

Legacy Project

May 30

Brother Lawrence Stewert, C.S.C.

born: 17 March 1926

died: 30 May 2022



Lawrence was born in Norwalk, OH and attended St. Luke Elementary School and St. Edward High School where he graduated in 1955. He was influenced by the Holy Cross brothers at the school to join Holy Cross in 1955. Desiring to become a missionary, Brother Lawrence taught at St. John's School in Sekondi, Ghana from 1961 to 1971. He then went on to earn a doctorate in physiology from the University of Texas in Austin in 1977. From 1977-2007, he taught at several colleges and universities: Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, IN; St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN; Ball State University, Muncie, IN; St. Edward's University, Austin, TX; Our Lady of Holy Cross College, New Orleans, LA; and the Tulane School of Public Health, New Orleans, LA. Brother Lawrence earned high praise from both his colleagues and the many students he taught throughout the years in the classroom. In 2007, he returned to Notre Dame, IN, to take up the job of archivist for the Midwest Province of Brothers. Realizing the importance of capturing the lives of the brothers in the Midwest Province, Lawrence is credited with creating the Legacy Project. A legendary biker, he often participated in cross-county excursions. Among the longest was a border-to-border ride of 1,596 miles across the United States. In 2017, at 80 years of age, Lawrence joined the Notre Dame Trail Pilgrims to retrace the 1842 journey of the Notre Dame Founders from Vincennes to Notre Dame. Due to failing health, he retired from the archives in 2019. As his health continued to decline, he moved to the Quinn Memory Unit of Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, IN, where he died on May 30, 2022.

And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. *Genesis 1-3*

Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity. *John F. Kennedy*