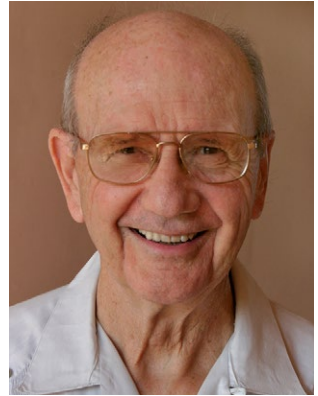




James Short, SJ
70 Years as a Jesuit

Seventy years of deep appreciation for the opportunities for growth in the Ignatian tradition. This growth was fostered by many aspects of my life: through community with my fellow Jesuits throughout the world; by my education in the U.S. and later in Spain, in the shadow of Ignatius and in Rome, in the shadow of the Vatican; by nearly 40 years of involvement in the Jesuit mission in Belize; and most recently after my return to Saint Louis with my engagement with the faculty, students and staff at the Saint Louis University Law School, the scholastics at Bellarmine House and my peers at Jesuit Hall.



My interaction with the wide variety of people from many backgrounds in Belize (indigenous Mayan, Garufina, Creole, Hispanics from Mexico and Guatemala, and multi-generational Belizeans) during my thirty-plus years there provided the greatest opportunity for growth. I came to recognize the fundamental goodness of so many people, who, despite poverty and hardship, exhibit grace through a strong and simple faith and through caring for one another while maintaining a delightful sense of humor and good cheer. I hope that I served them as well as they served me.

The success of our mission, of course, was immensely aided not only by my fellow Jesuits, but also by the dedication and skill of the Sisters of Mercy and Pallottine Sisters.

To my beloved friends and family, many thanks for your support and efforts on my behalf throughout this journey! AMDG

