

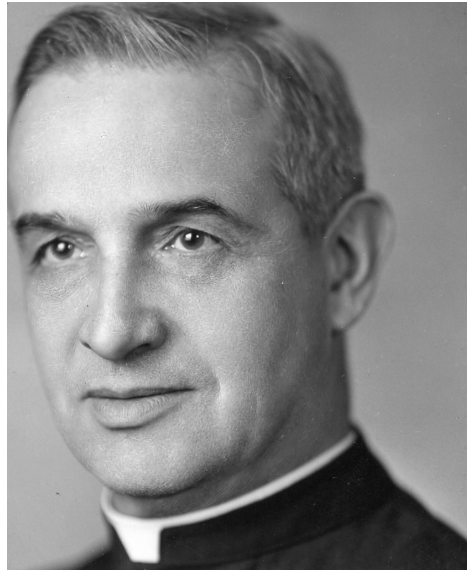
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October 19th

Brother Bernard (Eugene) Gervais, C.S.C.

born: 12 January 1881

died: 19 October 1963



Bernard was born in Momence, Illinois but grew up in Currie, Minnesota. He attended school there and worked on the family farm. He followed the example of an uncle (a CSC priest) and joined Holy Cross in 1896, went to the novitiate at Notre Dame, and made first vows in 1899. He earned a diploma in commercial subjects and in 1902 was sent to New Orleans to teach and prefect. He taught at St. Joseph's College in Cincinnati and served on the faculty at Central Catholic High in Fort Wayne. In 1912 he was appointed the first director and superior of Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown, where he welcomed his younger brother, Felix, (future Brother Benedict). In 1918, Bernard was appointed superior and principal of the new school (Cathedral High) at Indianapolis. In 1925 he became the director of Dujarie Hall. In 1926 he was appointed to the General Administration of the Congregation as a councilor, steward and treasurer for the next 24 years. At the same time, he was still directing other activities at Notre Dame (superior, Dujarie Hall), Indianapolis (teacher), and St. Joseph Farm (superior) until 1950. Bernard authored the '*General Matricule*', a record of every person who ever joined Holy Cross since the 1840s. In 1950, he began working in the vocations office at Dujarie Hall and often worked in the vegetable garden. Bernard also spent time as a counselor and resource person for the student brothers, as well as being an ideal mentor.

*God, examine me and guide me in your way
that is everlasting. -- Psalm 139:24*

*Leadership is practiced not so much in words
as in attitude and in actions. -- Harold S. Geneen*