

## *Legacy Project*

# January 23<sup>rd</sup>

## **Brother Francis Joseph Englert, C.S.C.**

*born: 13 May 1922*

*died: 23 January 2007*



Francis was born in Fullerton, Pennsylvania and attended elementary school there. The family moved to Barberton, Ohio where he graduated from Barberton High. After graduation, he worked for 2 years as a draftsman. In 1942, he enlisted to serve for 3 years in the Aleutian Islands. In 1945, he entered the candidacy program at Watertown, Wisconsin. After his novitiate he studied at Notre Dame and graduated in 1951. His first assignment was to Gilmour Academy where he devoted 25 years of his life, except for a year at St. Edward High in Lakewood. Francis was a scholarly figure and his teaching of English was modeled after his mentor Professor Frank O'Malley of Notre Dame. Francis was assistant provincial from 1976 to 1979. He studied spirituality at the University of Toronto, then joined the faculty of Holy Cross Junior College in 1990 to teach English and Philosophy. He was a serious student of Thomas Merton's writings. Francis' influence on his students was exemplified by their comments: *"I hope you realize the impact of your work and effort as a teacher in improving our world"* and *"You were instrumental in shaping a generation of principled and well educated young people."* Francis suffered painful neuropathy with patient endurance until his death.

*"What I have done is to give you an example, so you must also do."*

**-- John: 13:15**

*"Our want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can."*

**-- Ralph Waldo Emerson**