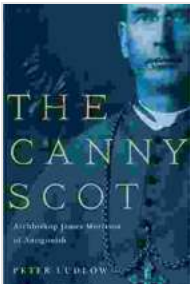


Archbishop James Morrison of Antigonish: A Pioneer in Adult Education and Social Justice



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Archbishop James Morrison was a remarkable Catholic leader who played a pivotal role in the development of adult education and social justice initiatives in Nova Scotia, Canada. His vision and dedication left a lasting legacy that continues to inspire and guide community development efforts to this day.

Early Life and Education

James Morrison was born in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, on January 2, 1884. He was the son of Irish immigrants and grew up in a devout Catholic family. After completing his early education in local schools, Morrison attended St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, where he excelled in his studies.

In 1904, Morrison was ordained a priest in the Catholic Church. He served in various parishes throughout Nova Scotia before being appointed Bishop of Antigonish in 1920. As Bishop, Morrison quickly recognized the need for improved educational opportunities for adults in his diocese.

The Antigonish Movement

In the early 20th century, Nova Scotia was a predominantly rural province with a high rate of poverty and unemployment. Morrison believed that education could be a powerful tool for empowering people to improve their lives and communities. In 1928, he launched the Antigonish Movement, a pioneering adult education program that would become a model for community development initiatives around the world.

The Antigonish Movement was based on the principles of cooperation, self-help, and social justice. It encouraged people to come together to identify and solve their own problems. The movement established study clubs, credit unions, and cooperatives throughout Nova Scotia, providing opportunities for people to learn new skills, gain financial independence, and improve their living conditions.

Education for Social Change

Morrison believed that education should not only equip people with knowledge and skills, but also inspire them to work for social change. He was a vocal advocate for the rights of workers, the poor, and the marginalized. Through his sermons, writings, and public speeches, Morrison challenged the status quo and called on people to create a more just and equitable society.

Morrison's commitment to social justice extended beyond the borders of Nova Scotia. He was active in the Canadian Catholic Social Justice League and served as its president from 1944 to 1948. He also played a key role in the development of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' landmark pastoral letter on social justice, "Sharing Our Resources with the Third World," in 1973.

International Recognition

Morrison's work gained international recognition. In 1946, he was awarded the Order of the British Empire for his contributions to adult education. In 1959, he received the Pacem in Terris Award from Pope John XXIII for his tireless efforts to promote peace and social justice.

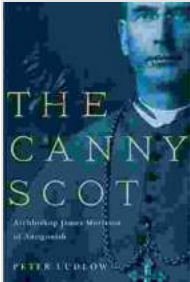
Legacy

Archbishop James Morrison died in 1975, but his legacy continues to live on. The Antigonish Movement has inspired countless community development initiatives around the world. His teachings on adult education and social justice remain relevant today, reminding us of the power of education to transform lives and build a more just and equitable society.

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions, St. Francis Xavier University established the James R. Morrison Chair in Adult Education in 1984. The chair supports research and teaching in the field of adult education and community development.

Archbishop James Morrison was a visionary leader who dedicated his life to promoting adult education and social justice. His work had a profound impact on the lives of countless people in Nova Scotia and beyond. His legacy continues to inspire and guide community development efforts to

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