

Legacy Project

April 22nd

Brother Eugene Weisenberger, C.S.C.

born: 2 August 1918

died 22 April 1991



Eugene was born in Chillicothe, Ohio and attended schools there. He studied at the Columbus Conservatory of Music and earned a bachelor's degree. He taught at the Capitol College of Music. In 1948 he joined Holy Cross going to Watertown and the novitiate where he made his first vows in 1950. He was assigned to teach at Cathedral High in Indianapolis, where he devoted 23 memorable years. One person said that Eugene was 'the music man par excellence.' He taught every instrument and had remarkable patience in training freshmen, who had no previous musical experience, into those who won ribbons in Indiana music contests. His musical presentations at Cathedral ranged from Bach to Sousa, ragtime to symphony. Eugene left Cathedral in 1973 when Holy Cross withdrew from the school. He went to Hoban High in Akron where he served as a counselor for 5 years and then to Holy Cross High in River Grove in 1978, again as bandmaster. Eugene composed music for 12 Masses and various concerts. While in Indianapolis, he played the organ every morning at the Cathedral for Masses to earn added revenue for the school. It was said that he had the 'youngest eyes' which sparkled like those of a child, full of excitement, when he would teach and conduct music with his students.

*Play the musical instruments, harps, lyres, and cymbals
to make a loud sound of rejoicing. -- Daniel 15:16*

*Without music life would be a mistake.
-- Friedrich Nietzsche*