

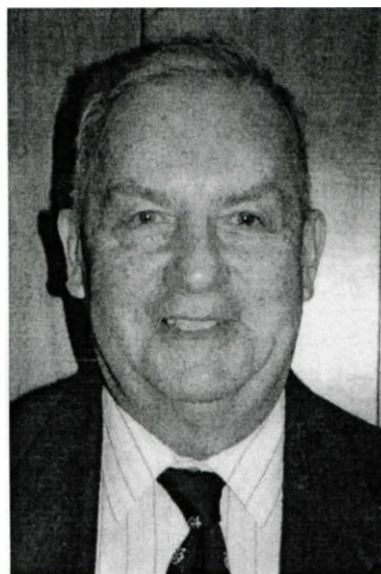
## *Legacy Project*

**May 17th**

### **Brother James Joseph Kumba, C.S.C.**

*born: 31 Mar 1928*

*died: 17 May 2017*



James was born in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, the son of Joseph and Helen (Kerwitzer) Kumba. He attended St. Peter Elementary School and Beaver Dam High School, graduating in 1947. He worked for his uncle in a plumbing company and became a certified plumber. He was the secretary-treasurer for the Plumbers Union for 10 years. At 28, he joined his father on a Men's Retreat and was interested in joining Holy Cross. He went to the juniorate at Watertown and was asked to run a new hot water line from the boiler to the laundry room. After the novitiate he went to Dujarie Hall where he ran hot water lines to all private rooms. In 1961, he became supervisor and maintenance director at St. Edward High in Lakewood, OH and organized the student crews who cleaned classrooms after school. James then went to Boyssville of Michigan where he supervised students and led student work crews in various campus jobs. He was interested in the charismatic prayer and joined other Brothers who helped in a parish school at Cherry Creek, South Dakota in teaching in a grade school for 3 years. He went to Notre Dame to help Brother Richard Weber with the maintenance needs of Holy Cross Village. He moved to Columba Hall and volunteered to weekly help the needy at St. Augustine's Parish, especially the soup kitchen program. His generosity and talents were a perfect example of his favorite patron saint, St. Joseph the Worker.

*You shall know them by their fruits.*

**-- Matthew 7:16**

*"A good example is far better than a good precept."*

**– Dwight L. Moody**