

Legacy Project

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Brother Thomas Frederick Moser, C.S.C.

born: 27 October 1939

died: 20 December 2022



Thomas Moser was born in Keokuk, Iowa where he attended St. Mary's Elementary School. As a high school student he worked in a local nursery where he developed a great love for horticulture. He entered the Congregation of Holy Cross after graduating from St. Peter High School in 1959. Brother Thomas was lovingly known as "Mo" throughout his religious life. His first assignment was teaching science classes at Holy Cross High School, River Grove, IL. From 1971-1975, he was appointed assistant novice master in Bennington, VT. Returning to Indiana in 1976, he taught part-time at LeMans Academy in Rolling Prairie while serving as director of the formation house in South Bend. He then was appointed director of Holy Cross Brothers Center, Notre Dame, IN, until 1985, when he was elected Provincial of the Midwest Province. As provincial, he began a serious study of the application of the Myers-Briggs personality assessment for forming healthy religious. After his days as provincial, Mo served as a staff member of the novitiate in Colorado Springs for fifteen years. Mo then returned to Notre Dame where he served as Superior at Columba Hall and led the charge to remodel the building to make it a place for the elderly brothers to live. A "jack of all trades" Mo was known for wearing a shirt with shorts and suspenders or bib overall with sandals almost every day of the year. Due to health concerns Mo moved to Dujarie where he continued to show interest in congregational history, analytic psychology and the theology of spirituality until his death.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

The best-adjusted people are the 'psychologically patriotic,' who are glad to be what they are. Isabel Briggs Myers