

## *Legacy Project*

**June 19, 2024**

### **Brother Richard Lee Armstrong, C.S.C.**



**born: 16 July 1946**

**died: 19 June 2024**

Richard Armstrong was born in Evansville, Indiana. He attended Holy Rosary Elementary School and Reitz Memorial High School. It was in high school that he was influenced by the Brothers of Holy Cross and joined them in 1964. Richard earned a bachelor's degree from DePaul University and a master's degree in spirituality from Mundelein College. Possessing a great sense of humor, Richard could turn a very common-place event into a hilarious story that everyone enjoyed. From 1970 to 1986 Richard taught at Holy Trinity High School in Chicago. A creative teacher who worked diligently to motivate his students, Richard was a favorite instructor for many students who had the privilege of taking his class. Though many saw Br. Richard's lengthy tenure at Holy Trinity to be a real service to the poor, when he learned about André House of Hospitality in Phoenix, AZ , Richard started making plans to do even more to serve the poor. From 1986 until 2022, when health concerns literally forced him to move to Columba Hall at Notre Dame, Richard was hard at work in a ministry he greatly loved – as he said, “a place to serve and be served by the homeless.” Hundreds of volunteers joined Richard at André House, where they learned more from watching him work than by any words he spoke.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done" (Proverbs 19:17)

"To save a life is a real and beautiful thing. To make a home for the homeless, yes, it is a thing that must be good; whatever the world may say, it cannot be wrong."  
— Vincent Van Gogh