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August 18, 2023 Brother Julian Casper Przybyla, C.S.C.

born: 6 January 1936 died: 18 August 2023



Julian Casper Przybyla was born in Rogers City, MI. where he attended St. Ignatius Elementary School, St. Joseph Seminary (1950-1952) and graduated from Rogers City High School in 1954. In September 1954, he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross taking final vows in August 1961. Brother Julian spent the first twenty-five years of his religious life as a cook in several Holy Cross schools and institutions in the Midwest Province of Brothers. His last twenty-five years of active ministry were spent as a maintenance engineer and grounds keeper at Holy Cross High School, River Grove, IL. In 2005, he retired to Columba Hall where he did many tasks related to the grounds, light maintenance and, finally, served as the sacristan. In the last five years of his life his physical ability was gravely diminished resulting either in being wheelchair bound or bedfast.

Brother Julian never sought out a particular work in Holy Cross. He was trained to cook by brothers and he followed all the receipts. Mainly self-taught, Brother Julian did take a few classes to assist his work as maintenance director. Brother Julian had a certain monastic aura to each day of his weekly routine. It worked well for him. He also played golf once or twice a week and was a stickler for the rules of the game – play the ball where it lands! Brother Julian lived his life following a routine and played the ball where it landed until his last breath.

"A faithful man will abound with blessings." Proverbs 28:20

Keep calm and follow the rules. Anonymous