



*I am the resurrection and the life, said the Lord:
he who believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26).*

April 20, 2005

Dear Father:

Our brother and fellow priest, Father Malcolm Carron, SJ, entered eternal life on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at the age of 87.

He was born on May 15, 1917, and lived the majority of his life in Detroit. He earned a B.A. in philosophy from the University of Detroit. After graduation in 1939, he joined the Jesuits and furthered his philosophical studies at the Milford Novitiate of the Society of Jesus. In 1948, Fr. Carron entered West Baden College, Indiana, to study theology in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained on June 13, 1951 and professed final vows on February 2, 1977 in Detroit. While at West Baden, Fr. Carron completed an M.A. in English from the University of Loyola, Chicago, and then earned a Ph.D. in education from the University of Michigan.

Fr. Carron began working at the University of Detroit in 1956, where he taught education and served as the director of Residence Halls. In 1966, he became the school's 17th president and served for 13 years in that capacity. As president, he helped increase student enrollment, played an instrumental role in the addition of doctoral programs, overcame wartime demonstrations and tight budgets, and was highly innovative in attracting minority students into the mainstream of higher education at the university.

Fr. Carron also served as president of University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy for 11 years. At the youthful age of 76, he was invited to curtail his retirement and help start Loyola Academy, Detroit (now Loyola High School). In 1993, he was named the school's first president. Fr. Carron had a strong commitment to Catholic education and worked diligently to make it accessible to all students. He worked hard to break down the barriers that separated people on the basis of faith and cultural heritage.

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Fr. Carron contributed a great deal to the community outside the academic realm. A founding member of New Detroit, Inc. and the Michigan Biotechnology Institute, he served on more than 50 civic committees and boards, including Boys Hope of Detroit, Vista Maria, the United Way for Southeastern Michigan, the Economic Club of Detroit, and the Race Relations Council of Detroit.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, April 21, at Colombiere Center Chapel, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston, from 2 until 7:30 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday, April 22, at Gesu Church, 17204 Oak Drive, Detroit, from noon until 4:30 p.m. and from 7 until 9 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Saturday, April 23 at Gesu Church at 1 p.m. Burial will take place at Colombiere Center, Clarkston.

Condolences may be sent to his nieces, Mrs. Paul (Ann) McElgunn, 26641 Oak Street, Roseville, MI 48066 or Ms. Aimee Baker, 8011 Pineforest Ct., Davisburg, MI 48350.

Please keep Fr. Carron and his family in your prayers.

In the Lord,

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