

Legacy Project

July 13th

Brother Ferdinand (John) Moser, C.S.C.

born: 13 September 1889

died: 13 July 1964



Ferdinand was born in Sigel, Illinois. He studied at the University of Illinois and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1912. He worked as a draftsman. During World War I, he fought with the U. S. Army in battles at Verdun and St. Michel in France. In 1919, Ferdinand joined Holy Cross, went to the juniorate at Watertown and the novitiate at Notre Dame, where he made first vows in 1920. He studied at Notre Dame, earning a bachelor of arts degree in 1923, while also teaching and working with the maintenance crew. He taught at Indianapolis then returned to Notre Dame to work in the maintenance department. In 1933, he was assigned to the University of Portland where he served for 31 years. He taught mechanical drawing and allied subjects for 20 years. He retired from teaching in 1951 and served with the maintenance staff, to beautify and landscape the gardens of the University. He was a specialist in roses, gardenias, and rhododendrons. Ferdinand suffered with a severe asthmatic condition that prevented him from traveling, but he always found fulfillment in tending to the gardens.

*Flowers appear on the earth, the season
of glad songs has come. -- Song of Songs 2:12*

*Gardening is enjoying the smell of things growing, and taking
time to soak up a little peace and serenity. -- Lindley Karstens*