

BROTHER ANTHONY E. D'ADAMO



Anthony E. D'Adamo graduated from Iona College in 1957 and entered the Congregation of Irish Christian Brothers, taking the religious name of Edmund in honor of his father.

While assigned to Power Memorial Academy (1961-1967), Br. D'Adamo played an active role in the academic life of both the school and the students. He was the moderator of the band to which New York's Francis Cardinal Spellman awarded the trophy for being the best band in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was also responsible for arranging the annual concert of the Power Band and Glee Club to perform at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

In addition to his assignment at Power, Br. D'Adamo served as Principal of Rice High School (1976-1979), Assistant Dean of Students at Iona College (1981-1986), Director of Vocations at the Eastern American Province (1982-1984) and Dean of Students at Iona College (1986-1988). In 1988, he was assigned to Citta dei Ragazzi in Rome, more commonly known as Boys Town of Italy. In 1992, Br. D'Adamo was appointed as the Executive Vice President to Citta dei Ragazzi and in 2002, upon his transfer back to Iona College, he became the Executive Vice President of the American corporation, Boys Town of Italy, Inc. In this position, he headed the New York fundraising office for the Boys Town and Girls Town of Italy throughout the United States.

When the Power Memorial Academy Alumni Association was formed in 2002, Br. D'Adamo was there as a founding board member. He was an active participant at all of the meetings and events. So typical of him, he stepped up to the plate and became our unofficial moderator along with Br. Killelea. Both Brothers led 135 alumni up 5th Ave for the "Return of Power" to the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2003.

The tributes Br. D'Adamo received from Power Alumni and former Citizens of Boys Town of Italy are too numerous to list. One of his former students summed him up this way: "There are people in this world who do a lot and who give a lot...from their hearts, minds and souls. In short, they dedicate their lives by giving and making sacrifices that are so much a part of them, that no one quite notices how much is truly given. Some might call them life-savers...rather, they are life givers, because in giving us their all, they enrich us in a way that no one who pulls you from a burning building or a sinking ship can do more."