

Legacy Project

June 2nd

Brother Benedictus (Frederick) Secoy, C.S.C.

born: 27 February 1913

died: 2 June 1969



Benedictus was born in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. He worked in construction and entered Holy Cross in 1935. He went to the juniorate in Watertown and novitiate at Rolling Prairie and made first vows in 1937. He began studies at Notre Dame and earned a bachelor's degree in 1941 and later a master's in 1948. He began teaching at Evansville Memorial in 1941 and was its principal for 2 years. He taught at St. Edward High in Lakewood and Catholic Central in Monroe. In 1961, he was a member of the first faculty at Holy Cross High in River Grove. He taught biology and was one of the authors of a high school text, "March Against Cancer." Benedictus was often in charge of parents' clubs in schools; he was head of the Mothers' Club at Lakewood and the Ladies Guild at River Grove. He directed the operations of the guidance department at River Grove, and helped develop it into one of the finest departments in the Brothers' schools. His favorite hobby and past-time was horticulture. Benedictus was responsible for landscaping much of the grounds at Lakewood and River Grove.

You can be a guide to the blind and a beacon to those who are lost.

-- Romans 2:17

*People are changed, not by coercion or intimidation,
but by example.*

-- Anonymous