

Legacy Project

January 27th

Brother Joseph Berg, C.S.C.

born: 24 May 1930

died: 27 January 2016



Joe was born in Milwaukee, he attended St. Elizabeth's Elementary and Messmer High Schools graduating in 1949. He went to Marquette University for a year, then to Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, WI and St. Joseph's Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, IN to study and make his first profession as a Brother of Holy Cross in 1952. He attended St. Edward's University in Austin, TX to complete his B.A. degree graduating in 1955. His first assignment was to teach at Notre Dame High School in Biloxi, MS, then at Cathedral High School for 3 years. In 1960 he returned to his hometown to work at St. Charles Boys Home where he served for 10 years as Teacher, Principal, then Director and earned an M.A. in Administration at Marquette. Having many contacts with charities led him to work at the National Conference of Catholic Charities in Washington, DC where he served in a variety of roles for 35 years. His skills and contacts and concern for the poor and needy were recognized by many organizations. He was an active sportsman and loved biking, golfing, and swimming. Unfortunately in 1995 while swimming in the Atlantic, he was tossed by a strong wave and suffered a severe spinal injury causing paralysis below his neck. Rigorous therapy and a strong determination enabled him to walk out of the Rehab Hospital in a year and return to work and golfing. He moved to Notre Dame and actively participated with the development of Holy Cross Village. He suffered a severe stroke in 2014 and was faithfully cared for by his own brother, Brother Roger.

"I have taught, I have led you in the right path."

-- **Proverbs 4:11**

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

-- **Matthew 7:12**