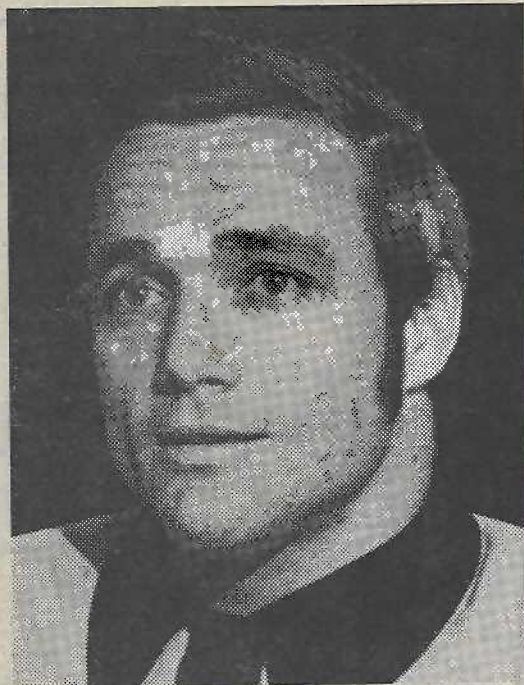


Two county natives named 'outstanding'



REV. WILLIAM ATKINSON

Two Delaware County natives, Dr. David Hartman and Rev. William E. Atkinson are among "America's Ten Outstanding Young Men for 1977."

They were cited by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce for their tenacity and courage which has enabled them to surmount physical handicaps and to attain their goals.

Father Atkinson, 31, a Roman Catholic priest and a faculty member at Msgr. Bonner High School in Upper Darby, is a quadriplegic. He has been paralyzed from the neck down except for some slight use of his shoulder muscles since he was injured in a tobogganing accident 12 years ago.

Father Atkinson was ordained in 1974 at his home parish, St. Alice's in Upper Darby. He is the first known quadriplegic to be ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood. He received a special dispensation from Pope Paul VI to enter the clergy.

DR. HARTMAN, 28, a graduate of Temple University School of Medicine, is now in his first year of residency at Temple Hospital. Blind since he was eight, Hartman is believed to have been the first blind student in this century to be accepted by an American medical school.

Hartman, a native of Haverford Township, who now lives with his wife, Cheri, in Germantown, applied to 10 medical schools after graduating from



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Gettysburg College. Nine rejected him before Temple, the last to reply, accepted him.

Hartman's goal is to enter psychiatry and rehabilitative medicine.

Father Atkinson, a brother of Al Atkinson, former New York Jets linebacker, teaches theology at Bonner. He gets around in an electrically powered wheelchair.

Father Atkinson went through two years of rehabilitation after the accident and resumed his studies at Villanova University.

HARTMAN'S struggle to become a doctor was the subject of a television movie, "Journey into Darkness," in 1975.

Others on the "Ten Outstanding Young Men" list announced at national Jaycee headquarters in Tulsa, Okla., are Steve Garvey, 28, first baseman for the Los Angeles Dodgers; singer Wayne Newtown, 34; Harry Chapin, 34, entertainer and co-founder of World Hunger Year; U.S. Rep. Les AuCoin (D-Ore.), 34; Frank J. Banks, 32, a Memphis, Tenn. accountant; David Wayne Frederickson, 34, a staff assistant to President Ford; Dennis Lee Landesman, 33, director of the Audiology Center, Newport Beach, Calif.; and Dr. Grady Stumbo, 31, physician with the Eastern Kentucky Health Services Center.

Father Atkinson, Hartman and the others will receive their awards in ceremonies Jan. 12 in Las Vegas.