

U.S. Postal Service honors Theodore M. Hesburgh with a stamp

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Theodore Hesburgh stamp, courtesy USPS

The U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp honoring Father Theodore M. Hesburgh during a ceremony September 1 at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, where Hesburgh was president for 35 years.

“This stamp is a lasting testament to his pioneering contributions as a champion of social justice, an advocate for international aid, and an emissary for peace,” said Megan J. Brennan, postmaster general and CEO.

Appointed to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in 1957, Hesburgh helped compile reports on racial discrimination and denial of voting rights that spurred passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. That year he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He died in 2015 at age 97. —USPS news release