

**Fr. Jim Tobin**

**Chaminade College Preparatory 2009 Alumni Humanitarian Award Recipient**

Fr. Jim Tobin came to the Chaminade Family as a fourth grader in 1945, which began his association with the Marianist community that has lasted to this day. As a member of the class of 1954, he made lifelong friends and although he was accepted to the University of Notre Dame, he accepted a higher calling in the form of the Marianist teaching to serve. Guided and influenced by past Chaminade leaders such as Fr. James Canning, Bro. Frank Klapp and Fr. Lawrence Jordan, he made a commitment to the Marianist order and their ministry. Throughout his life, Fr. Tobin has continued to serve the Marianists and his community with his selfless work in a variety of ways, primarily by teaching at various schools in Texas and Missouri, including McBride, Maryhurst, St. Mary's and Vianney. In 1979, he became the Campus Minister for the Saint Louis University School of Medicine where he served those students well and continues relationships with many of them to this day. In 1997, he began his present position as pastor of Our Lady of the Pillar parish and continues to serve his parishioners in the compassionate, caring and concerned way that has been his admirable trait since he began his ministry over 50 years ago. He continues to give his time to Chaminade and he maintains the bond with his classmates by hosting First Friday Masses each month to stay in touch with them. We thank Fr. Tobin for his selfless work and his lifelong commitment to the Marianists.