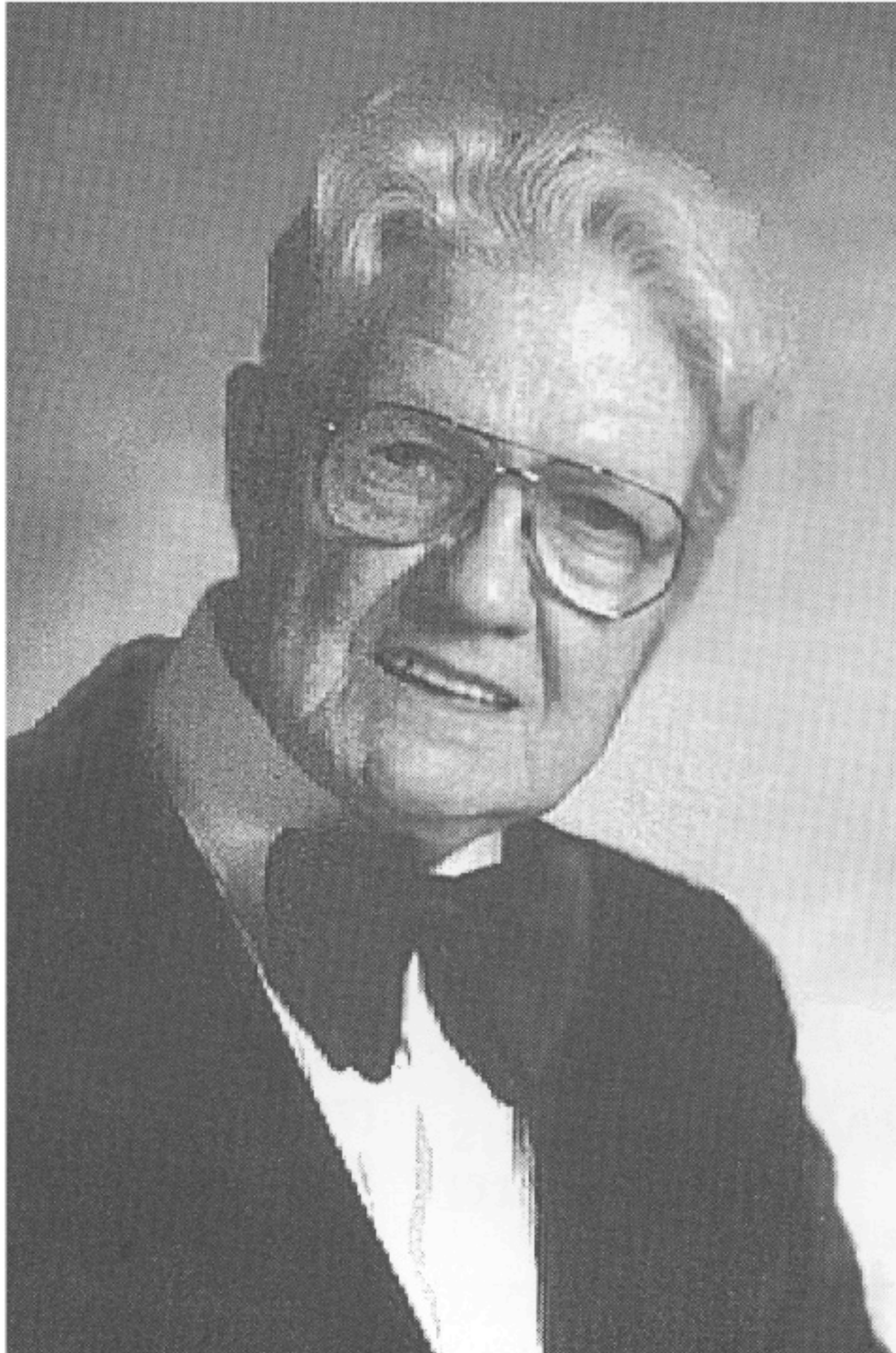


# CARDINAL HALL OF DISTINCTION



## Robert "Bob" Costello

Robert "Bob" Costello graduated from Bangor High School in 1929. Having been abandoned by his father as an infant, Bob, with his mother and sister, endured humble means, working for room and board on a farm north of Bangor. Bob found a haven and success at the Burns school and later at Bangor High School. After high school during the Great Depression, Bob made his way to Chicago and found work as a laborer at various meat packing companies. Having become a very talented meat cutter, Bob put together enough money to buy a retail meat market in 1947. In 1949, he established Costello Corned Beef, which he and his wife Linda would operate for the next 40 years. "Mr. C" became very influential and an integral part of the Chicago meat packing industry, serving on the Chicago Midwest Meat Association board of directors for over fifty years, including two years as its president. Bob re-kindled his relationship with Bangor High School when he responded to an invitation to attend a Bangor Basketball Alumni Reunion. He and Linda came back to attend the reunion for many years. He became a great benefactor for the district, writing editorials in the local newspaper in support of district referenda, speaking at the 1992 graduation ceremony, and donating the electronic sign in front of the middle/high school. Bob always spoke with a fondness and gratitude for the education he received in Bangor and its role in his life's successes.

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