



Rev. Msgr. James M. McDermott
Inducted 1995

Born on February 21, 1923 to Michael McDermott and Nellie Dillon in the Bronx, Msgr. McDermott was one of two sons and three daughters. He attended St. Jerome's School and graduated in 1936. In 1942, he graduated Cathedral College and was ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral on April 17, 1948 by Cardinal Spellman. He was assigned to Archbishop Stepinac High School September 1, 1949.

Monsignor taught Latin and served in many capacities, including Dean of Discipline. In 1968, he was briefly assigned to Cardinal Hayes High School as Dean of Studies. In 1970, he was appointed Principal of Archbishop Stepinac and elevated to Monsignor in 1971. He served as principal until 1979 when he was appointed pastor of St John the Evangelist Church in White Plains.

Monsignor McDermott was considered a man of wisdom and foresight during his years as Stepinac's Principal. Under his leadership Stepinac thrived. Even today Monsignor remains a generous benefactor of our school. His unquestioned loyalty to Stepinac was demonstrated by his gentle care of our beloved Monsignor Stan Mathews.