

## *Legacy Project*

# September 8<sup>th</sup>

## **Brother Richard Louis Hillis, C.S.C.**

*born: 11 July 1936*

*died: 8 September 2007*



Richard was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan and attended Catholic schools. He followed his vocation to Holy Cross going to the juniorate in Watertown and novitiate, making his first vows in 1957. He trained to be a cook at Dujarie Hall and over the years served the Community as a cook (Watertown and Columba Hall), a mail clerk (Notre Dame Post Office), groundskeeper (Gilmour and Rolling Prairie), maintenance engineer (Holy Cross College) and housekeeper (Schubert Villa and Dujarie House). Richard said he always admired Mother Theresa who said: *"Unless you give your life over to the service of others, your life is wasted."* In 1999, he began working on the staff at Boysville, and served for 8 years. He commuted the 60 miles everyday to the Special Youth Treatment Center in Detroit. Richard served as a program director and counselor of the facility. He enjoyed exercising and participated in a swimming club and cycled on weekends. It was on a bicycle ride that a serious accident occurred that took his life. His smile and charitable work are trademarks of his life of service in Holy Cross.

*Be a good servant, observe the word and you shall live.*

*-- Psalm 119:17*

*God does not ask our ability, only our availability. If we prove our dependability, He will increase our capability. -- Neil Maxwell*