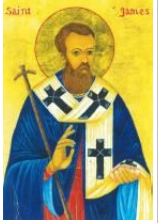


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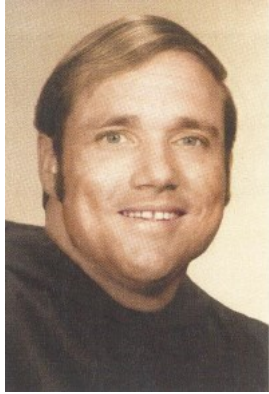
# **The Parish of St James**

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### **Moderator's Musings**



#### **Beloved Augustinian considered for Sainthood.**

The Rev. William E. Atkinson, OSA, '73 CLAS was a talented athlete and had just entered the Augustinian Order as a novice when a tobogganing accident nearly took his life in 1965, when he was 19 years old. The injury that paralysed his body could not diminish his spirit or divert him from his calling to a life of service.

Father Atkinson's steadfast dedication convinced the Order and the Archbishop of Philadelphia that he should become a priest, and, in 1974, with a dispensation from Pope Paul VI, he became the first quadriplegic known to be ordained. A decade after his death in 2006, he is remembered for his energy, humour and courage.

Recognizing the profound impact that Father Atkinson had on the Augustinian community at Villanova, where he earned his bachelor's degree and lived during his final years, and at Monsignor Bonner High School, where he taught for 30 years, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap, of Philadelphia, presented the cause for his canonization to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, where it was unanimously approved in November 2015.

The next step in the process is to gather witness testimonials and documentation to establish Father Atkinson's candidacy for sainthood. To learn more and to submit remembrances about Father Atkinson, visit [www.augustinian.org/atkinson-guild](http://www.augustinian.org/atkinson-guild).

**From Fr Brian: Fr Bill came to the Seminary for his recovery period, while I was at Villanova USA. He, even in recovery mode, was determined to continue on to priesthood. His recovery to permanent wheel chair became legend, as was his 30years of teaching in Bonner High School. He touched many lives. Please join the Augustinians in praying that he is raised to Sainthood.**

Peace, Fr Brian.