

## ***Legacy Project***

**November 2**

### **Brother Thomas Joseph Dillman, C.S.C.**

**born: 28 August 1927**

**died: 2 November 2021**



Thomas Dillman was born in Evansville, IN. He was educated by the Holy Cross Brothers at Reitz Memorial High School. He began college studies at Evansville College for a year, and then transferred to the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, to pursue a degree in engineering. After reading Thomas Merton's **Seven Storey Mountain**, he decided to follow a calling to join the Holy Cross Brothers. In 1952 he graduated from St. Edward's University and was assigned to teach at Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio. He later taught at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, IN, and Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, Indiana. In 1969, Bro Thomas began his teaching career at St. Patrick's High School, Monrovia, Liberia. This assignment would lead to Thomas ministering in West Africa for the rest of his life. Brother Thomas had a great sense of humor and loved to sing. He even learned to play the guitar in his later years. After being in Liberia for nearly 30 years, and in danger due to civil unrest, Brother Thomas relocated to Ghana in 1997. Being an excellent educator, he wrote three Mathematics textbooks. Embracing the Congregation priority of "option for the poor and the marginalized", he procured wheelchairs and crutches for the infirmed and financial support for those in need. Over the years during his vacations in the United States, Brother Thomas would make special appeals to family, friends and parishes in his hometown asking for support for this special ministry.

**"For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord." - Romans 14:8**

We come from a dark abyss, we end in a dark abyss, and we call the luminous interval life.

Nikos Kazantzakis **The Saviors of God**

