

Legacy Project

January 19th

Brother Eymard (Robert) Salzman, C.S.C.

born: 1 April 1905

died: 19 January 1990



Eymard was born in Evansville, attended Reitz Memorial High and entered Holy Cross, making his first profession in 1926. He graduated from Notre Dame and was assigned to teach at Cathedral High for 6 years. He spent 2 years as superior at St. Charles Boys' Home, taught at Central Catholic High in South Bend for 2 years and then served as superior at Valatie for 6 years. In 1945, he was named the Director of Vocations, a position he held for the next 19 years. It is said he may have recruited over 600 potential brothers, priests, and sisters to enter the religious life. Eymard (who was referred to as P.J. -- for St. Peter Julian Eymard) was a dedicated religious, always in a hurry. He genuinely liked people. He had the reputation for idiosyncrasies (forgetting to put film in the camera or take the lens cap off). He was an avid outdoorsman who loved canoeing, swimming, hiking and fishing. When he left the vocation office in 1964, he became the editor and publisher of the "*Holy Cross Brothers*" for 11 years. He was Director of the Association of St. Joseph until 1984. At the age of 79, he worked for 5 years in South Bend as a senior advocate for the Older Adult Project of Legal Services, interviewing older adults who had legal problems. He truly showed that charity, dedication, and enthusiasm go together in helping one persevere.

I have given you an example, so you should also do.

-- John 13:15

Example is not the main thing in life --- it is the only thing.

-- Albert Schweitzer