



# REVEREND JUDE GRAY, O.S.B., ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

## Memorial Scholarships

Making a caring gift to a memorial scholarship is a meaningful way to express affection and appreciation—and commemorate how much an individual has meant to you.

A memorial scholarship is also a visible way to continue in perpetuity the name and legacy of the person who has been such an important influence in your life.

## An Anniversary

This year, we marked the two-year anniversary of the passing of The Reverend Jude Gray, O.S.B., our beloved Benedictine monk and priest at Saint Anselm Abbey, and our cherished educator and coach at Saint Anselm College.

## The Opportunity

The Reverend Jude Gray, O.S.B., Endowed Scholarship was established at Saint Anselm College to honor the life and work of Father Jude.

With your help, we now have the opportunity to expand the reach and impact of Father Jude's scholarship by building up the fund to \$100,000 so that more students may receive financial aid to attend Saint Anselm College.

## The Challenge

Close friends of Father Jude and past parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Smith, H.D. '86, have made a \$25,000 matching gift challenge to encourage others to donate to the Reverend Jude Gray, O.S.B., Endowed Scholarship [by December 31.](#)

## Preserving a Legacy

"With the passing of time, our community has come to an even fuller realization of how much we owe to Father Jude," said Robert and Miriam Smith. "We want to preserve his legacy at Saint Anselm College and expand the scholarship named in his memory."

**Please respond as generously as you can when a classmate or your college advancement liaison asks you to support this effort.**

## Remembering Father Jude

### *Beloved Educator, Coach, and Old Car Enthusiast*

*So many wonderful memories of him from the greatest Public Speaking Class. But my favorite is of him driving an old caddy, while sitting on a bucket as the front seat!*

—Tricia McGrath Mariano '81

*One snowy night during freshman year, I was helping two friends fix a flat tire outside St. Mary's and we could not get the lug nuts off for the life of us. Father Jude came by and went to find a long steel pipe for leverage. He totally calmed down the situation and even threw in a free physics lesson, citing Archimedes. "Give me a lever long enough and I'll move the world." Never forgot that.*

—Jeff Labanara '06

*I loved Fr. Jude so very much. He became a very dear friend to both of my parents and my two sisters—who were at the Hilltop when I was. I am so happy we never lost touch over all these years.*

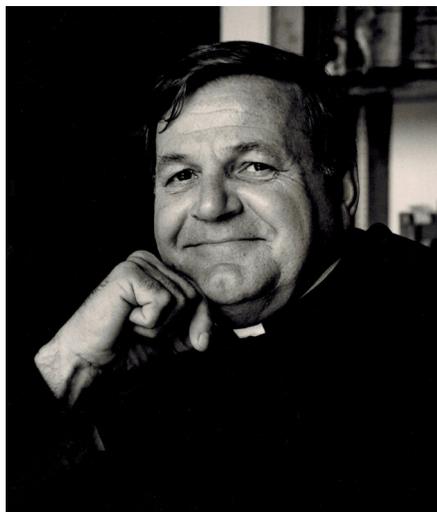
—Cara Carbone '85

*I will always remember riding around campus in one of Father Jude's classic cars, or getting a tour of his garage across the street. And then playing whiffle ball with him in the Quad, while he watched, and then talking about his ball playing career. A great, great man. And I am so fortunate to have known him for a while.*

—John Galgano '88

***Anselmian Always.***

## REVEREND JUDE GRAY, O.S.B., ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



**Rev. Jude John Gray, O.S.B.**, 81, a beloved Benedictine monk and priest at Saint Anselm Abbey, Goffstown, for more than 50 years, as well as an educator, coach and vintage automobile restoration enthusiast, died Monday, March 14, 2016, at Saint Teresa's Nursing Home, Manchester, after more than a year of declining health. Father Jude was laid to rest in Saint Leander's Cemetery on the campus.

Born Oct. 18, 1934, in Kearny, N.J., he was the son of Daniel Leo and Josephine Marie (Miller) Gray. He was graduated from Saint Cecilia High School, where he was a member of the baseball, soccer, and basketball teams for all four years, and served as a class officer and school newspaper editor.

He went on to attend Montclair State College in New Jersey, where he earned his B.A. degree in English and physical education in 1956. From 1956 to 1962, he taught English at North Arlington (N.J.) High School. He also coached soccer at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, and Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, both in New Jersey. A fine athlete in high school and college, Father Jude signed a professional baseball contract and played three seasons in the Florida State League with the Cleveland Indians organization.

Father Jude entered Saint Anselm Abbey's novitiate in 1963 and pronounced simple vows on July 11, 1965, followed by solemn, or lifelong, vows on July 2, 1968. He was ordained a deacon three days later, then ordained a priest in Saint Anselm Abbey Church on July 6, 1968, by the Most Rev. Ernest J. Primeau, S.T.D., late bishop of Manchester.

Father Jude prepared for the priesthood in the abbey seminary. He pursued graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin, and he earned a M.A. degree in public speaking from Emerson College, Boston, in 1973. Most of his teaching career was spent instructing students in public speaking, oral interpretation of literature and related topics in the Department of English at Saint Anselm from 1965 until his retirement in 2000. From 1977 to 1979, he served as headmaster of Woodside Priory School, Portola Valley, Calif.

Over the years, Father Jude held a number of positions in the monastery, including service as infirmarian and speech instructor for lectors and preachers. He was much appreciated as a bread baker and all-round chef. At the college, he served as chaplain, residence director, dean of students and academic advisor to the men's basketball team.

Among Father Jude's many accomplishments was the foundation of the Saint Anselm College Classic Auto Society after his return from California. Under his direction, students helped restore dozens of vintage automobiles and other vehicles, beginning with a World War II-vintage Army Jeep, and then sold them to benefit the Thomas Sullivan Scholarship Fund to help students meet the cost of tuition. Seeing Father Jude driving around campus in a '38 Packard convertible, a classic Rolls Royce, or his green 1930s Ford pickup truck was a common sight. In due course, the garage behind the physical plant complex where he worked on auto restorations was named "Father Jude Hall." It would welcome U.S. Congressmen, corporate executives, students in trouble with college and civil authorities, monks, auto parts dealers, faculty and staff, neighbors, and friends of every description.

Father Jude, who enjoyed skiing, racquetball, and sailing, was recognized as an outstanding athlete. He was named to Montclair State's Baseball Hall of Fame. He was instrumental in the return of baseball to Saint Anselm College and served as assistant coach for a time. He received the 1989 Saint Anselm Varsity Letter of Merit for his many athletic achievements. In addition, he enjoyed opera, the symphony, and theater.

**Contact Us:** For more information about how you may contribute to the Reverend Jude Gray, O.S.B., Endowed Scholarship and help meet this challenge, please contact Jim Flanagan, senior vice president for college advancement, 603-641-7221, [jflanagan@anselm.edu](mailto:jflanagan@anselm.edu).

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