

— IN MEMORIAM —

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The University of Notre Dame and friends honor and remember Father Hesburgh

Thousands attend events, say farewell

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MEDIA RELATIONS

The University of Notre Dame's iconic 15th president, **Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.**, was honored and remembered Wednesday night, March 4, at a memorial tribute held in Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center.

Father Hesburgh, one of the nation's most influential figures in higher education, the Catholic Church and national and international affairs, died Thursday, Feb. 26, at Notre Dame. He was 97.

Reflecting before an audience of some 9,900 people on Father Hesburgh's long and multifaceted career of service to Notre Dame, the Church, the nation and the world, speakers at the event included many of his friends, among them former President Jimmy Carter and first lady Rosalynn Carter; Condoleezza Rice, former secretary of state; former Wyoming Sen. Alan K. Simpson; Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of Washington, D.C.; former Pennsylvania Sen. Harris Wofford; former Notre Dame football coach Lou Holtz; Indiana Sen. Joe Donnelly; and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence. Serving as the emcee of the event was Anne Thompson, NBC news correspondent and 1979

Notre Dame alumna and Trustee.

President Barack Obama addressed the service in a prerecorded message, praising Father Hesburgh for his service on the Civil Rights Commission during some of its most difficult years. Obama recalled how Father Hesburgh invited commission members to meet informally at the Notre Dame property at Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin, to relax, fish and bond, thus facilitating a fruitful unanimity that greatly benefited civil rights in America.

The evening included musical performances by the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra and Concert Band, and several of its student choirs interspersed with memories and reflections from the speakers.

Reflection Carter, who spoke at the 1977 commencement ceremony, recalled Father Hesburgh's work on immigration reform and other services and repeated and reaffirmed what he had said of his friend 38 years ago.

"He was the most consistent and effective spokesman for the rights of human beings that I have ever known," Carter said.

With affectionate amusement, he remembered granting Father Hesburgh the favor of allowing him to fly as a passenger on a then top-secret U.S. military aircraft, the SR-71 Blackbird, at a record-breaking 2,200 miles per hour. "I'm proud that I was able to do that for him because he did so much for people

everywhere," Carter said.

Rev. Paul Doyle, C.S.C., who was one of Father Hesburgh's principal caregivers in his later days, reminded the audience of three short prayers he prayed often. "First, the grace he liked to say: 'God give bread to those who are hungry, and to those who have bread, give a hunger for justice.' And the blessing he liked to give: 'May the Holy Virgin Mary bless you with her son, Jesus, and I bless you in his name.' And finally, the simplest, and his favorite: 'Come, Holy Spirit.'"

Cardinal McCarrick described Father Hesburgh as a "fearless champion of the poor and voiceless, who knew what it was to be a faithful priest. Four popes entrusted him with services, but the truly living testimony he has left behind is this University, Notre Dame, truly Catholic and truly great."

The memorial tribute concluded several campus events in memory of Father Hesburgh on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 3 and 4, including a visitation, wake and funeral Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and a large procession to Holy Cross Community Cemetery.

From Tuesday at noon until the funeral Wednesday, more than 12,000 students, alumni, faculty, staff, friends and admirers of Father Hesburgh filed past his body, which lay before the Basilica's main altar.

Speaking to some 1,000 people

attending the wake service in the Basilica Tuesday evening, Father Hesburgh's successor, **Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.**, president emeritus of Notre Dame, affectionately reminisced on the local, national and global career of his colleague, close friend and brother Holy Cross priest, concluding with the eulogistic farewell, "Now I want to say on behalf of all of us: Father Ted Hesburgh, C.S.C., you have been a great and holy priest. You have been our pastor here at Notre Dame as you have for the country and the world. Now, go to God, and may you rest in peace." Father Hesburgh's funeral Mass was celebrated in the Basilica Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C., provincial superior of the United States Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, presiding.

Cardinal McCarrick; Cardinal Roger Mahony, archbishop emeritus of Los Angeles; Archbishop Blaise Cupich of Chicago; Archbishop Joseph Tobin of Indianapolis; Bishop Daniel Jenky, C.S.C., of Peoria, Illinois; and Bishop Kevin Rhoades

of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend were in attendance.

President **Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.**, preached at the Mass, recounting his "not only celebrated, but beloved" predecessor's multifaceted career of service; his involvements in movements of civil and human rights and world peace;



and his unreserved commitment to his vocation as a priest. "He was first, foremost and always a priest," Father Jenkins said.

Following the funeral, more than a thousand students flanked Saint Mary's Road for the procession to Father Hesburgh's grave in Holy Cross Community Cemetery on the north bank of St. Mary's Lake.

For more information, visit hesburgh.nd.edu. See additional coverage in the April NDWorks.



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A. *President Emeritus Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., delivers the homily at the wake service for Father Hesburgh.*

B. *Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C., provincial superior of the U.S. Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, leads the procession to the cemetery following the funeral.*

C. *President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., delivers the homily at the funeral Mass.*

D. *Committal services at Holy Cross Community Cemetery, with Notre Dame ROTC students forming an honor guard.*

E. *Former Notre Dame football coach and current ESPN college football analyst Lou Holtz speaks at the Wednesday night memorial tribute in the Purcell Pavilion.*

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"...beyond any other title, the one he cherished most was Father Ted, humble servant of God."

—President Barack Obama

F. At the memorial service, Father Jenkins shares a moment with former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn.

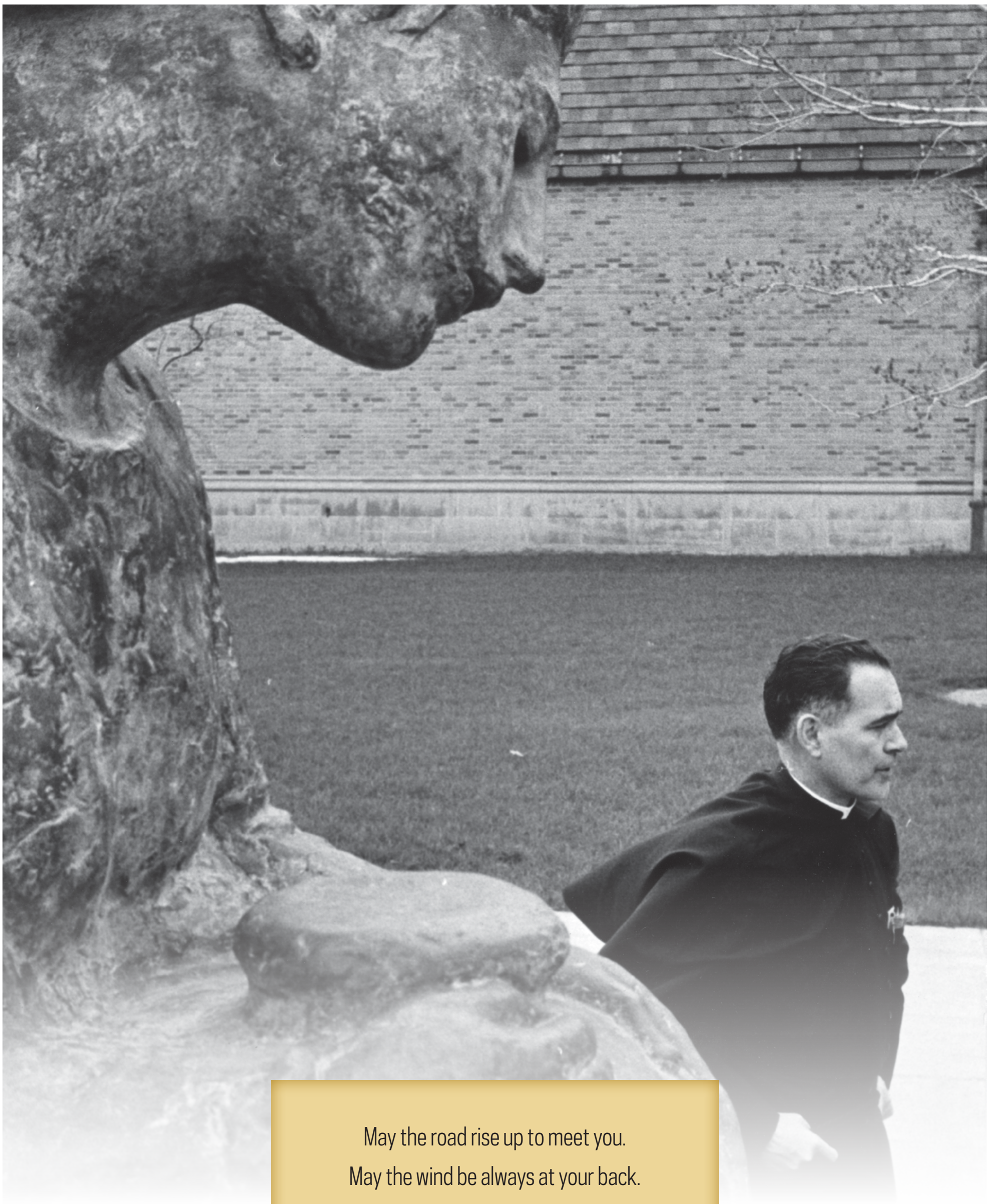
G. The procession leaves the Basilica of the Sacred Heart after the funeral Mass.

H. Funeral services included more than 110 religious.

I. The Notre Dame Bagpipe Band plays on Holy Cross Hill following the graveside services.

J. Residents of Lewis Hall carry candles as they walk to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in the overnight hours to pay respects at Father Hesburgh's visitation.

K. In a prerecorded video, President Barack Obama offers remarks to the 9,900 attendees at the Wednesday night memorial tribute.



May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warmly upon your face;
and the rain fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

