



“I’m eternally grateful to my family for guiding me to the Alexian Brothers over 50 years ago. It’s been a great life and I’d do it again.”

JAMES DARBY
ALEXIAN BROTHER

In addition to his family’s guidance, Brother James was attracted to the Alexian Brothers as a result of his experiences as a Navy medic during World War II in the South Pacific. During this time Brother James took care of John F. Kennedy after the destruction of JFK’s boat, PT 109. According to Brother James, Kennedy’s hands and feet were infected from cuts suffered when he walked on coral reefs to get help for his marooned crew. “He himself did not want any special treatment,” Brother James says of Kennedy, “although he did go out of his way to get fresh food for his crewmen from larger ships in the area. The rest of the time Kennedy ate powdered eggs and milk and Spam® like the rest of the men.”

Today, as an Alexian Brother, Brother James works Monday through Friday as an administrator in the Provincial’s Office. Brother James likes the job, especially being privy to “state secrets.” He also likes the fact that he has dedicated his life to his Heavenly Father, living in community with like-minded men while serving the sick, the aged, the poor, and the dying.

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