

Legacy Project

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Brother William Leo Schu, C.S.C.

Born: 17 October 1925

Died: 15 March 2019



William Schu was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He attended St. Mary's Grade School in Evansville, Indiana, and graduated from Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville. He was influenced by the Holy Cross Brothers in high school and entered the congregation a few weeks after graduation. He earned a bachelor's and Master of Arts degree at Notre Dame. Brother William (who was once known by his religious name Brother Florentius) began his teaching career at Monsignor Coyle High School in Taunton, Massachusetts, for two years and then taught for two years at Catholic Central High School in Monroe, Michigan. In 1953 he joined the faculty at St. Edward High School where he was to teach and administer for the next 32 years. His senior religion course on marriage and the family was very popular among his students. In 1985 he spent a sabbatical year at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, and then moved to Harriman, Tennessee, as a member of the Holy Cross Mountain Community to assist Brother Gonzaga Day in the Seton Thrift Shop for the poor and needy. In 1990 he went to Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California, to spend a period of creative retirement in favorite hobbies and other pursuits. In 2001, he volunteered at the Senior Friendship Centers in Sarasota, Florida, and devoted the next nine years helping the elderly in the area. In 2010, Brother William moved to Columba Hall at Notre Dame to retire. He commented: "God has blessed me throughout my life with a truly wonderful home and family. I am most thankful for a long, beautiful and happy life being so fortunate to spend more than sixty years as a Brother of Holy Cross."

"You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God" Leviticus 19:32

"Tenderness and respect—never selfishness—must be the guiding principles in the intimate relationship between husband and wife."—Howard W. Hunter