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G. Marcus Cole is the Joseph A. Matson Dean and Professor of Law at Notre Dame Law School.

He was appointed by University President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., and began his term on July 1, 2019. He is the 11th dean in the history of Notre Dame Law School.

Transcript – English (auto-generated)

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0:04

my parents have five kids

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Michael Marcus Maria max and Magnus all

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five of us were very closest kids and we

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did a lot of things together

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my brother and I deliver papers to help

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my parents make ends meet our two jobs

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were to deliver papers and serve as

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altar boys on Sundays so my oldest

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brother was actually born in West Africa

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and he's always been my closest friends

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he was the best man in my wedding I was

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the best man in his wedding my sister

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went to Dartmouth and she she studied

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art and French at Dartmouth and became

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fluent in French and lived in France for

0:56

a while and took her art degree and went

1:00

to dental school at Temple excuse me a

1:02

Temple University in Philadelphia and

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then after getting her degree she

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started to practice a dental practice in

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Florida where she still lives today I

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have two other brothers have my brother

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Max who took a long winding road to

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become a priest he is a diocesan priest

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in Cleveland Ohio he is the

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The Vicar of Holy Angels Church Holy

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Angels parish in Cleveland and he lived

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a very interesting life he went to a

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute to

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become an engineer first he dropped out

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of there and later went to University of

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Pittsburgh to finish his engineering

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degree but never worked as an engineer

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he worked doing all kinds of jobs he was

2:02

a truck driver for a long time he worked

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for Federal Express for a long time he

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then started buying houses in the inner

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city and fixing them up and and

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basically started developing houses

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himself he is he's very very good with

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his hands in fact my wife saves projects

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for him to come visit because she

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doesn't trust my hands she completely

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trusts his but over time we could see

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him evolving from someone who

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[Music]

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was I don't know how to put this

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politely but he wasn't he wasn't the

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pillar of the community

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he he was a person who was very

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self-focused self oriented and not the

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most trustworthy person in the world but

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we could see him evolving we can you

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could actually see the Holy Spirit

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working in his life and over time he has

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evolved into the best man I know

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he is he is the person I trust most on

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earth after my wife and he is one of the

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most important people in my life and not

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just my life but in the lives of his

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parishioners especially the children he

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is he is magical with children he's such

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a good influence and guiding light to

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kids my youngest brother his name is

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Magnus but I think I've called him

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Magnus maybe twice in my entire life we

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have always known him as bounce or the

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bounce he's married with two kids he

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lives in Seattle he's an executive for

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Alaska Airlines he's always worked in

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the airline's industry

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he went to Loyola Marymount in Los

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Angeles he was a handful for my parents

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when he was a kid and my mom was really

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at her wits end as to what to do with

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him he was he's much younger than me

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he's seven years younger than me

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and my mom just didn't know what to do

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to corral him when he was young and our

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parish priest at Saint Agnes was a

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wonderful wonderful man probably one of

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the most important figures in my life in

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our lives father Ronan said to my mom

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I've been asked to go out and head up a

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school in York Pennsylvania it's a

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boarding school and I think you ought to

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think about sending bounce with me and

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my mom said we're poor with there's no

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way we could afford it and he said you

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let me worry about that so father Ronan

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took this really wild very undisciplined

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kid and turned him into one of the most

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admirable men I've ever known

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it's

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it's emotional thinking about what

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father honor did for us