

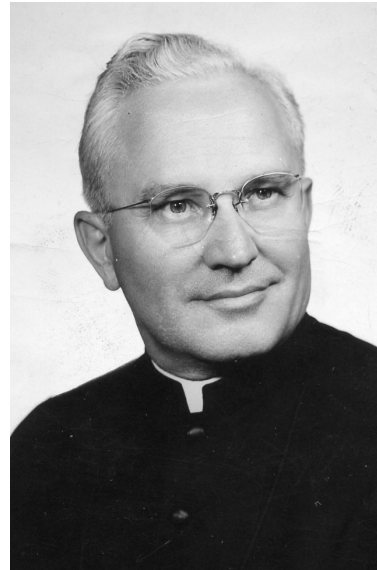
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February 3rd

Brother Rupert (Lawrence) Poudrier, C.S.C.

born: 23 May 1900

died: 3 February 1960



Rupert was born in Oconto, Wisconsin. He studied at Wesleyan Methodist University, earned a teaching diploma in 1922 and taught elementary school in South Dakota. He joined Holy Cross and went to the juniorate in Watertown in 1923, then the novitiate at Notre Dame, making first vows in 1925. He began his studies at Notre Dame, earned his bachelor's degree *magna cum laude* in 1930. His first assignment was to teach in Evansville. In 1933, he taught at Sacred Heart College and in 1934 was appointed the first superior and director of a new foundation, the Father Gibault School in Terre Haute. He held that position for 11 years, witnessing the success in those early years. In 1945 he headed west to teach at Long Beach, California. In 1947 he was appointed the first principal of Notre Dame High in Sherman Oaks, a position he held until 1952. He suffered a heart condition and after treatment spent a year teaching at Notre Dame International School in Rome. He returned in 1954 going to Notre Dame where he worked in the provincial archives and the vocations office with Brother Eymard. Rupert was called the "Angel of the Valley" for his renowned work with the youth in the San Fernando Valley. The example, care and dedication he brought from Gibault School served him well in every position he held in the Community.

*I have made you a witness to the peoples, a leader
and master.*

-- Isaiah 55:4

Good leaders must first become good servants.

-- Robert Greenleaf