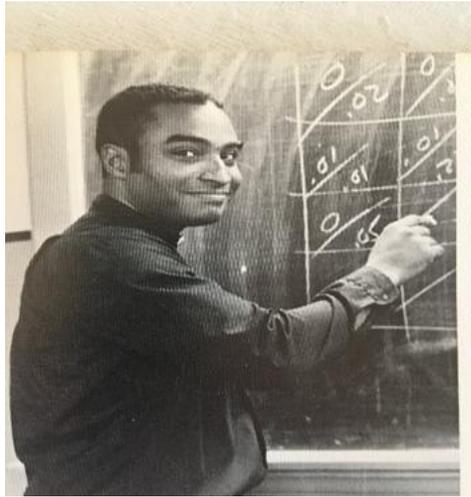


HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Br. Thomas J. Jensen **Faculty/Basketball/Baseball Coach**



Brother Jensen was born on November 22, 1940, in the Bronx, the son of George and Mary Hermina Jensen. He entered the Congregation on September 10, 1955 and took his final vows on June 27, 1966. He attended St Anthony of Padua and Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx. It was there as a freshman at the age of 15 that Br. Jensen would enter the Juniorate of the Christian Brothers. He spent the rest of his life serving in Christian Brother schools including Essex Catholic, Power Memorial Academy, Iona Prep and Bergen Catholic High School. Br. Jensen received his BA degree in classical language and literature from Iona College and a MA from Manhattan College. Rev. Brother Thomas Jude C.F.C., passed away on February 7, 2011.

Brother Jensen spent 12 years at Power from 1965-1977 teaching Mathematics, Religion, English and Latin. Brother J touched many lives and provided a strong role model for his students and players. Ask any student or player who knew Br. J and they will tell you what a great coach, mentor and teacher he was. When you ask many Power Alumni who were coached by Brother J, they would say that he was one of the major cornerstones in laying the foundation for the basketball program for the many years. When you look at the four Basketball City Championship teams, Brother J's teams were the foundation of this basketball powerhouse winning multiple freshman and JV City Championships and grooming many raw and immature players into all city basketball players. Brother J also loved baseball and was Power JV baseball coach for many years, once again, feeding our Varsity team with solid talent to help them win multiple Bronx Manhattan Baseball championship.

After leaving Power, Brother Jensen continued serving the Christian Brother schools including Iona Prep (1978-1983) and Bergen Catholic for almost a quarter century. Similar to what his legacy was at Power, he taught several levels of Mathematics, as well as Religion and Latin, and was the coach of the J.V. baseball and basketball teams. The contributions of this highly-respected coach laid the ground work for the outstanding success of the varsity teams of both programs during his association with them.

At Iona and Bergen he established himself as one of the most respected instructors in both schools history and has already been inducted into both Iona Prep and Bergen Catholic Alumni Hall of Fame. His career coaching feats were recognized by his peers and was also inducted into the CHSAA Basketball Hall of Fame.