

December 30th

Brother Robert James Siegel, C.S.C.

born: 4 November 1928

died: 30 December 2003



Robert was born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin and attended schools there. He completed his B.S. degree in 1951 at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. An accomplished musician, he studied to direct instrumental and choral work. He entered Holy Cross in 1951 at Watertown. His first assignment was to Central Catholic High in South Bend and then he spent 5 years in Catholic Central High in Monroe, enhancing the music curriculum. In 1958 he was named to the faculty at St. Edward High in Lakewood where he spent 13 years, serving as Principal for the last 4 years. In 1971 he was appointed director of scholastics at Holy Cross Junior College and joined the faculty. In 1973 he became vice principal at St. Joseph's High for a 4-year term. He taught at Hoban High in Akron and in 1982 was named President there for 2 years. In 1985 he spent 2 years on the staff of the Holy Cross Sisters' program in Tiberias, Israel. He came back in 1987 to serve as editor of the *Brothers* magazine and became superior of Columba Hall in 1988. He served as Assistant Provincial. He suffered a serious stroke in 1993 and became a resident at Dujarie House. Robert was a man of many talents, a trusted counselor, with a sharp mind and generous spirit. He was always fascinated by circuses since they used to spend summers near his hometown. Confined to a wheelchair for the last 10 years of his life was limiting, but Robert probably made plans to ensure that music and circuses would be part of heaven.

"Happy are you servants who listen to your wisdom."

-- 2 Chronicles 9:7

"When we do what we can, God does what we can't."

-- E.C. McKenzie