A thistle is carved in Aquia Creek sandstone above the fountain in the Norman Court. Jay Hall Carpenter, who once served as Sculptor-in-Residence at the Cathedral, created a clay model and the carving was done by Cathedral master stone carver Vincent Palumbo.

The sculpture, donated by All Hallows Guild, was dedicated on September 9, 1994 in memory of Peter McLachlan, chief horticulturist for the Bishop’s Garden from 1961 – 1992.