

Legacy Project

August 13, 2026

Brother Thomas Patrick Cunningham, C.S.C.



born: 1 November 1939

died: 13 August 2026

Thomas attended Freeborn County P.S. and graduated from Bethlehem Academy, Faribault, MN in 1957. Upon high school graduation, Tom entered the Brothers of Holy Cross where he received a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame in 1963 and a Masters of Arts from DePaul University, Chicago, IL in 1969. He also studied at Washington Theological Union, Silver Springs, MD, the Hyacinth Foundation, Jersey City, NJ, Lifelink, Washington, DC and the C.A.R.E. Program, Long Beach, CA. Brother Thomas' teaching assignments included St. Edward High School, Lakewood, OH. Monroe Catholic Central High School, Monroe, MI, St. Joseph's High School, South Bend, IN and finally Holy Trinity High School, Chicago, IL where he served for sixteen years. In 1988, he moved from a career in secondary education to a nineteen-year career working as a counselor and chaplain with men in prison, hospital chaplaincy and with people suffering from HIV/AIDS. In 2008, Brother Thomas returned to Notre Dame where he became the Superior of the brothers living and working at Schubert Villa/Dujarié House until 2014. At the end of his term as Superior, he moved to Columba Hall and continued to serve as a volunteer at Holy Cross Village. He also volunteered at the Catholic Worker until 2017. In 2022, he became a resident at Dujarié House until his death.

"Fear not; for I am with you: be not dismayed; for I am your God: I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness." Isaiah 41:10

"I am the pencil in the hand of God." Mother Theresa