

Legacy Project

June 15th

Brother Francisco (William) Drury, C.S.C.

born: 15 July 1926

died: 15 June 2000



William was born in Washington, Indiana. He studied in schools there and joined the Brothers in 1944. He made his vows the next year. He was given the name Francisco in the novitiate and after Vatican II, he switched to his baptismal name of William, but was commonly called 'Frank.' He was a gifted artist and teacher of art with a degree from Notre Dame. His teaching assignments spanned the four corners of the Earth -- the East (Brooklyn), the North (Monroe, Lakewood, Akron, Gates Mills, River Grove, Notre Dame), the West (Portland) the South (Biloxi, Venice), and West Africa (Monrovia). Frank was a perfectionist in many ways, in his teaching, his life, and his art. His spirit of generosity led him to various responsibilities including superior, principal, prefect of discipline, and alumni moderator. In 1969, he pursued a degree in Library Science at Butler University and served on the library staffs at Notre Dame and the University of Portland for 16 years. He then worked at the Senior Friendship Centers in Florida for 11 years. He always had a friendly greeting for everyone. He lived frugally and would save his monthly allowance to donate to agencies and religious groups to feed and educate children. Frank's evening prayer was, "Lord, we thank you for the people we met and served today."

Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

-- James 2:17

The ones who are really happy are those who sought and found a way to serve.

-- Albert Schweitzer