

Legacy Project

January 7

Brother John Ignatius Schuszler, C.S.C.

born: 8 June 1939

died: 7 January 2021



John was born in Cleveland, OH and entered the Congregation in 1958. Before John spent 21 years at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago from 1986-2007, he spent his first ten years at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, OH. Between those decades, he spent no more than one or two years at any other of his six assignments with the exception of five years at Father Gibault School for Boys in Terra Haute, IN. Such frequent assignment changes might suggest that at the beginning of his religious life, John was stable for a short while and then became progressively restless. John Schuszler was not the restless type. Rather, he was conscientious--a man of predictable patterns—a prayerful man by whose patterns of a “regular life” other brothers might set their clocks. He was frequently moved because he was just the man to be sent where things were, quite literally, falling apart. Utterly resourceful, he was one of the legendary Holy Cross brother maintenance directors who saved and scavenged for useable parts and tools to be used later on. These men knew how to recycle and how to repair things because they frequented Army Navy stores and auto graveyards. John was a master of analyzing the needs of a building so there were no unanticipated disasters. He was utterly capable and could tackle almost any task no matter the time commitment, the expertise needed or the sweat and grime involved.

*A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words,
And the deeds of a man's hands will return to him.*

--Proverbs 12:14

*Your profession is not what brings home your weekly paycheck;
your profession is what you're put on earth to do
with such passion and such intensity
that it becomes spiritual in calling.*

-- Vincent Van Gogh