

Legacy Project

August 7

Brother James William Bagans, C.S.C.

born: 30 March 1937

died: 7 August 2022



James Bagans was born in Dearborn, MI. He attended St. Mary Magdalen Elementary School in Melvindale, MI and graduated from Monroe Catholic Central High School, Monroe, MI, in 1955. From 1958 through 1996, Brother James served in four Holy Cross ministries: as a counselor at St. Charles Boys Home in Milwaukee, WI, and then at high schools in Ohio and Illinois, before spending 28 years at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, OH. Brother James described himself “as calm, cool and collected” and according to anyone who lived and worked with him, he maintained that disposition throughout his sixty-six years in Holy Cross. After a full day in the Guidance Office, James could be found working outside mowing grass or tending to the flower beds. In 1998, he trained as a hospital chaplain at the Cleveland Clinic and worked as a member of the spiritual care team at Lourdes Hospital in Binghamton, NY, for twenty years. As an active contemplative, Brother James was a man who was at peace with himself and with the Lord. All who knew him, would agree that he consistently listened with attention and then provided support. Brother James retired in 2018 and moved to Venice, FL, where he died.

“My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be shaken.” *Psalm 62*

What we plant in the soil of contemplation, we shall reap in the harvest of action. Meister Eckhart