



Lt. Col. (Padre) Thomas Nangle, C.F. Memorial Bursary

(Shortened version Thomas Nangle Bursary)

Establish in 2018 by Dr. Neil Galbraith and Mrs. Mavourneen (Nangle) Galbraith

Thomas Nangle, a 1909 graduate of St. Bonaventure's College, is considered to be one of the most exceptional graduates in the College's long and distinguished history. **Thomas Matthew Mary Nangle** (1889 – January 4, 1972) was a Newfoundland cleric, military chaplain of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment during World War I, diplomat and later a Rhodesian politician and farmer.

He was born in St. John's in Newfoundland and educated at St. Bonaventure College before attending All Hallows College seminary in Dublin and St. Patrick's, Carlow College in Ireland.

He was ordained in the Roman Catholic priesthood in 1913 at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in St. John's, Newfoundland and enlisted in the Newfoundland Regiment in 1915 becoming the regiment's padre ultimately gaining the rank of lieutenant-colonel. While on furlough in 1917, he returned to St. John's, Newfoundland to deliver popular lectures about the experiences of the troops and calling for new recruits to join the war effort.

Following the war, Nangle was appointed by the Dominion of Newfoundland's government as Director of War Graves, Registration, Enquiries and Memorials and also as the country's representative on the Imperial War Graves Commission in London and supervised the construction of memorials to Newfoundland soldiers in Newfoundland, including the National War Memorial in St. John's at King's Beach, and 15 war graveyards and memorials in Europe and Gallipoli including the Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial in Beaumont-Hamel in France as well as four other similar parks in France and Belgium where the Newfoundland Regiment fought. While in London, he acted as the High Commissioner of Newfoundland to the United Kingdom from 1923 to 1924.

In 1926, Nangle left the priesthood, emigrated to Rhodesia in Africa where he became a farmer, married, and became active with the Reform Party, which he had helped found, and was elected in the 1933 election to the Southern Rhodesian Legislative Assembly as the MP for Salisbury District. He was defeated the next year in the 1934

election by Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia Godfrey Martin Huggins who ran against Nangle in his district. Nangle ran for the legislative assembly again in the 1946 and 1948 elections as a candidate for the Rhodesia Labour Party but was defeated. He died in Rhodesia in 1972 at the age of 83.

A street in St. John's is named Padre Nangle Place in his honour, and in 2016, Nangle was named a National Historic Person by the Government of Canada. St. Bonaventure's College has a plaque erected at the College's entrance recognizing Nangle's contribution to our province's history.

The **Lt. Col. (Padre) Thomas Nangle, C.F. Memorial Bursary** will be awarded each year to a deserving student who has qualified for bursary assistance and who displays attributes of leadership and athleticism and is pursuing a high school graduation.

The selection shall be made by the independent school's Bursary Selection Committee on the recommendation of the College President.

The individual selected shall not be identified, in keeping with all bursary selections in the College's tradition of confidentiality.

The funds shall be held and managed by the St. Bonaventure's Endowment Inc. The amount to be awarded each year shall be determined by the Endowment Board who will advise the Bursary Selection Committee. A portion of the interest from the Nangle Bursary shall be reinvested annually to ensure growth of the fund over time.

On an annual basis, Dr. Galbarith shall be notified of the successful awarding of the Bursary by the Endowment Board.

The Nangle Fund may accept additional donations to allow for its growth over time.