

Legacy Project

February 20th

Brother Harold Aloysius Ruplinger, C.S.C.

born: 4 August 1928

died: 20 February 2009



Harold was born in Milwaukee and attended Catholic schools there. He joined Holy Cross in 1947, went to the juniorate in Watertown and novitiate, where he made first vows in 1949. He began his studies at Notre Dame, earning a bachelor's degree in 1954 and a Master of Fine Arts Degree in 1961. He taught at St. Edward High in Lakewood, then Cathedral in Indianapolis. In 1953 he joined the first faculty at St. Joseph's High in South Bend. In 1960, he taught at Hoban High. In 1964 he joined the faculty at Holy Cross High in River Grove where he taught for 16 years. He studied at the Academy of Fine Arts in Chicago. At the invitation of the Archbishop of Anchorage, he joined other Brothers to serve in youth ministry for a period of 3 years. In 1983 he assisted in the vocations office at Notre Dame and was the editor of the province publications. He joined the faculty of Holy Cross College in 1984, serving and inspiring his art students for more than 20 years. He also taught art to senior citizens at the Forever Learning Center in South Bend. Harold's contributions to Holy Cross will live on in his artistic panels of Basil Moreau, James Dujarie, Br. Andre', and Br. Ephrem. He also composed a painting of Father Dujarie recruiting the first Brothers of St. Joseph. Harold's zest for life, cheerful demeanor, and enthusiasm inspired both his students and community members.

*The works of Yahweh are great, those who delight in them
fix their eyes on his creation. -- Psalms 111:2*

*Art is a collaboration between God and the artist, and
the less the artist does, the better. -- André Gide*