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Br. Dietrich Reinhart, OSB, president emeritus of Saint John's University, passed away peacefully in Collegeville on December 29, 2008, after a short illness. Br. Dietrich served as the 11th president of Saint John's University from July 1, 1991 to October 21, 2008 — SJU's longest-serving president since the era when the abbot also served as the university president. In commemorating the opening day of Saint John's sesquicentennial celebration on April 5, 2006, Br. Dietrich summed up his passion and vision with these words: "The remarkable life of the beloved community goes on — a work in progress, an open-ended, expansive enterprise with plenty of room for all of us and those who will one day stand in our places."