

Jude Patrick Dougherty, dean emeritus and professor emeritus of the School of Philosophy, passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at his home in Potomac, Maryland. He is preceded in death by the December 2020 passing of his wife Patricia Ann and the passing of his sister Inez Juanita Bowling in 2011.

Dougherty was born in Chicago on July 21, 1930, to Edward Timothy and Cecelia Anastasia (née) Loew Dougherty, but spent his years of primary and secondary schooling in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1952, he earned an associate of arts degree from St. Bernard College, in Cullman, Alabama. He then made his way The Catholic University of America, where he earned first a bachelor's degree, in 1954, and then a master's a year later. The University awarded him a Ph.D. in 1960 for a dissertation entitled "Recent American Naturalism: An Exposition and Critique," written under the direction of Msgr. John K. Ryan, then dean of the School of Philosophy.

The late dean is fondly remembered by his many friends and colleagues as a lifelong champion of the Catholic intellectual tradition and the institutions of higher learning chartered to carry it on. At every institution he ever attended or served, he formed friendships that would last a lifetime. By his own reckoning, the most important of these was with Patricia Ann Regan, whom he met while they were both students at Catholic University. They were wed on December 28, 1957. Together, they raised four sons, all of whom would also go on to graduate from the University.

Dougherty began his teaching career at Marquette University in 1957, at the rank of instructor. After a year there, he returned to Louisville to take up a position at Bellarmine College, which awarded him tenure in 1963. His enterprise, organizational ability and talent for bringing talented people together—all distinguishing marks of his long years in the academy—were apparent even in the young assistant professor. While at Bellarmine, he launched a "faculty forum" that would lead to the publication of his first two edited volumes. He was also the moving force behind the founding of the Kentucky Philosophical Association, an organization that is still operating to this day. Both initiatives displayed his commitment to thoughtful exchange about the most consequential things.

In 1966, Dougherty returned to Catholic University. The following year, he was appointed dean of the School of Philosophy. He was the first layman to occupy that office. He would serve in that role until 1999, save for the single year's sabbatical he took in 1975-1976, which enabled him to accept a position as a Visiting Professor at the University of Louvain. He was promoted to the rank of Ordinary Professor in 1976.

The first decade or so of Dougherty's tenure at Catholic University was a particularly tumultuous time for the University, the Church and the nation. His was a steadying hand at the School's tiller. Having seen how much his own life was enriched through his encounter with the Catholic intellectual tradition, he never thought it necessary to apologize for it. Nor did he expend himself in fighting rear-guard actions. To the contrary, his confidence in the "catholic" character of that tradition made him tireless in promoting rigorous engagement with the wider academic world. That same confidence, joined to a temperamental inclination to take the long view, also meant that he was not easily perturbed when he suffered setbacks. It helped that he enjoyed an almost preternatural immunity to rebuff. When engaged in common deliberation, he did not hesitate to speak his mind, yet also welcomed the same frankness in others, even or especially if they happened to disagree with him. He was always prepared to agree to disagree because he knew that disagreement, as a rational activity, is ultimately ordered to agreement. In action, he was both principled and pragmatic, tough-minded when necessary, but also capable of great kindness.

Within a few years of his arrival, Dougherty undertook a series of initiatives that would contribute significantly to the School of Philosophy's standing nationally and internationally. He secured funding for an annual fall lecture series, which would eventually become one of the longest running series of its kind in the United States. That series enabled him to bring to campus an astonishing array of speakers from all points on the philosophical spectrum. A very partial list of eminent figures who accepted his invitation includes such names as Mortimer Adler, Allan Bloom, Donald Davidson, Hans Georg Gadamer, Sidney Hook, Hans Jonas, Bernard Lonergan, Alasdair MacIntyre, Ralph McInerney, Ernest Nagel, Josef Pieper, Richard Popkin, Richard Rorty, Wilfred Sellars, John Silber, Leo Strauss and Peter Strawson. On countless occasions, conversations that began in an auditorium on campus would continue on late into the evening, with the speaker, some members of the faculty, and a Ph.D. student or two reassembled around the Dougherty family's dining-room table. The Dean and his wife were unrivalled in their hospitality.

Undoubtedly the most renowned speaker Dougherty welcomed to campus was, at the time of his visit, a Polish philosopher practically unknown in the West. A friendship between the two men quickly developed. Two years later, Cardinal Karol Wojtyła was elected to the papacy, and in 1979, returned to campus as Pope John Paul II.

In 1971, Dougherty became the third editor of the *Review of Metaphysics*, a position he held until 2015. Over that period, he stewarded more than 900 articles into print. Although he never made any secret of his own philosophical orientation, here, too, he sought to foster dialogue between a remarkably wide range of philosophical writers and readers. As William Frank observed of Dougherty's editorship, it "sustained for more than four decades an ongoing philosophical conversation that has enriched the profession of philosophy, cutting across numerous methodological, ideological, and topical differences." His forty-four years at the head of *Review* naturally led to invitations to join the editorial boards of numerous other journals. He was also the general editor for the series "Studies in Philosophy and the History of Philosophy" for The Catholic University of America Press, some sixty volumes of which were published during his tenure.

Despite his many administrative and editorial responsibilities, Dougherty lectured widely in the U.S. and abroad. He also published at a steady rate, especially in the areas of American pragmatism, the philosophy of religion, and the philosophy of law. His "retirement" bore fruit in a still steadier stream of lectures, essays, opinion pieces and book reviews. In addition, he managed to publish no fewer than eight books after stepping down as dean: *Western Creed: Western Identity: Essays in Legal and Social Philosophy*; *The Logic of Religion*; *Jacques Maritain: An Intellectual Profile*; *Religion - Gesellschaft - Demokratie: Ausgewählte Aufsätze*; *Wretched Aristotle: Using the Past to Rescue the Future*; *The Nature of Scientific Explanation*; *Briefly Considered: From the Mainstream: Notes and Observations on Western Culture*; and *Interpretations: Reading the Present in Light of the Past*.

Recognition of Dougherty's abilities as a leader came from numerous quarters. In 1968, he was elected President of the Washington Philosophy Club. Three years later, he was invited to join the Board of Advisors of the Franklin J. Matchette Foundation, on which he served for several decades. Bellarmine College invited him to serve as a trustee not long after he left the place, which he did from 1972-1975. He also served as a trustee for the University of Bridgeport from 1995-1999. He was President of the American Catholic Philosophical Association (1974-1975), the Society for Philosophy of Religion (1978-1979) and the Metaphysical Society of America (1983-1984). In 1988, he was Program Chair for the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association and was a

member of the Eastern Division's Executive Committee the following year. He also served as Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars from 1994-1997.

His standing in the academy was honored in multiple ways. In 1981, he was elected a lifetime member of the Pontifical Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas. In 1991, he was invited to join the European Academy of Sciences and Arts. The American Catholic Philosophical Association awarded him the Aquinas Medal in 1994. That same year, the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars honored him with the Cardinal Wright Award. The American Maritain Association bestowed upon them its Scholarly Excellence Award in 2000, and the Fides et Ratio Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005. He was recognized with honorary degrees from Thomas More College (1995), The Catholic University of Lublin (2000), and Christendom College (2009). Catholic University awarded him both the President's Medal and the Cardinal Gibbons Medal. Of particular moment was his decoration as a Knight of the Order of St. Gregory the Great by Pope John Paul II in 1999.

Over the course of his long life, Jude Patrick Dougherty devoted himself to sustaining and advancing the Catholic philosophical tradition. He did so with notable fidelity, generosity, courage and prudence. His loyalty to that tradition did not put him on the defensive, but rather, moved him to engage with philosophers of every stripe. To a remarkable degree, he succeeded in what he set out to do. All who share his loyalties are indebted to him for his many signal contributions. He will be remembered warmly and with great admiration by many at The Catholic University of America and elsewhere.

On Monday, March 15, 2021, he was buried next to his wife Patricia. He is survived by his sons, Thomas H. and his wife Lynne, Michael T. and his wife Angela, John C. and his wife Michelle, and Paul R. and his wife Elizabeth. He is also survived by his ten grandchildren, Catherine, Grace, William, Madeline, Patrick, Emma, Jacob, Jack, Alexander and Michael.

*Requiescat in Pace.*