

Legacy Project

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Brother Robert Emmet Lavelle, C.S.C.



born: 21 July 1940

died: 22 January 2026

Born in Cleveland, Robert attended St. Patrick and St. Christopher elementary schools and graduated from St. Edward High School, Lakewood, OH in 1958. He earned a BS degree from St. Edward's University and a MA from Kent State University, Kent, OH. After two years at Sacred Heart Military Academy, Watertown, WI, Robert served in Ohio for the rest of his career. First at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, OH for 11 years and for the next 43 years at Gilmour Academy, Gates Mills, OH, first as assistant headmaster then as headmaster. In 2015, as headmaster emeritus, Robert continued his ministry both in the Cleveland area and for the Midwest Province. Highly respected for his knowledge at the board level, Robert represented the Midwest Province on the boards of our various schools, guiding them in their development from advisory boards to boards of trustees. Believing that all "mission is local", Brother Robert encouraged every school to be loyal to its traditions, values, mission and charisms. Robert served as assistant Provincial from 2018 until his death.

Whoever would be great among you must be your servant. Matthew 20: 26

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." John Maxwell