

Legacy Project

November 23rd

Brother Vincentius (Joseph) Balog, C.S.C.

born: 7 March 1924

died: 23 November 2010



Brother Vincentius (Vinny) was born in Detroit, Michigan and attended St. Rose of Lima elementary and high school. He entered Holy Cross in 1942 and made his first vows in 1944. He began undergraduate studies at Notre Dame. After two years he joined the faculty at Gilmour Academy where he spent the next 22 years. He always had a unique talent in art and spent his years at Gilmour teaching art and drawing classes. He studied for a year at the Cleveland Art Institute and also at Case Tech. In 1968, he joined the faculty at LeMans Academy in Rolling Prairie, IN where he served as the superior. In 1976, Br. Vinny returned to Gilmour Academy where he continued his prior work of teaching and continuing to landscape the campus. In 1979, he joined the staff of the University Club of Cleveland as a member of the pastoral team of St. Paul's parish for 13 years. His ministries included distributing food to a soup kitchen, to needy families and to cloistered Poor Clare nuns. He continued his artistic pursuits of producing oil paintings and mosaic portraits. In 1999, Br. Vinny joined the staff at Columba Hall and took on a number of landscaping projects around the Hall. The special garden shrine for St. Joseph and the stone marker identifying Columba Hall are two of his prominent achievements. He loved being outdoors and helping God beautify the world. His generous nature and what he portrayed through his artistic and gardening talents enriched the environments wherever he served.

*You bring beauty to my sanctuary and glory to the place
where I set my feet. -- Isaiah 60:13*

*Gardening and landscaping requires lots of water - most of it
in the form of perspiration. -- Lou Erickson*