

Legacy Project

November 18th

Brother Donald Michael Fleischhacker, C.S.C.

born: 29 March 1937

died: 18 November 2015



Donald was born in Chicago and attended St. Sylvester Elementary and Lane Tech High School graduating in 1956. He worked in a hospital and followed a calling by entering the juniorate and professing his first vows in 1958. He began college studies at St. Edward's University and in 1959 joined the staff of Gibault School. He worked in the office at St. Edward High in Lakewood, on the staff at Ave Maria Press, and taught at Bethlehem Catholic High in Pennsylvania. During summers he completed his courses to graduate from St. Edward's University in 1972. He taught at Le Mans Academy and Cardinal Mooney High in Rochester, NY. He studied at Notre Dame to earn a master's degree in theology and joined the faculty of Holy Cross High in River Grove in 1976 to teach theology courses for 20 years and serve a term as community superior. He was always sympathetic to social concerns and worked for 6 years with Franciscan Outreach Association as a case manager and minister to the needy. In 2002 he joined the staff of Andre' Services at Notre Dame to serve residents in a variety of nursing duties. He retired because of diabetes and dialysis treatments but continued to volunteer his services when able. He had many health problems including the amputation of a foot. Don seldom complained but adapted as best he could. He was a long suffering, but inspired patient who faced his future and always appreciated the thoughtful care he received from nursing staff and community members and friends.

Above all, put on charity, that is the bond of perfection.

-- Colossians 3:14

Charity begins at home, but should not end there.

-- Thomas Fuller