

Legacy Project

November 26th

Brother Bernard Francis Donahoe, C.S.C.

born: 16 March 1932

died: 26 November 2018



Bernie was born in Madison, Wisconsin, the son of John and Mary (Sullivan) Donahoe. He attended Blessed Sacrament Elementary and Edgewood Catholic High School graduating in 1950. He was influenced by reading Thomas Merton's *Seven Storey Mountain* and decided to enter Holy Cross after seeing an advertisement. He went to the Juniorate in Watertown and Novitiate and made his first vows in 1952. He studied at the University of Notre Dame and graduated magna cum laude in History in 1955 and earned a master's degree with honors in 1958. He taught for a year at St. Joseph's High in South Bend and at Archbishop Hoban High and four years at Cathedral High in Indianapolis. He was honored with a graduate fellowship at Notre Dame to earn a doctoral degree with high honors in 1965. He was selected as Master of Novices at St. Joseph's Novitiate for four years because of scholarship and spiritual commitment. He returned to the life of a professor and taught for the next 38 years at Saint Mary's College, the University of Notre Dame, and Holy Cross College including administrative positions such as Department Chairman, also as superior of the Brothers at Columba Hall for seven years until 2006. His remaining years included scholarly research in his favorite interests, President FDR, European, Political, and Holy Cross History, and enjoyable challenges against favorite opponents on the Notre Dame tennis courts.

"A good head and a good heart are a formidable combination."

--- **Nelson Mandela**

In his mind a man plans his course, but the Lord directs his steps.

-- **Proverbs 16.9**