

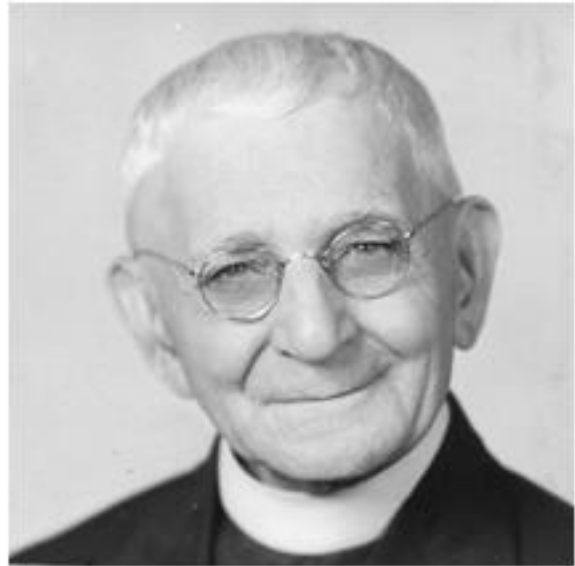
Legacy Project

July 6th

Brother Norbert (Leger) Bauer, C.S.C.

born: 7 October 1871

died: 6 July 1958



Norbert was born in Guebviller, France (near Paris) and attended public school in Paris. He entered Holy Cross in 1885, and went to the postulate program at Augers and made his first vows in 1888. His first assignment was to teach at a grammar school in Brullion, France. In 1890 he began his compulsory military service for France, which lasted until 1893. He became director of the grammar school in Augers until 1900. Because of the religious persecution in France, he came to Notre Dame in 1901. He was sent to teach modern languages at Holy Cross in New Orleans. In 1903, he was assigned to Columbia University (the future University of Portland) where he taught until 1921. His next assignment was back to Europe where he served in the Community's Procure Office in Rome for the next 26 years, until 1947. The Holy Cross Procure was the liaison office between the Vatican and the Congregation. In 1946, Norbert had the unusual honor of attending the beatification ceremonies of his own blood brother, Blessed Andrew Joseph Bauer, O.F.M., who was one of the 29 Franciscan missionaries martyred in the Boxer Rebellion, on July 9, 1900, in China. Norbert personally presented a special biography of the martyrs to Pope Pius XII at the ceremony. In 1947, he retired at Columba Hall and then the Community Infirmary.

We should serve them all the better for their belief in the Lord.

-- 1 Timothy 6:2

*Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity
for kindness.*

-- Seneca