

Fr. James J. SHERIDAN 83 USA
* November 22, 1909 Lambertville, NJ

+ November 6, 1993 Langhorne, PA

He did his high school and junior college studies at Cornwells, 1923-29, and made his vows at Ridgefield on July 25, 1930. In the final year of his theology at Ferndale he was ordained there on September 3, 1935. Meanwhile he had also earned a B.A. from Duquesne.

His gift for dealing with boys was duly recorded at the end of his studies and it predestined him to a teaching role for most of his active years.

After serving for three years at St. Joseph's House for homeless boys in Philadelphia, he was assigned to Notre Dame parish, Chippewa Falls, WI, where its celebrated high school offered him also much scope for his special talents.

In 1941 he was transferred to Cornwells as assistant director and teacher. A few months later, however, he had to go on an extended sick leave with a severe case of arthritis. Sent south to Miami, FL, he recovered the use of his legs, but stayed south for a few years at Hot Springs and Fort Smith, AR, and, so it appears, finally at Carencro, LA in 1945.

At an undetermined date he could at last return to Cornwells and resume his work there. In 1951 he became director of the Ferndale scholastics, but lasted only two years there before being assigned to St. Emma's Military Academy for African-Americans in Powhatan, VA. as a teacher.

From 1957 on he served as an assistant at St. Mary's Sharpsburg, PA, and from 1959 on at its namesake in Detroit for three years.

In 1962 he went back to teaching at St. Francis de Sales High School in Chicago, IL. There he also showed that he had a talent for the bursar's job that fell to him. The provincial could congratulate him for his exemplary record-keeping and for the substantial remittance he could make to the needs of the province.

His lifelong absorption in baseball affairs again served him in good stead there. He never tired of talking about it with the students and discussing the fine points of the sport and the matches of its major teams.

After twelve years at Chicago he returned to Cornwells to teach at its prep school. When old age forced him to give up teaching, he stayed on in its local retirement community. He could celebrate the golden anniversary of his priesthood there in 1985.

He died of a heart attack in a nearby hospital. Interment took place at the local community cemetery in Cornwells.

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