



G. Bernard Weiler (Chancellor, 1987-1991)

G. Bernard Weiler, was Lakehead University's 4th Chancellor. Bernard Weiler was born in Mildmay, Ontario on February 2, 1910, he received his primary and secondary education in Bruce County, Ontario, and in 1931 he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Toronto. He then studied Law at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, graduated, and was called to the Bar in Ontario in 1934.

In the time of the Great Depression, Mr. Weiler began the practice of Law in a small minig town in Northern Ontario, then acted in the incorporation of the Town of Geraldton in 1937, and continued to act as the town's solicitor until 1946. In that year, Mr. Weiler joined his brother in the practice of Law in the City of Fort William, Ontario. He continued as one of the senior partners in the law firm of Weiler, Maloney, Nelson until 1985 when he became counsel to that firm. He received the designation Queen's Counsel in 1954 and is a life member of both the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Canadian Bar Association.

Generous with his time, Mr. Weiler has served as President of the Board of McKellar General Hospital, President of the Thunder Bay Law Association, Trustee of the Thunder Bay Foundation, Trustee of the St. Joseph's Foundation of Thunder Bay, member of the Board of Governors and its Executive Committee of Lakehead University, and chairman since its inception of the Area Committee of the Ontario Legal Aid Plan.

Mr. Weiler has been a regular advisor to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Thunder Bay and a vigorous supporter of St. Joseph's Heritage. In 1982, his service was acknowledged with the title of Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory awarded by Pope John Paul II. He is also a long-standing participant in the Michaelmas Conference.

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