

## *Legacy Project*

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Thomas William Minta, C.S.C.**

*born: 5 May 1948*

*died: 8 January 2014*



Tom was born in Chicago and attended St. Constance Elementary School and was a member of the fourth graduating class at Holy Cross High in River Grove. Tom was influenced by the brothers because a month after graduation, he went to the juniorate in Watertown and made his first vows at St. Joseph Novitiate in 1968. He studied at Holy Cross Junior College for two years and then taught at Holy Trinity High in Chicago for 5 years, also completing his college studies at DePaul University. In 1973. He moved across town to teach at his alma mater for 5 years. He was an enthusiastic and dynamic teacher and found time to earn a master's degree at Loyola. He then taught at Notre Dame High in Niles for 8 years. He was noted for creative ways of involving students in projects to help the poor and needy. He studied at Harper College to learn the signing language and was certified as a specialist for the deaf. He then generously served for 17 years as an employment specialist for the deaf in the Chicago Goodwill Industries for Disabled and was honored by the Illinois Deaf and Rehabilitation Association as Worker of the Years. He was noted for his humor as a jokester and a gifted speaker. For 7 years he served as business manager of Holy Spirit and St. Emily parishes as a Minister of Care for people on the northwest side of Chicago. He was often asked to speak at conferences for other ministers. He often stressed the need to emanate love, listening skills and prayer before, during and after visits to those in need and in all ministries.

*Have the same care and concern for one another.*

**-- 1 Corinthians 12:25**

*Love and caring begin at home. It is not how much we do...  
but how much love we put into that action.*

**-- Mother Teresa**