

Legacy Project

October 28th

Brother Eric (James) Landers, C.S.C.

born: 25 February 1915

died: 28 October 1982



Eric was born in Indianapolis and graduated from Cathedral High School in 1932. He entered the juniorate at Watertown and went to St. Joseph Novitiate at Notre Dame where he made first vows in 1934. He studied at Notre Dame earned his bachelor's degree *cum laude* in 1937. Eric began his teaching career at Reitz Memorial High in Evansville where he taught physics and mathematics. In 1940 he moved to Vincentian Institute in Albany to teach science classes for 10 years, and was head of the Boys' Department. He attended summer schools, earned a master's degree in 1947. In 1950, Eric joined the faculty at St. Edward High in Lakewood teaching physics and math classes for 19 years. He was the freshman basketball coach, and helped direct the annual school musical. It was in Lakewood where he began his hobby as a ham radio operator. Station W8GDI operated from his physics lab. In 1969 he moved to Holy Cross High in River Grove and then taught at Catholic Central High in Monroe. In 1973 he joined the faculty at Holy Cross Junior College teaching until he retired in 1981. With his ham radio skills, Eric performed yeoman service for the community by communicating with Brothers in Ghana and Liberia, even via telephone patches so they could talk to their relatives.

*Do not neglect to do good but communicate and
share what you have. -- Hebrews 13:16*

*Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding,
intimacy and mutual valuing. -- Rollo May*