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IN MEMORIAM

Honorable John C. Hayes

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It is preeminently fitting that Loyola's scholarly journal honor Loyola's foremost scholar, John Cornelius Hayes, by dedicating this issue in his memory. The memorials that follow—by a colleague in teaching, by a former student and by fellow jurists—will support Bill Lamey's characterization of John as a modern "man for all seasons."

I, like Tom Sullivan, first knew John as a teacher and later as a friend. This transition that he made so well, from mentor to friend, marked him as a very special person. I experienced this same transition with one of John's contemporaries, Dick Carpenter, who taught at Hastings after he retired from Loyola. In the semester I taught with Dick at Hastings I was struck by the fact that the students there regarded him as the epitome of a gentleman. This in turn led me to reflect that I and probably others at Loyola had always taken for granted the fact that we were taught by men who were truly gentlemen, concerned and caring, as well as superb teachers and scholars. Men like Dick Carpenter and John Hayes, Bill Lamey and John Zvetina.

But while Loyola has been blessed with so many fine men on its faculty, I believe I do no disservice to the others by eulogizing John as the person who most indelibly stamped his mark upon the school and its students. Justice Downing characterized him as a jurist, professor, scholar, religionist, humanitarian and soldier. Seldom has a person filled so many roles, even more rarely has a person filled them so ably. In all that he did, John brought brilliance and dedication, enthusiasm and integrity. He touched many lives and those he touched were the better for it. When he died, there was no need to ask for whom the bell tolls. We all knew.

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