

Legacy Project

October 8th

Brother Paul (Anton) Mattingly, C.S.C.

born: 16 May 1920

died: 8 October 1990



Paul was born in Dixie, Kentucky and grew up in Evansville where he attended school and graduated from Memorial High. He worked as a cabinet maker and joined Holy Cross in 1939. He went to Watertown and made his first vows in 1940. He took the name 'Anton' at that time, but switched to Paul in 1981. He studied at Notre Dame earned his A.B. degree in 1944, and received a Master's Degree in European History in 1953. He started his teaching career in New Orleans. He also taught in Taunton and South Bend. In 1950 he returned to New Orleans to teach for 7 years, and then went to St. Edward's High in Austin for 4 years His interest in Spanish was stimulated when he taught Hispanic students. He spent several summers at the Universidad in Mexico City. In 1961 he went to St. Joseph's High in South Bend and taught all the Spanish classes. He then did the same at Holy Cross High in River Grove for 10 years. He studied and worked for 2 years at the Instituto Mexico in Mexico City. He was assigned to Dujarie House to help the patients, but became one of them as Alzheimer's Disease slowly developed. He would communicate with his eyes or would point to sections of the newspaper when he wanted to see a movie. Each day he was an example of resignation, patience, and joy for those who cared for him.

I will boast of my weaknesses that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

-- 2 Corinthians 12:9

The 'i' in illness is isolation, and the crucial letters in wellness are 'we'.

-- Mimi Guarneri