

## *Legacy Project*

### **August 4<sup>th</sup>**

## **Brother Eugene Francis Phillipp, C.S.C.**

*born: 13 March 1938*

*died: 4 August 2009*



Eugene was born in Cleveland and attended St. Edward High. He joined Holy Cross, went to Watertown in 1955, and then the novitiate, where he made his first vows in 1957. He studied at Notre Dame, earning his bachelor's degree in 1961. His first assignment was to teach at Holy Trinity for one semester, and then spent 2 years teaching at Hoban High in Akron. In 1962, he was assigned to teach at Reitz Memorial High in Evansville, where he spent the next 47 years in tireless and dedicated service. He was proud to earn a Master of Arts in History degree from Notre Dame in 1968. Eugene was recommended to proceed on to doctoral studies, but he was devoted to Memorial High and returned to resume his teaching. He became a legend there, a challenging and enthusiastic teacher of history and psychology. He managed the bookstore, using innovative marketing skills; ran charity drives; trained students for local and state history competitions; and scrupulously cared for the school's facilities with the help of his summertime student work crews. He received a city award for his work in the beautification of the school and environment. Eugene was asked how he trained himself to tackle difficulties in life, he responded, "*I say to myself, 'I can do it, I must do it, I will do it.'*" He passed that advice on to his students. That phrase is displayed in the hallways of Memorial High, in his memory.

*Be an example to all in the way you speak and behave. Make use of your time by reading and teaching. -- 2 Timothy 4:12*

*The value of life depends not on the place we occupy, but on the way we occupy that place. -- St. Therese of Lisieux*