

Legacy Project

February 18

Brother Robert Eugene Berthiaume, C.S.C.

Born: 7 May 1934

Died: 18 February 2021



Robert was born in Superior, WI and entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1954. From 1957 through 1965, he served as a teacher of English in four province high schools: Archbishop Hoban, in Akron, OH, St. Edward High School in Lakewood, OH, Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills, OH and Holy Cross High School in River Grove, IL He was moderator of the school newspaper, and this extracurricular followed him to each school onward. In 1965, with his move to Bishop David High School in Louisville, KY, his genius for guidance counseling and administration began to emerge. Bob continued to teach English from 1965-1971, but he was now a member of the guidance counseling department. In 1971, he became the Director of Guidance. In 1972, he left Bishop David for St. Edward High School in Lakewood to begin a 29-year ministry in guidance and as an assistant principal. In 2001, Bob left Ohio and secondary education for good to take up residence at Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, IN as a residence counselor. He provided a willing ear for the many elderly folks with whom he interacted each day. Now in his 70s, he continued to maintain his warm charm as a true gentleman who would assist anyone with whatever the need. During these years, he was a member of the Sunday-choir that performed at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at St. Mary's College. His health was now beginning to decline, so he began to pull away from his love of music as he found it progressively more difficult to walk. Finally, in 2019, he became a member of the Dujarié House community and died peacefully as he was being prepared for bed.

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

--Isaiah 41: 10-13

You can easily judge a person by how they treat those who can do nothing for them.

--Unknown