

Legacy Project

June 25th

Brother John Paul Driscoll, C.S.C.

born: 22 September 1927

died: 25 June 1987



John was born in Brooklyn, NY and attended schools in Waterbury. He joined the U.S. Navy and served with the Atlantic Fleet. When discharged he studied as a pre-med student at the University of Connecticut. He joined Holy Cross in the summer of 1951, entered the juniorate in Valatie, and novitiate at Rolling Prairie, pronounced his first vows in 1952. He completed his bachelor's degree at St. Edward's University in 1954. His first teaching assignment was at Catholic Central High in Monroe. He became commandant of Sacred Heart Military Academy in Watertown and served for 5 years. John was a member of the provincial council in the position of director of studies. In 1960, John began graduate studies at Notre Dame and earned a master's degree and then a PhD in 1966. That fall he became the first President and Dean of Holy Cross Junior College, a position he held until his untimely death. John loved teaching psychology and relished the time he spent counseling and encouraging the students at the College. He was soft-spoken with an unflappable personality, and a shy private person. He truly was a gentle-man who helped build Holy Cross Junior College.

Be gentle with everyone, teaching, correcting with kindness.

-- 2 Timothy 2:24

*Counseling is taking the gospel to parts of the heart that
have never heard it before.*

-- Anonymous