

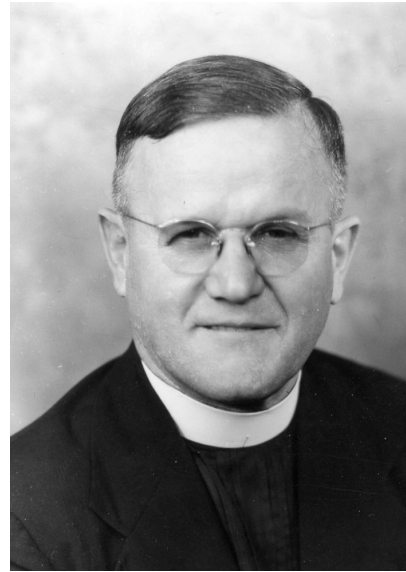
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**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Brother Severin (William) Smith, C.S.C.**

*born: 4 January 1897*

*died: 26 April 1962*



Severin was born in Rochester, New York and attended schools there. He entered Holy Cross in 1917, went to Watertown and the novitiate at Notre Dame, where he made his first vows in 1920. He studied for two years and was assigned to teach at Memorial High in Evansville. In 1925, Severin was then assigned to East Bengal, where he taught in mission schools and at American University in Dacca, for 9 years. He contracted a tropical illness which forced him to return in 1935. He studied at Notre Dame to earn his bachelor's degree in 1937. Severin then taught at Holy Cross High in New Orleans for 17 years. In 1951 he was assigned to teach at Gibault School in Terre Haute. In 1953, he went to Boysville where he taught and served as the steward and commissioner for the community for 10 years. Severin was specially remembered at his 40th jubilee with a song and verse composed by Brother Aidan O'Reilly to the tune of the Notre Dame Victory March.

*You need someone to teach you the principles of  
God's oracles. -- Hebrews 5:12*

*In teaching you cannot see the fruit of a day's work.  
It is invisible maybe for twenty years. -- Jacques Barzun*