

Legacy Project

August 8th

Brother Firmin (William) Mandeville, C.S.C.

born: 13 October 1888

died: 8 August 1959



Firman was born in Elsie, Nebraska and attended school in Woodson, Illinois. He worked on the family farm for nearly 15 years. He joined Holy Cross in 1916, went to the juniorate in Watertown and novitiate at Notre Dame, where he made his first vows in 1919. His first assignment was to St. Joseph's Farm where he worked in the dairy barn. In 1927, he was assigned to the Ave Maria Press where he was a canvasser for the next 7 years and also worked in the press room. In 1943, Firmin moved to the Community Infirmary where he was assigned to look after the farm on the property. In 1953, he suffered a heart condition and was semi-retired at Columba Hall. The following year, Firmin became a patient at the Alexian Brothers Hospital in St. Louis for treatment until his death.

*Yahweh provides the earth with rain and plants needed
by man and food for cattle. -- Psalm 147:8*

*The best things that can come out of the garden
are gifts for other people. -- Jamie Jobb*