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After retiring from the school, Fr. Beatus served the monastic community as guestmaster. Today, he teaches Scripture at the Church of Christ the King, New Vernon. For Fr. Beatus, the monastery is a living organism: "A monastery is like a garden. It is nurtured by Scripture, love of Christ, and the willingness to serve."

FATHER JUDE SALUS

A native of Elizabeth, NJ, Father Jude was raised in a parish staffed by Benedictine monks, St. Elizabeth Church, Linden, NJ. There he first encountered the Benedictines and decided to become one himself. He made his first profession of monastic vows on July 11, 1968. Thereafter, he pursued theological studies at the Pontifical Atheneum St. Anselm, the international Benedictine University in Rome, Italy. He completed his studies for ordination at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, NJ and was ordained a priest on April 19, 1975.



Father Jude began teaching religion at Delbarton School and serving in area parishes on the weekends. Known for his pastoral zeal, he served as pastor of Mt. Carmel Church, Cedar Knolls, NJ for many years. After a well-deserved sabbatical, Father Jude returned to the monastery and currently serves as chaplain at Newton Medical Center, Newton, NJ and to the Filippini Sisters at Villa Walsh, Morristown, NJ. He exemplifies what St. Benedict teaches: *that the sick may truly be served as Christ* (RB 36:1). Father Jude's smile and positive disposition are contagious! He brings much joy to our community and to all those whom he meets and serves!