

Legacy Project

May 21st

Brother Richard Eugene Foley, C.S.C.

born: 12 June 1924

died: 21 May 1996



Richard was born in Minneapolis and attended schools there. He studied at the College of St. Thomas, graduating with a bachelor's degree. In 1947, he joined Holy Cross and went to the juniorate in Watertown, then the novitiate and made first vows in 1948. His first assignment was to work in the office of the Associates of St. Joseph. In 1955, he was assigned to Hoban High School where he worked for the next 27 years. Richard was similar to Brother Andre' Bessette, having a simplicity that endeared himself to others. He had hearing and vision problems but these didn't slow him in the variety of duties he performed repairing audio-visual equipment or teaching swimming and First Aid. He taught swimming in the summers to young boys and girls at the Akron Urban League pool. Archbishop Hoban High renamed the cafeteria 'Foley Commons' for his persistent and unlimited devotion to the School. In 1982 he moved to Gilmour Academy as the 'Waterfront Director' of the pool. In 1989 he retired to Dujarie House after a full and devoted life of service.

Conduct yourselves with simplicity and sincerity of heart.

-- 2 Corinthians 1:12

Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.

-- Confucius