

Legacy Project

December 30

Brother Joseph Annan, C.S.C.

born: 19 September 1950

died: 30 December 2021



Joseph Annan hailed from Gomoa Tarkwa where he attended St. Joseph Catholic Primary the Local Authority Middle School also in Gomoa Tarkwa. In 1968, he gained admission to St. John's Secondary School in Sekondi. At St. John's, the life of the brothers stirred in him the desire to be a religious brother of Holy Cross. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Cape Coast and then studied formative spirituality at St. Louis University in Missouri to study formative spirituality. Upon his return to Ghana he taught at St. John's secondary School Sekondi. While teaching, he assumed the role of Vocation Director for the Congregation of Holy Cross in Ghana. In 1987 he was appointed Director of Novices and in 1989, Brother Joseph became the second Ghanaian Holy Cross brother to serve as District Superior for nine years. Brother Joe then earned a Master of Science degree in Administration at the University of Notre Dame. He was appointed the first Ghanaian Holy Cross brother to head his alma mater, St. John's Secondary School. Brother Joe's life of service to the Church did not only rest with Holy Cross. He held several important positions in the Catholic Church in Ghana. A man of prayer, Brother Joseph had a great sense of humor who brought smiles to the faces of those who otherwise felt downhearted and discouraged. He had great respect for people and would ensure the dignity of each person, regardless of one's status in society.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" Matthew 28:18

"I was bold in the pursuit of knowledge, never fearing to follow truth and reason to whatever result they led." Thomas Jefferson