

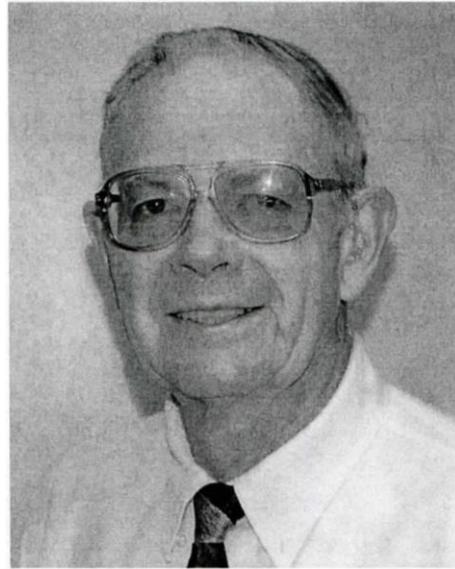
Legacy Project

December 4th

Brother Paul Julian Rosonke, C.S.C.

born: 9 January 1934

died: 4 December 2017



Paul was born in Carroll, Iowa, the son of Leo and Mary Theresa (Reiling) Rosonke. He attended Mount Carmel elementary and high school, graduating in 1952. He lost his Father at an early age and the family moved in with his uncle. He worked on the farm to learn mechanical skills. Paul learned about the Holy Cross brothers and visited Sacred Heart Juniorate. His mother encouraged him to join Holy Cross. He went to Watertown then to the novitiate and made his first vows in February 1954. With the skills and talents, he stayed at the novitiate for 4 years to assist on the farm and do maintenance. In 1958 he returned to Watertown to head the maintenance department for 10 years. He was assigned to be the maintenance director at the new Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois. He was a creative and talented director, designed novel equipment even obtained patents. He was interested in charismatic prayer and helping the needy by volunteering to work with the Lakota people on the reservation in Cherry Creek, South Dakota for 7 years. He was honored by the native people, even given a tribal name of "Wawokyia" ("one who serves people.") He then worked on the staff at the Brothers Center for 8 years, at Holy Cross School in San Antonio for 6 years, at St. Ignatius Parish in Austin for 16 years in prayer ministries and helping the needy. He then moved to Notre Dame to serve roles for 5 years at Columba Hall.

People ought always to pray and not to faint.

-- Luke 18:1

*A candle cannot burn without fire. People cannot live
without a spiritual life.*

-- Buddah