in number as rapidly as did our employment benefits. At the faculty Christmas luncheon, his prayer was always for us and for our families. He reminded us of the essential idea of a university and dispelled our inclination to isolate ourselves from the other branches of academia. He kept on our agenda the disadvantaged of our society and despite the risks, insisted on loyalty to the University's traditional role in opening up higher education to the poor, the immigrant and to the minorities.

He was the complete priest, a concept we had nearly forgotten.

A social activist, he plunged into the tensions of the Stella Wright Housing Project in Newark, New Jersey. He mediated the grievances of the grape pickers in California, vigorously supported the independence of Israel, spoke out for the besieged Christians in Lebanon, and agonized over those who killed one another in the name of religion in Northern Ireland.

For the University his goal was the erection of a suitable building for each of the several schools. These are now existing monuments to his memory. Our Law Center, located in the troubled inner City of Newark, was his final construction and it is his epitaph.

We should not make more of him in death than in life, but there is a danger we may make less. This page therefore attests to his influence on our lives and careers and to his contributions to the university and to the university family: Monsignor Thomas G. Fahy.

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