

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James Walsh was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, the eldest of three children. His mother was a housewife and his father a member of the New York City Police Department.

Walsh is a product of the parochial school system. He completed Grammar School at St. Patrick's in Brooklyn. High School was at St. Francis Xavier in Manhattan. After short stints at Notre Dame and New York Universities, he earned his B.S. in Chemistry from Fordham University in the Bronx. He paid his way through school by working for the law firm of Cravath, Swaine, and Moore on Wall Street. He acknowledges that another significant part of his education came from the three hours per day he spent commuting on the New York City Subway System.

His graduate training was at Purdue University where he earned his M.S. (Physical Chemistry) and his Ph.D. (Organic Chemistry). While at Purdue, he spent three years as a full-time Instructor. There he met two of the major influences on his life: his future wife, Ann Marie Nicklas, and his mentor, friend of long standing, and most forthright critic, Professor Derek A. Davenport.

In 1963, he joined the faculty of John Carroll University (JCU) in Cleveland, OH, as an Assistant Professor on tenure track. He "retired" from JCU in 1999, as a tenured full Professor. Then he taught three-and-one half summers as a Visiting Professor at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Dr. Walsh and Ann now live on Treasure Island, FL. Neither of them misses the winters of northeast Ohio. He is still a member of The American Chemical Society, active on both the local and national level. When he is not writing, he can be found walking the beaches along the Gulf of Mexico, and swimming in the pool at their Condo Association.

Currently, Dr. Walsh is at work on his third Entertainment, this one tentatively titled, "Occasions of Syn".