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Brother John Frederick Tryon, C.S.C.

born: 26 June 1948

died: 23 January 2022



The fourteenth of sixteen children, John Tryon grew up in Perrysville, OH, where he attended public schools. Called to religious life, John entered the Brothers of Holy Cross after graduating from Lucus High School. When asked, "What is your ministry?" He responded, "I am a Brother of Holy Cross." He was also a student, a teacher, a director of development and alumni, a formator, a colleague, and certainly a friend: yet always first, "I am a Holy Cross Brother." For over fifty years, he did ministry at Boysville of Michigan, LeMans Academy, Holy Trinity High School, St. Joseph's High School, Holy Cross College, Noviciado de Santa Cruz and Colegio Nuestra Senora de Andacollo. The best night for John was being alone with a good novel, a pack of cigarettes and a glass of scotch. John also loved to travel. He wanted to see the world and he grabbed every opportunity to do just that. Whether it be going on cruises with brothers, traveling throughout Europe and China, or accompanying Holy Cross College students to South America or India, John saw the world. A life-long goal for John was to learn to speak and write in Spanish. He accomplished this goal when he completed a Spanish translation of These Two Hearts, the life of Brother Columba O'Neill, CSC. He finished this work just two days before he died.

And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues. Mark 16:17

"I want to be alone" Greta Garbo