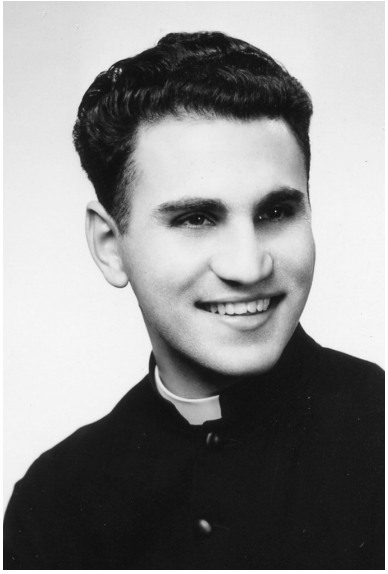
Legacy Project

September 20th

Brother Joseph Rudolph Otto, C.S.C.



born: 28 December 1930

died: 20 September 1960

Joseph was born in Biloxi, Mississippi, where he attended elementary school and Notre Dame High School. He joined Holy Cross in 1949, going to the juniorate at Watertown, and the novitiate at Rolling Prairie, where he pronounced his first vows in 1951. He began college studies at St. Edward's University in Austin and, in 1953, was assigned to teach at Cathedral in Indianapolis. He then taught for 2 years at St. Edward High in Lakewood and returned to Austin, to finish his bachelor's degree in 1956. He taught at Memorial High in Evansville for a semester and then was assigned in 1957 to return and teach at Cathedral. He began showing signs of depression and was in the process of receiving psychiatric care and medical assistance in Indianapolis. He passed away in Indianapolis.

Let us wake filled with love for those years of the past.
-- Psalm 90:15

Feelings are much like waves, we can't stop them from coming
but we can choose which one to surf. ***-- Jonatan Mårtensson***