

Legacy Project

June 30th

Brother John Leo May, C.S.C.

born: 19 May 1940

died: 30 June 2018



John was born in Monroe, Michigan, the son of Charles and Leona (Bruck) May. He attended St. Joseph Elementary and Catholic Central High, graduating in 1957. He also studied for two years at Monroe Conservatory of Music. He worked with Holy Cross Brothers at their Notre Dame Camp in Bankson Lake, Michigan and decided to join Holy Cross, going to the Juniorate and Novitiate and professing first vows in 1958. He began studies at St. Edward's University in 1958 and transferred to Notre Dame to complete his degree in English and Music. In 1961 he was chosen to join the founding faculty at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois, for four years, then for five years at Bishop David High in Louisville, Kentucky and earned his master's degree in English and School Administration at Butler University. He earned administrative experience while at River Grove and Louisville which he used in assignments as assistant principal at Archbishop Hoban High in Akron for 8 years and at Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills for 17 years. In 1995 he came to Notre Dame to serve in the Province Development Office as Director of Planning and Mission for the Holy Cross Village Board of Directors where he was noted for talent in taking care of minute details. He never lost his love or enjoyment for music from singing in choirs to assisting in liturgical celebrations.

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."

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Aristotle

They believed his words and sang his praises.

-- Psalm 106.12