

Legacy Project

January 18th

Brother Just (Eugene) Paczesny, C.S.C.

born: 13 June 1926

died: 28 January 1998



Just was a 'South Bend boy', who attended St. Hedwig School and Central Catholic High before joining the Brothers in 1943. He made his first profession in 1946 and studied at Notre Dame where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. He was principal at Holy Trinity in Chicago, at Reitz Memorial in Evansville, and at Marquette High in Michigan City. He served as Assistant Superintendent of Schools in the Chicago Archdiocese and was the Vicar of Christian Formation in the Diocese of Phoenix. Just worked at the University of Notre Dame in a variety of roles: Hall Rector, Vice-President for Student Affairs and Director of Student Services. He was Director of Admissions at Holy Cross College and the Dean of Students at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. He was a leader with a gentle, understanding, and compassionate heart. He could go from one task to another with hardly a pause for breath. He had a contagious sense of humor in a group. He also had a remarkable rapport with kids, a sort of chemistry that kicked in when youth were around. He wrote once to his provincial: "I have enjoyed every moment of my years of service in the Community. I do not think that I have ever lost my spirit for what is new and the wonder of each day and its challenges." A message for us to emulate.

Service is not only supplying the needs but also acts of thanksgiving.

-- 2 Corinthians 9:12

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

-- Theodore Roosevelt