

The Father Mychal Judge Center for Irish Exchange and Understanding



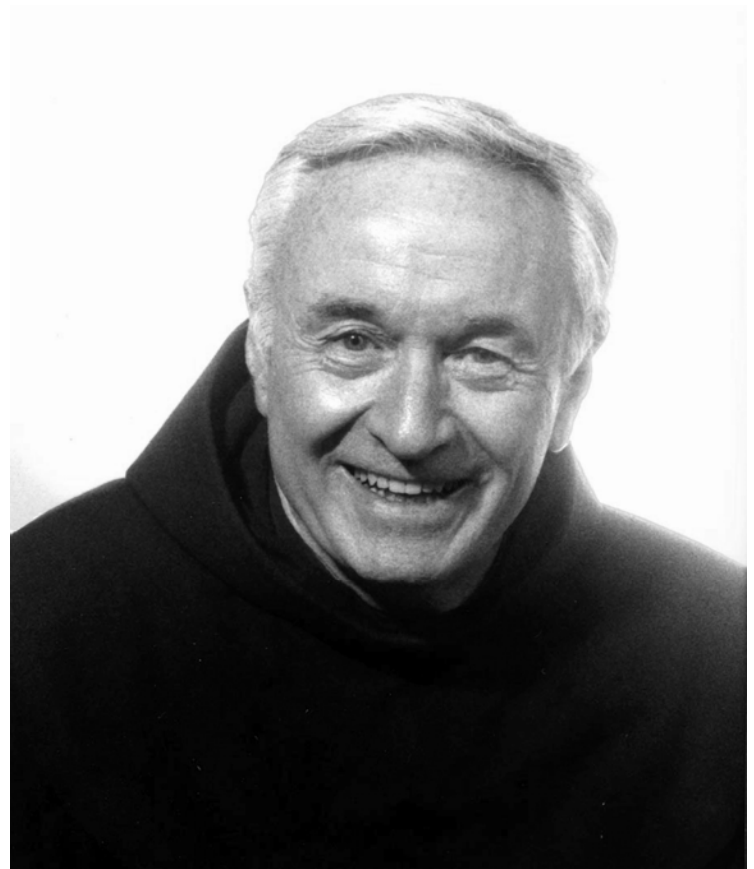
St. Bonaventure University is in the first phases of establishing the **Father Mychal Judge Center**, a unique venture that will offer student, faculty, and cultural exchanges with the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, and the United States, including academic study, service learning, co-curricular seminars, and research.

In establishing this Center, St. Bonaventure recognizes the strong Irish heritage of its founder, Nicholas Devereux, the centuries-old and significant contributions of the Franciscan Friars in Ireland, and the University's long-standing commitment to servant leadership and social entrepreneurship.

Fr. Mychal Judge, O.F.M., was famous for the many ways in which he was committed to serving the poor, friendless, and disenfranchised. He was a counselor, pastor, fire chaplain, and peacemaker, and his work focused on the promotion of reconciliation, whether in addressing the AIDS crisis of the 1980s or the Irish peace process of the 1990s. Fr. Mychal died a hero's death on September 11, 2001 while serving as chaplain to New York City firefighters at the World Trade Center.

A graduate of St. Bonaventure and a former administrator at Siena College in Albany, New York, Mychal Judge drew the famous and friendless into his circle with equal ease and grace. St. Bonaventure University is pleased to honor his memory with this new venture that espouses our Franciscan values of individual worth, community, and service, in conjunction with our beloved Irish homeland.

The Mychal Judge Center will provide exceptional opportunities for students to explore the issues that face the people of Ireland as they respond to the end of a century of violent conflict. The Irish people's ability to apply political skill, moral imagination, economic commitment, and the capacity to embrace religious and ethnic pluralism, offers lessons for students of all academic disciplines.



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