

**Louisville, Ohio** Remembering the numerous posters displayed near the office of Brother Charles St. James during his many years as campus minister at Loyola University in Chicago, Maggie Kranzfelder, a secretary at the University, remembered one poster: “Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it for themselves,” and observed at the news of his death, “You have brought sunshine to us.” Such have been the observations of the many friends and students that have crossed the life of Brother Charles or “Chuck,” as he was called at Loyola. “His wisdom consisted in his sensitivity to people. “He was a confidant when confided in, a



## Brother Charles St James (1932 - 2006) Campus Minister who brought sunshine

counselor when called upon to counsel, and a companion when only a companion is needed,” stated Donald Lorenzen.” “He was excellent at engaging people. He was constantly inviting people to meet other students...to look inward, outward, upward,” claimed Kevin Weinert. And all this praise came about “by keeping in touch, writing countless notes, messages of appreciation or congratulations, remembering a person’s birthday or underscoring an achievement,” observed Brother Roger Monfette. “Mail or phone calls kept him in contact with countless friends and former students who genuinely appreciated his thoughtfulness.”

He was born in Burlington, Vt., June 29, 1932, son of the late George and Laurette (Senesac) St. Jacques. He graduated from St. Anthony Elementary and Cathedral High in Burlington. After his freshman year at St Michael’s College in Winooski, VT, Brother Charles began his formal training as a brother by attending Lamennais College in Alfred. He

completed his novitiate at Oka, Quebec, and made his final profession in 1958. He spent 54 years in religious life.

From 1955 to 1970, Brother Charles was a high school teacher at the Brothers’ schools in Alfred, Me., Fall River, Mass. and Detroit Mich. While in Detroit he earned a degree in library science. From 1970 to 1974, he was Associate Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Detroit while serving as vocation director for the Brothers until 1977. He also served as executive director for the national Conference of Religious Vocation Directors of Men with offices in Chicago. He also received a master’s degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University. Brother Charles spent thirteen years in campus ministry at Loyola University, prior to coming to Walsh University in 1992 where he continued to minister to college students by his presence.

Brother Charles is survived by two sisters and their husbands: Gabrielle and Anthony Havreluck of East



**Brother Charles (in gray suit) celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of religious life in 2002 and with one of his many friends on the same day.**

Fairfield, Vt. and Suzanne and Edward Fisher of Treasure Island, Fl. as well as nine nieces and nephews and several cousins.

An evening funeral mass was held at the new Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh U. campus on December 17 and a community mass was celebrated in Alfred, Me. before his burial in the Brothers’ cemetery on December 27, 2006. □