

RIVIER REMEMBERS BROTHER PAUL DEMERS

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In Memoriam

Brother Paul Demers—*teacher, chaplain, mentor, and friend*



The Rivier and Greater Nashua communities, and Brothers of the Order of the Sacred Heart, mourn the loss of **Brother Paul Demers, S.C.**, who passed away peacefully on March 29, 2019, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Brother Paul served Rivier University for 30 years with uncommon faithfulness and a ministry of kind and gentle presence. Always a teacher at heart, he instructed students in bioethics, peace studies, and world religions. He recognized the value of active learning and often had his classes participate in conferences and community activities. Brother Paul was particularly committed to the work of ecumenism and the value of interfaith dialogue and engagement.

As University Chaplain, he prepared individuals for the sacrament of marriage and initiation into the Catholic Church. His celebration of Liturgy in Resurrection Chapel brought together the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary, students, faculty, and friends of the University.

A devoted Raiders fan, Brother Paul exercised a special ministry to our student-athletes through his presence and encouragement. Cheering on the sidelines, Brother Paul took pride in generations of Raiders he faithfully mentored and supported.

Those who knew Brother Paul recognized that he was first a Brother of the Sacred Heart. He lived the spirit of his congregation and their charism as quoted, “Our dedication to others, marked by respect, kindness and concern, will be a sign to them of the compassion of Christ.”

As a community, we are grateful to Brother Paul not only for his service and works seen, but also for the quiet good and compassion known only to the Lord. His memory will serve as an inspiration to all who knew and loved him.■

