

Legacy Project

October 10th

Brother James Joseph Linscott, C.S.C.

born: 14 April 1926

died: 10 October 2003



James was born in Milwaukee and attended schools there. He studied at Marquette University for a year and joined the Holy Cross in 1946, made first profession in 1948. He studied at Notre Dame and then taught at Cathedral High in Indianapolis. He graduated with his degree from St. Edward's University in 1952, taught at Cathedral High for 2 more years and then at St. Joseph's High in South Bend for 6 years being the Assistant Principal for 2 years. He taught at Reitz Memorial in Evansville and then returned to St. Joseph's in 1963 as Head of the Boys' Department. He became Principal when the school became coeducational. He was a cheerful leader having faith in his staff, faculty and student body. The school honors him with an annual Brother James Linscott Award for distinguished service. James took a sabbatical in 1973 to study Spanish in Mexico and began a new career. He volunteered at an orphanage for 7 years. He was a kind and generous parent to more than 1000 orphan boys and girls near Mexico City. A colleague said, "He was loved, he created a family atmosphere for us." James returned to the States in 1980, taught at Holy Trinity and was asked by Bishop McManus in 1981 to be administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in Milford. He served migrant families for over 10 years, living in a trailer. He retired to Columba Hall in 1991 continuing to give service to his community as he had to his Hispanic friends for over 17 years.

Help the lowly and fatherless, give justice to the afflicted and poor.

-- Psalm 82:3

The ones who are really happy are those who found a way to serve.

-- Albert Schweitzer