

Legacy Project

November 1st

Brother James Cornelius O'Donnell, C.S.C.

born: 16 August 1945

died: 1 November 1999



James was born in Lakewood, Ohio, and was a product of St. Edward High, graduating in 1963. He entered the community that fall at Watertown, and pronounced his first vows in 1965. He studied at St. Edward's University in Austin. His first assignment was to serve on the faculty of LeMans Academy for 13 years. He then joined the faculty at Gilmour Academy working there for 8 years teaching social studies, supervising and prefecting in the dormitory. He worked with Boys' Hope, a Jesuit Program in St. Louis for 2 years, and served on the staff at Mercy Boys' Home in Chicago. He joined the staff at Holy Trinity as the computer lab manager and assisted students in remedial courses. He returned to Gilmour in 1995. He was noted for his sunny personality and Irish wit. Students called him the "Voice of the Lancers" for his booming cheers and devotion to Gilmour's athletic teams. James dedicated his life to teaching others to perform their very best. He did have chronic health problems, but none seemed life threatening. Thus all at Gilmour were shocked at his unexpected death during a brief stay at the hospital. His Irish wit is long remembered by those who admired him.

Serve the Lord and rejoice before him.

-- Psalm 2:11

*It is the generous giving of ourselves that produces
the generous harvest.*

-- Orison Swett Marden