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It seems appropriate that we, the members of the St. John’s Law Review, should take this opportunity to pay our respects to the late Father Tinnelly, a man so dedicated to the promotion of legal scholarship and research. Indeed, it would appear that Father Tinnelly’s devotion to legal research must have been influenced during the year he served as Editor-in-Chief of volume 16 of the Review. Subsequently, during his tenure as Dean of the Law School, he founded the St. Thomas More Institute for Legal Research to publish the Catholic Lawyer, a periodical intended to help attorneys properly apply legal principles to relevant moral issues. Father Tinnelly served as Editor of the Catholic Lawyer throughout his tenure as Dean, establishing traditions of style and quality that mark that publication to this day. To insure the continued existence of the Institute, he founded a scholarship program to attract talented students.

We, as St. John’s law students, and as members of the Institute, are Father Tinnelly’s memorial. We may only hope to uphold the ideals of scholarship that he exemplified in his life, and envisioned as the purpose of the Institute.

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