

Legacy Project

November 3rd

Brother Edward Joseph Olszowka, C.S.C.

born: 19 June 1924

died: 3 November 1977



Edward was born in Chicago and attended public schools there. He went to Wright Junior College and took evening classes at Northwestern University while working as a purchasing agent for a company. In 1953, he followed his calling to Holy Cross, and went to the juniorate at Watertown and then the novitiate at Rolling Prairie where he made first vows in 1955. He was assigned to St. Edward's University, finishing his bachelor's degree in 1956. Edward taught at St. Joseph's High in South Bend and at Evansville. In 1969 he was assigned to Holy Cross High in River Grove serving as the treasurer for the next 8 years. In addition to the duties in his office, Edward was the moderator of the Ladies Guild at the high school. One Brother, who lived with him said the single expression of Edward's life was a 'spirit of generosity, he constantly reached out to help others.' Edward served as a confidant, a person one could go to in times of need. He passed away after a lengthy illness, dying too soon in his generous life to others.

Trust that God will not refuse anything he can give.

-- Romans 8:32

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

-- Winston Churchill