Legacy Project

October 30th

Brother Lambert (Emil) Barbier, C.S.C.

born: 5 July 1891

died: 30 October 1963

Lambert was born in Avon, Ohio. He worked for a few years and joined Holy Cross in 1916 going to the juniorate at Watertown. He attended Notre Dame took classes, while also being in novitiate. He made first vows in 1919. He was the assistant purchasing agent at Notre Dame and then was appointed the assistant to the novice master, just one year after making vows. He served until 1926, and became assistant superior at Sacred Heart Juniorate, then worked at St. Charles Boys' Home. He was a close friend of Father James Donahue, Superior Genral, and became his General Steward and Treasurer in 1932, serving for 6 years in a variety of ways. Lambert was able to purchase property in North Easton, Massachusetts for the location of Stonehill College and also property in Valatie, for the future juniorate/novitiate. In 1938 he became the steward and maintenance supervisor at St. Edward's University, serving until 1952. Lambert always had a great concern for the poor. He would gather food from the cafeteria to distribute to the African Americans in East Austin. They wanted to name their Baptist church after him, but he persuaded them to call it 'St. Edward's Church' instead. In 1952 he was steward at Watertown until 1958 when he moved to Dujarie Hall at Note Dame. His concern for Holy Cross, and especially the kindness and care he showed to the needy are forever remembered. "He was a man with only friends and no enemies."

Happy the man who cares for the poor, Yahweh will come to his aid. ***-- Psalm 41:1***

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion. ***-- Dalai Lama***