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THE MOST REVEREND
THOMAS EDMUND MOLLOY, S.T.D.
Archbishop — Bishop of Brooklyn
1885 — 1956

THE CATHOLIC LAWYER mourns the loss of one of its earliest friends and most valued supporters — the Most Reverend Thomas E. Molloy, S.T.D., late Archbishop-Bishop of Brooklyn, and Chancellor of St. John's University, New York.

The extent and detail of the Archbishop's interest in the program of THE CATHOLIC LAWYER is best evidenced by the letter which is set forth in the following pages.

241 Clinton Avenue
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August 14, 1954

V. Reverend Joseph T. Tinnelly, C.M., LL.M.
Dean, School of Law
St. John's University
Brooklyn 1, New York

Very Reverend dear Father Tinnelly:

Permit me to assure you that I have given careful consideration to your communication in which you announce generally a program for expanding the services of St. John's Law School.

More particularly, you bring to my attention a proposed publication of a periodical described in your letter to me.

After obtaining some wise, prudent and useful counsel in this matter, with which I am disposed to agree, I am now taking the liberty to tell you that I sincerely believe that your proposed publication would be very serviceable to practicing lawyers, both non-Catholic as well as Catholic.

In the case of the former, if a publication known to contain dependable information about principles of Canon Law or special positions of a legal nature or scope of interest to Catholics were published, true information would be distributed by non-Catholic sources regarding the matters of particular concern in the Catholic world of ideas.

Then again, I am informed that presently there is no systematic work being published, readily available to lawyers, showing the connections between principles of Canon Law and principles operating in Municipal Law with regard to, for instance, Domestic Relations; Trusts and principles of equity generally, and still, there are intimate connections between these seemingly independent systems of law.

A magazine, therefore, such as you describe, published under competent and scholarly direction, will make a real contribution to the legal profession in our community.

Seemingly graduate studies in law and legal research go naturally with the idea of this new legal periodical. Such research and studies would provide the means for making the content of the periodical respectable from an intellectual viewpoint.

Much information about law questions of interest and importance to the clergy, as well as to the laity, can be given circulation by the type of periodical you propose for publication.

Under your guidance, I am, therefore, of the opinion that considerable success may be reasonably expected through this timely and meritorious undertaking.

I know that we have Law Reviews presently published in Law Schools connected as branches of Catholic universities; thus the Law Schools of Notre Dame, Fordham and St. John's itself publish such Reviews which occasionally treat of matters which perhaps are being deemed subjects characteristically of interest to Catholic scholars.

These Reviews, however, basically are modeled upon similar Reviews published by Law Schools which are departments of secular universities.

I am not suggesting in any way that the proposed new publication should replace Saint John's existing Law Review.

On the contrary, the proposed new periodical instead of dealing with Catholic matters as incidental will elevate these matters to the rank of principal subjects for consideration.

The new periodical, moreover, as a Law Review, would find its way into the index of legal periodicals and hence would become automatically available to all lawyers throughout the Country.

It would seemingly be reasonably expected, however, that such a periodical should attain a high level of scholarship and unimpeachable reputation for accuracy and thus insure a most constructive, wholesome and satisfactory result.

I, therefore, am disposed to commend the worthy aspirations of yourself and your associates in this particular undertaking.

With sentiments of esteem and regard, I am

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas M. Molloy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

BISHOP OF BROOKLYN