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Highlight from Lou Nanni's Conversation with G. Marcus Cole, the Joseph A. Matson Dean of Notre Dame Law School.

Transcript – English (auto-generated)

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when we first met um i asked you a

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question about uh

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just something you just referenced how a

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notre dame lawyer a notre dame law grad

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would be different

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and and and how does that fit into your

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vision

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and you shared a story with me as you

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often do

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uh in your answers a great anecdote

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would you mind sharing with a group your

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vision for how a notre dame lawyer will

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be different yeah well anybody who knows

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me knows that i have

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an affection for catholic churches my

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brother's a catholic priest

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and i like to visit catholic churches

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when i travel around the country but

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there's a really special catholic church

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to me

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christ of king parish in san diego

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california it's a it's a very poor

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parish it always has been

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and

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i learned a story about it before

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visiting it

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and this happened back in the 1980s

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the parish the parishioners

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wanted to erect a statue of christ the

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king in front of

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the church but it was a poor parish so

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they had to save for years they had bake

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sales and and collections and um over

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the years they assembled enough money to

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commission a statue of jesus

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for um the front of the church and when

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they were able to finally erect the

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statue

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they had a big fiesta for the unveiling

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and a big celebration and so they

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erected the statue they had it covered

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with a veil and at the end of the fiesta

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they unveiled the statue of christ the

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king and everyone was happy

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but the very night after the unveiling

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the statue was vandalized

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someone spray-painted graffiti over the

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body of christ

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and someone had taken a hammer and

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broken off the hands of christ

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and the community was devastated when

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they discovered the damage the next day

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and so they did what they could they

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cleaned off the graffiti

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but

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it took them years to save the money for

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that statue there was no way that they

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could replace it or even repair it

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so the the the priest uh father robert

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cabrini

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uh fabrini i'm sorry uh father robert

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fabrini came up with an idea and he took

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a

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um

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a poem from uh uh saint teresa of avila

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and took some of the words from it

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and put up a plaque at the base of the

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statue

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um and it's in the statue still there to

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this day

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and the plaque is still there to this

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day i just visited it just a few months

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ago

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and this and the plaque says

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i have no hands but yours

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and to me that's what a notre dame

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lawyer is

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we can go out we can practice

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securities law corporate law litigation

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whatever but at the end of the day

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the core of our being is that we are

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lawyers who are trained to be of service

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to the world to be a force for good we

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are god's hands

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in the law we're god's lawyers and to me

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that statue represents

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what it means to be a different kind of

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lawyer

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god is telling us

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i have no lawyers but you