

Legacy Project

August 29

Brother Thomas Charles Henning, C.S.C.

born: 30 September 1934

died: 29 August 2020



Tom Henning was born in Detroit, MI, the oldest of six children. In 1957 he enlisted in the United States Army and while serving in San Francisco, CA, he attended the University of San Francisco until his discharge in 1962. He worked in a San Francisco bank for the next five years when he entered Holy Cross taking final vows in 1973. During his active ministry he served in many different capacities: administrator, treasurer, dorm counselor and teacher. Eventually, he earned an MS degree in special education and a masters in Theology. He was a true community man who loved living with and serving his brothers. Tom was famous for his Saturday-evening soirées at Le Mans Academy, Rolling Prairie, IN, where he would create his elaborate hors d'oeuvres and libations that accompanied either a movie or card playing. Many brothers from South Bend would drive the 25-miles to the Prairie for his famous parties. Tom had a wonderful sense of humor accepting each day's joys and sorrows. During his final years, he became less and less verbal, yet nourished himself on communal and private prayer. He was a brother who was liked by all who knew him.

*Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things;
Come share your master's happiness*

--Matthew 25:23

The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate.

– Oprah_Winfrey