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UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR GOES TO HIS REWARD

Eminent Churchman Mourned By Three Dioceses

HALIFAX, Nov. 18. (By J. Gerard McDonald, Staff Writer for the St. John Freeman.)—Eminent scholar, builder and one of the most outstanding Prelates of the Catholic Church in Canada, Most Rev. John T. McNally, Archbishop of Halifax, died today in the Halifax Infirmary. He was 81 years of age. Widely known as the first Bishop of Calgary, pioneer in the missionary fields in that western city and as Bishop of Hamilton, Ont., Archbishop McNally succeeded to the throne of the Archdiocese of Halifax left vacant by the death of Archbishop Thomas O'Donnell, on January 13, 1936.

Archbishop McNally was born on June 24, 1871, at Hope River, P.E.I. Following his primary and university education in 1892, he won the degree of bachelor of arts and licentiate in philosophy at the University of Ottawa. Deciding to enter the priesthood, he was sent in October of that year by the late Archbishop Duhamel to the Canadian College, Rome, to study as a subject of the diocese of Ottawa.

Ordained in Rome

There he secured the degree of doctor of philosophy and in 1897 that of doctor of theology. He was ordained to the priesthood by the late Cardinal Casati in April 1896. His Grace, this year had been 56 years a priest.

Upon his return to Canada he served as curate in St. Patrick's Parish, Ottawa. Ill health however, compelled him to seek a milder climate and so in Feb. 1900 he went to Portland, Oregon, where as secretary to Archbishop Christie and pastor of the cathedral he remained until 1903.

In that year the young priest again went to Rome for study. In December 1905, he returned to Ottawa and was appointed to the parish of Old Chelsea, P.Q. While there, in Sept. 1909 he was named notary to the first Plenary Council held by the church in Canada at Quebec. In May 1911, he was transferred to St. Mary's Parish, Almonte, P.Q., where he labored until Apr. 4, 1913, when he was named Bishop of the newly created diocese of Calgary.



Consecrated in Rome

He received episcopal consecration in the chapel of the Canadian College at Rome at the hands of the late Cardinal Falconio and on June 27 of that year took possession of his See.

Archbishop McNally enjoyed a widespread reputation throughout the West as a missionary. He was the pioneer English-speaking Bishop of the Prairie Provinces, where his work for years was of a missionary nature and where he established more than 40 parishes for English-speaking Catholics. He was an accomplished linguist, and spoke French, Italian and German as fluently as he did English. The archbishop was an authority on canon law.

To Hamilton

In 1924, the young Prelate was appointed to the See of Hamilton. On many occasions he had corrected misconceptions regarding the attitude of the Church and had pre-

sented her doctrine on birth control and the right of children to a religious education before service clubs and other organizations.

Archbishop McNally will be remembered for the many material monuments built during his stay in the city of Hamilton. He was the builder of the Basilica of Christ the King in that city which is regarded as one of the most beautiful edifices in that part of that country.

Always a defender of religious teaching in the school and patron of learning, Archbishop McNally, while at Hamilton built the Cathedral High School for boys, Notre Dame Convent, Waterdown for girls, the Canadian Martyrs combined church-school, St. John's church school and St. Augustine's school for young boys.

Third From Island

Archbishop McNally was the third native of Prince Edward Island to be raised to the dignity of archbishop. His Eminence James C.

Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto, is a native of Hunter River, and was nominated in 1935. The late Most Rev. James Morrison, who served for many years as Bishop of Antigonish had the personal title of archbishop.

To Halifax

The late prelate was enthroned at Halifax on June 24, 1937 on his 66th birthday. In recognition of his fruitful work, Archbishop McNally was named an assistant at the Pontifical Throne by the late Pope Pius XI. Under his wide administration, many new parishes were erected in the Halifax archdiocese as well as the recently opened University of St. Mary's College, under the direction of the Jesuits. In June 1938, he marked the silver jubilee of his consecration, and the occasion was marked with a Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving in the presence of 17 Archbishops and Bishops from various dioceses in Canada.

Final Tribute

HALIFAX, November 26 — The city turned out in force on Tuesday to see final tribute paid to one of its most outstanding leaders of the past years. The last remains of Most Rev. John T. McNally, Archbishop of Halifax and Chancellor of this University, were laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery. Officiating at the Pontifical Requiem at St. Mary's Basilica on Tuesday morning were the Most Rev. P. J. Skinner, C.J.M., D.D., Archbishop of St. John's, Newfoundland and eight other Canadian Bishops as well as the representatives of eight more episcopal sees. Scores of Monsignori and priests, diocesan and regular were in attendance as Most Rev. Alfred E. Leverman, Titular Bishop of Baris, delivered the sermon.

The Basilica Choir under the direction of Rev. Joseph Mills of the Basilica staff sang a Gregorian Requiem and representatives of state were present along with members of Church and lay organizations, school children, college students, a detachment of each branch of the service and a squad of policemen. The streets lining the procession were flanked with the Catholic school children. The Knights of Columbus served as a guard of honor.

Great Friends

"They are taken away for some purpose surely; their gifts are not lost to us; their soaring minds, the fire of their contemplation, the sanctity of their desires, the vigor of their faith, the sweetness and gentleness of their affections were not given without an object."

(Cardinal Newman in sermon regarding the loss of friends or of especially gifted men who seem in their day the earthly support of the church.)



VERY REV.
FREDERICK J. LYNCH, S.J.
President of Saint Mary's University

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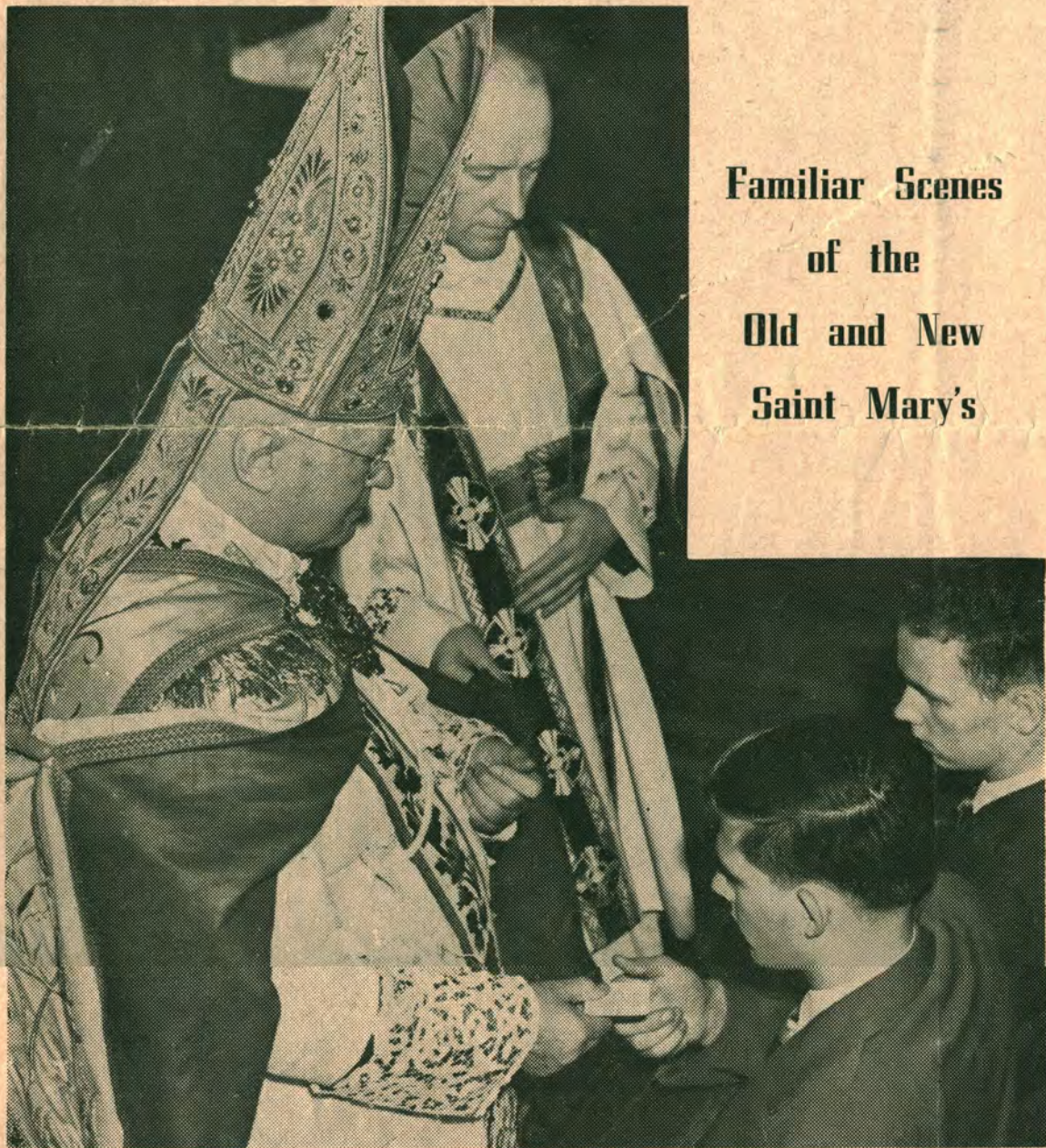
Saint Mary's University mourns not only its [Name] McNally is the whole soul of the present Saint Mary's. being. His spirit gives form and life to every material moulds the pattern of its task in the lives of the Faculty

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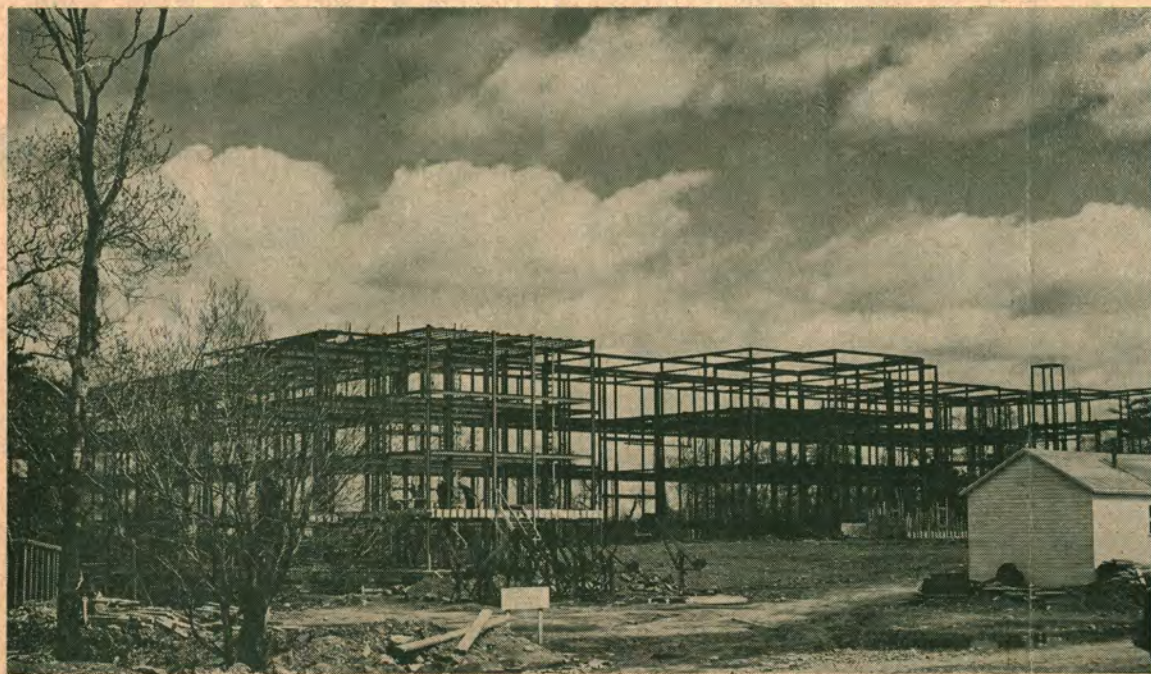
He had planned to spend his last years within its w his windows the campus and the playing fields, "because see boys at play." Perhaps he was still a boy at hea sports and the game of life. He played both nobly and the same.

He foretold the future of Saint Mary's University in men, you will get the students." That is our joint respon while men", will be our greatest tribute to our late belo McNally.

"He was a bright and shining light." John 5:35.



Familiar Scenes
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Old and New
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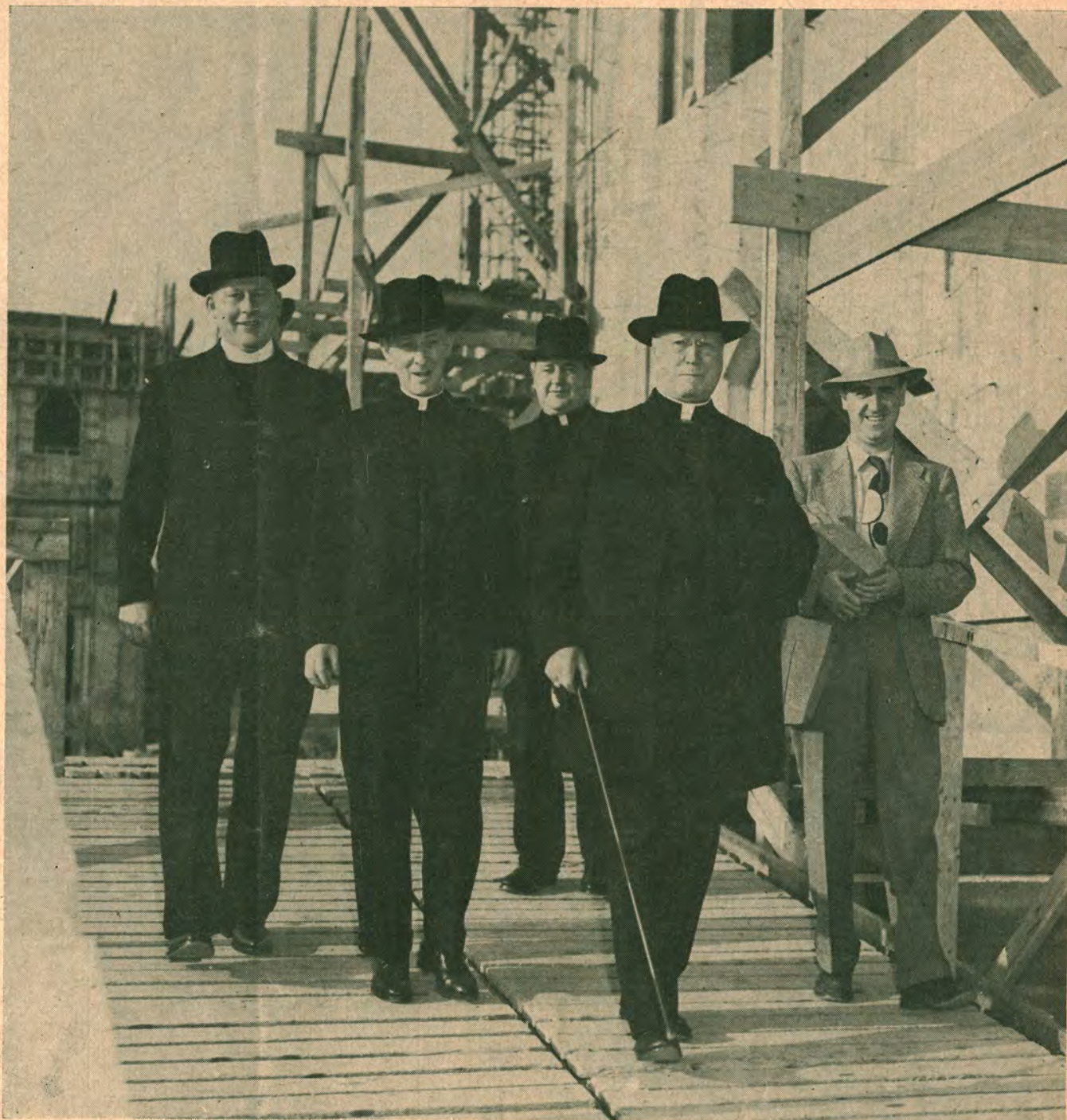
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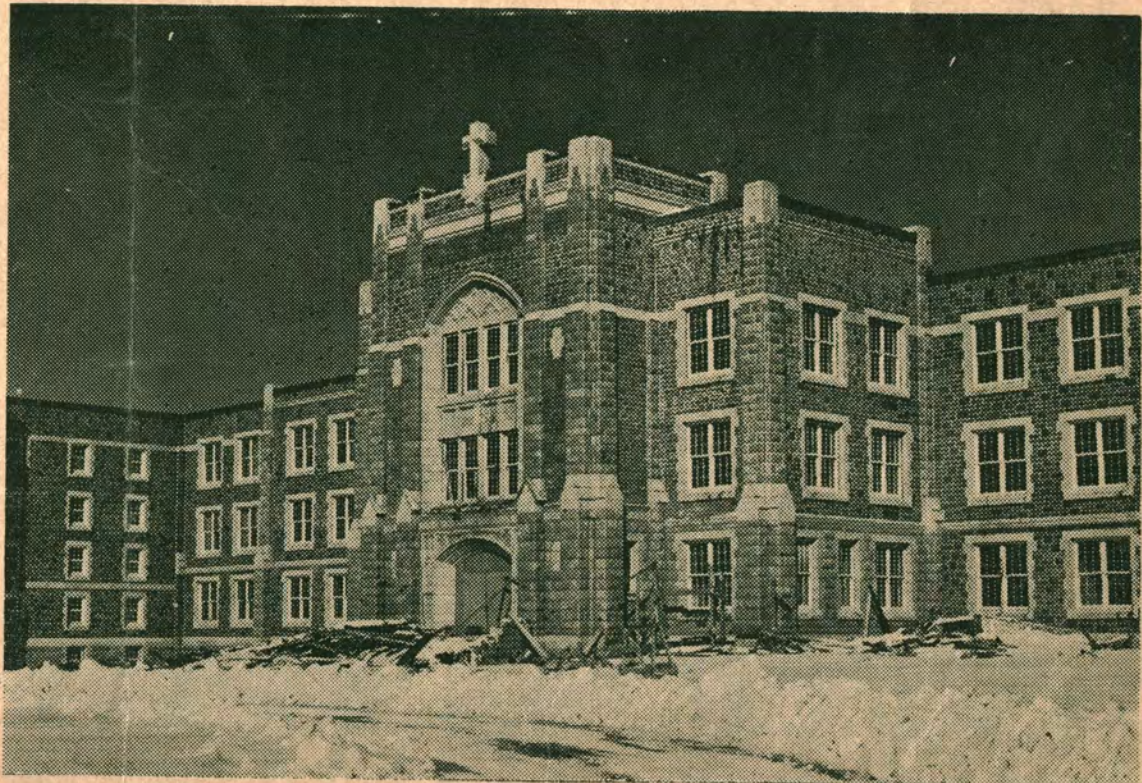
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loved Chancellor, The Most Reverend John T.



At left Rt. Rev. William
J. Burns, vicar capitular
of The Archdiocese and
vice-chancellor of The
University.



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EDITORIAL

In Canada's early days, they say, the pioneers used to select the tallest pine trees on the trail and mark them well by stripping them just below the top so they could be recognized for miles. These sentinel pines were a great comfort to them because they always pointed the way forward. Just a week ago Tuesday, Saint Mary's University, cutting a new trail too towards better education, lost the tallest and most comforting "sentinel pine" it ever had. The death of our beloved Chancellor, just at the time when we were beginning to enjoy the realization of his magnificent dream, fills us with the same uncertainty and bewilderment that our forefathers must have experienced when one of their giant pines fell to the ground. We were bound to feel the loss of such a strong, sure presence. But His Grace, the late Archbishop, was more than a mere motionless landmark. He pointed not merely onward but upward. His leadership was intellectual and spiritual. And that kind of leadership never dies. Though he has gone to God, he stays behind really as a tall sentinel pine still pointing up to God for all to see. Even the tremendous good he did for any and all of us who are being educated in this diocese goes on unfalteringly. Because he was himself all the things we Catholic young men dream of being—intellectually and spiritually tall and straight and firm and sure—a comfort and a guide to those who wish the way pointed out for them—a sentinel pine guarding the trail to God and pointing onward and upward for all who pass. It is like him not to really want to leave us. And in that sense he is still here — showing us what Catholic education can make of a man.

In this hour, then, when grief is stronger, when gratitude is ripe, let us emulate this crowning example. And how can we possibly do so, unless we, every one, resolve to strive through all the discipline of our formation to become sentinel pines ourselves.

Martyr's Parish Pays Tribute

By Rev. M. J. Belair, S.J.

To no one man does this Parish and the University in which it is situated owe more than to His Grace, the late Archbishop McNally. It was due to his vision that the building was started and it shall stand throughout the years as a fitting monument to his greatness.

Greatness is not too strong a word. Archbishop McNally was a great man and he was great because he was inspired by a great idea. That idea was the Roman Catholic Church.

No man was ever more convinced than he that it was the Church that mattered. No diocese or parish or university absorbed his mind. It was the universal Church that was the mainspring of his life and action, the Church founded by Our Divine Lord, carried on by the Apostles and their successors, the Bishops, and developed into the greatest and most important organization the world will ever see.

This is was that kept him from the small and narrowing things of life. This it was that inspired him to undertake big things. This it was that made him what he was.

And this it is that should be the inspiration of his life for all of us. In no other way can we better honor his memory and show appreciation for the blessings he bestowed upon us than to let his own convictions become our convictions and to make the Church not just one of the things in our lives but the first and foremost and most important thing.

Guild Institutes Memorial Lectures

The newly formed Albertus Guild, comprising the students of Science and Pre-Medicine at Saint Mary's University, has announced its intention to establish, on an annual

basis, "The Archbishop John T. McNally Memorial Lecture" in honor and remembrance of the late Archbishop of Halifax. This Lecture, which will deal with cultural aspects of science, represents a particularly fitting memorial to His Grace, the late Archbishop, who was widely known for his enthusiasm in promoting Christian Education and for his signal accomplishments in that field.

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