



# ZAHM HOUSE'S HESBURGH CHALLENGE

August 26, 2012



Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C. defines and embodies what it means to be Notre Dame. While countless persons have made ND what it is today, Notre Dame would be drastically different without Fr. Ted's visionary leadership. It is not an exaggeration to say that he re-founded Our Lady's University. As Fr. Ted said: "The very essence of leadership is [that] you have a vision. It's got to be a vision you articulate clearly and forcefully on every occasion. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet." Fr. Ted continues to live-up to his quotation: His vision as a leader is loud and clear.

In essence, Fr. Ted dreamed that ND would become an influence for good in the world. He envisioned a Catholic, Holy Cross university with the highest academic standards that would be faithful to the gospel in both word and deed; that is, a university committed to faith, reason, and service. Fr. Ted dreamed that ND would form servant-leaders in an inclusive, welcoming, loving, moral, open, compassionate, and reconciling environment, and that they, in turn, would foster that ethos elsewhere. Fr. Ted's dream for ND is one that must be on-going; it must never die.

In the 95<sup>th</sup> year of Fr. Ted's life, and in the year of Zahm's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we, the men of Zahm House, commit ourselves to carrying on the torch of Fr. Ted. Like him, we wish to be leaders with a vision, to be excellent in all that we do, to be unapologetically inclusive and welcoming, and to do what is right regardless of the cost. As a sign of our sincerity, we shall challenge ourselves to concrete actions this year, which we call the "Hesburgh Challenge."

- We shall strive to be the most inclusive and welcoming Notre Dame residential community. We shall never tolerate discrimination or hate-speech based on ability, age, class, color, ethnicity, gender, nationality, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation. As such, Zahm House will be a "safe House." In this vein, we shall no longer begin or tolerate such discriminatory acts such as the "Ole, ole, ole, Zahm's gay" chant, and we shall challenge all other ND students to stand with us.
- We shall set the standard for brotherhood and sisterhood among ND's residential communities: We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. We shall respect, care for, and love ourselves and all who come into our lives.
- We shall ensure that Torquemada is a fun and meaningful event by barring any excessive and dangerous behavior.
- We shall dedicate ourselves to service. We shall all participate in at least one House or University-sponsored service opportunity.
- We shall make larger donations to charity, especially through the profits of Za, our pizza parlor.
- We shall become better stewards of that which we have been blessed, especially through a commitment to sustainability.
- We shall not take ourselves too seriously, and we shall spread love and laughter throughout the campus. We heed Fr. Ted's wisdom here: "I can think of no better way of redeeming this tragic world today than love and laughter. Too many of the young have forgotten how to laugh, and too many of the elders have forgotten how to love. Would not our lives be lightened if only we could all learn to laugh more easily at ourselves and to love one another."

Not everything in our Challenge will be easy; however, we take our lead from Fr. Ted, who said: "My basic principle is that you don't make decisions because they are easy; you don't make them because they are cheap; you don't make them because they're popular; you make them because they're right."

**On this day, Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C. became an honorary Zahmbie and a House Fellow.**

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