Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh (1917-2015) was president of the University of Notre Dame from 1952 to 1987, a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and an influential figure in higher education, American public life, and international affairs. A noted public intellectual, he worked tirelessly on behalf of causes ranging from the Civil Rights Movement to the development of collegiate athletic programs and the mission of Catholic universities in the modern world.

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