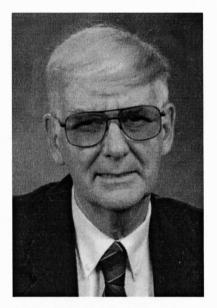
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May 12th

Brother James Patrick Sullivan, C.S.C.

born: 14 October 1932

died: 12 May 2014



James was born in Chicago and attended St. Theodore Elementary School. At the age of 13 he persuaded his parents to let him study to be a Holy Cross Brother. He went to Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown and took his high school courses there, graduating in 1949. He went to the novitiate and pronounced his first vows in 1950 as a Brother. He studied at Notre Dame, graduating cum laude in 1955. He taught in province high schools in South Bend, Evansville and Akron. He was appointed principal of Cathedral High in Indianapolis in 1962 and then principal at Holy Cross High in 1966. He began graduate study in psychology at Indiana University earning his degree as a psychologist. He served as a psychologist for the Gary Community School Association and/or Director of Counseling at Mendel High School and also in Chicago Heights, Oak Forest, and the Chicago Board of Education. He served on the faculty of Morton College for 5 years and was a tutor at the Aguinas Literacy Center in Chicago for 11 years. James was a scholar in many fields and a noted conversationalist. He was witty and left a marked impression on those he met, especially in his correspondence with former students and colleagues in his ministries. He was interested in the intersection of theology with psychology and believed the road to holiness passes through the world of action.

Bless the Lord who counsels me, even in the night my heart exhorts me.

-- Psalm 16:7

A lot of what passes for depression these days is nothing more than a body saying that it needs work. -- Geoffrey Norman