

Legacy Project

November 7th

Brother Thomas James Balthazor, C.S.C.

born: 12 February 1940

died: 7 November 2001



Thomas was born in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin and attended Catholic schools there. He joined Holy Cross in 1958. After his novitiate year and studies at Notre Dame, he began as a cook at Columba Hall and then food service manager at Gilmour Academy. He studied for three years at St. Edward's University and then worked at St. Charles Boys' Home. He taught at Holy Trinity in Chicago. He began his long years of service at Gibault School in 1969, where he spent 11 years and was director from 1975-1981. He began social work studies at Barry University in Miami, and then worked at the Family and Children's Center in Mishawaka where he was a social worker and vice president from 1986-1989. He took the position as supervisor of the Center's Sexual Abuse Treatment Program and became a clinical social worker with Psychology Associates in South Bend. He was the co-founder of the Holy Cross Counseling Group and was a clinical social worker there for 6 years. Thomas was recognized in northern Indiana as the top expert in the field of sexual abuse counseling, belonged to a number of national counseling organizations and served as board member at two centers. Even after retirement, he maintained his counseling practice. Thomas died of an apparent heart attack while he was facilitating a group counseling session.

"Your decrees are my delights, they are my counselors."

-- Psalm 119, 24

"Character, like a photograph, develops in darkness."

-- Yassuf Karsh