

Legacy Project

January 28th

Brother Robert Elwood Fillmore, C.S.C.

born: 1 May 1939

died: 28 January 2015



Bob was born in Barberton, OH, attended St. Augustine Elementary and St. Mary's High in Akron, graduating in 1957. He joined the Brothers and went to Watertown and then the novitiate making his first vows in 1959. He studied at St. Edward's University earning his degree in 1962. His first assignment was teaching at Boyssville of Michigan and then he served as Vocation Director for 7 years. He studied spirituality at Berkeley and put it into practice by serving for 20 years in campus ministry, working at Holy Cross High in River Grove, IL, Our Lady of Westside School, Holy Trinity High in Chicago, and Archbishop Hoban High in Akron. Bob's mission in life was youth ministry. He was a mentor for hundreds within inner-city areas. Bob lived on the south side of Chicago and took pride in leading youth retreats. He helped many kids stay away from drugs. He lived a life by giving example to everyone he met. His leadership skills were evident when he served on the Provincial Council and was assistant provincial. When a situation occurred, he was asked to assume the role of Provincial and served for 9+ years. Bob was always available to assist in fund raising for the development of the senior living center, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. He was involved with many committees and decisions. He had a strong belief in the help of Blessed Father Moreau and St. Brother Andre' Bessette. As his brother, Rick, said in the Eulogy: *"Bob's life and accomplishments touched so many people that they all could fill Notre Dame's Stadium more than ten times over."*

*Set an example for those who believe, by your speech, conduct, love, faith
purity, and teaching.*

-- 1 Timothy 4:12

*Setting an example is not the main means of influencing others,
it is the only means.*

-- Albert Einstein