

Dr. John T. Snyder

Class of 1952

John Snyder, an English major, worked for a newspaper, owned an insurance agency, entered seminary at age 33, and was chaplain at the Illinois Children's School and Rehabilitation Center for many years.

He ministered to about 60 students, all of whom had orthopedic disabilities too severe to be taught in their local school districts. He directed the program on death and dying and carried a regular social work caseload. He also worked with parents and offered support to the teachers and staff.

Rev., as he was called by the students, lives with cerebral palsy. His Sunday sermons gave disabled children words by which to live. He told them they may be disabled, but that doesn't mean they are handicapped.

While studying at McCormick, he was awarded the T.B. Blackstone Fellowship in New Testament Greek. Snyder was a member of the Chicago Presbytery and served on several committees, a most recent as chairman of the Special Missions Committee.

Snyder retired in 1992 and lives in Florida.

Additional degrees: Doctor of Divinity, McCormick Theological Seminary; Master of Arts, University of Chicago

