

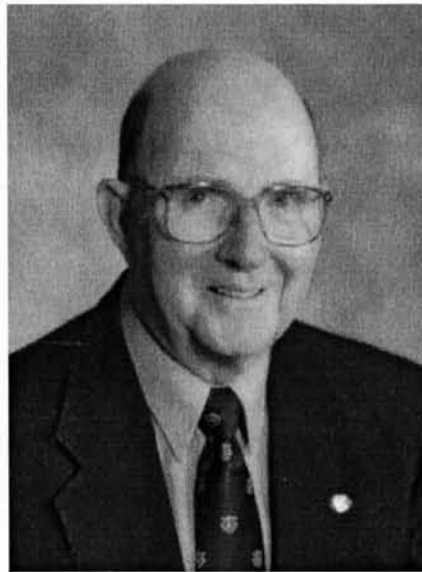
Legacy Project

June 24th

Brother Philip Carter Armstrong, C.S.C.

born: 9 October 1932

died: 24 June 2014



Phil was born in South Bend, attended Holy Cross Elementary and Central Catholic High, graduating in 1950. He entered the juniorate a few weeks later, went to the novitiate and pronounced his first vows in 1951. He studied at Notre Dame, graduating *cum laude* in 1955. He later earned master's degrees in music (1958) and educational administration (1966). He taught in Lakewood and St. Edward's High in Austin for 2 years. He spent 9 years on the faculty at Boyssville of Michigan, with 4 years as the Director. In 1966 he went to Ghana for 13 years teaching at secondary schools in Sekondi, Cape Coast and Amisano and was the District Superior for 2 years. He attended the 1979 provincial chapter and was surprised to be elected provincial for a 6-year term and then elected Assistant General for 6 more years until 1992. Phil was given a 2-year sabbatical for a writing project and produced a biography of Br Ephrem O'Dwyer and histories of the Midwest Province and the District of West Africa. He was secretary to provincial William Geenen for 6 years and assistant in the development office for 12 years. Phil said his life consisted of three ministries, teaching, administration, and writing. He produced more than 1500 poems, essays, commentaries, articles, and book reviews. He had amazing artistic and musical talents producing a variety of works. His spiritual strengths were in his writings and as a counselor and retreat master. Simply, Philip was the ideal exemplar Holy Cross religious for the entire Congregation.

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. -- Philipians 3:17

A good example is the best sermon.

-- Thomas Fuller