

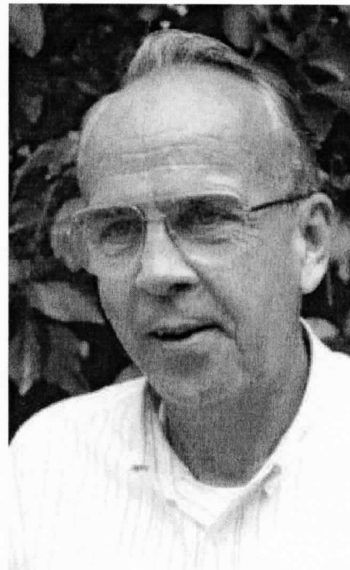
## *Legacy Project*

# January 15<sup>th</sup>

## **Brother William Vincent Gates, C.S.C.**

*born: 25 September 1928*

*died: 15 January 2014*



William was born in Avon, Ohio and attended elementary and high school there. After graduating in 1946, he joined the Brothers, going to the juniorate in Watertown and making his first vows at St. Joseph's Novitiate in 1948. He was assigned to serve on the staff at Father Gibault School and spent the next 10 years working as a counselor, teacher and prefect, in roles where he influenced and witnessed changes in attitude and behavior of the young men he looked after. In 1958 he was selected to join the second group of brothers to go to Ghana where he would spend 48 years. He held many responsibilities there. At St. John's School he was a teacher, counselor, director of the juniorate program and master of novices for the first Ghanaian Holy Cross Brothers. He was rector of St. Theresa's Minor Seminary in Amisano and then taught at St. Augustine's College in Cape Coast. He was a much sought-after spiritual director for students and young Brothers. He returned to the States to work on the staff of the Association of St. Joseph and went back to Ghana to establish a Holy Cross Associates program. William was a soft-spoken leader and counselor, an "institution in Ghana" witnessed by the love for others that he emanated. He carried on a prolific correspondence with former students and was noted for his generosity in fulfilling requests. His love of the people and culture in Ghana were the characteristics of the ideal missionary.

*Listen to counsel and receive instruction that you may  
eventually become wise. -- Proverbs 19:20*

*"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."  
-- Aesop*