

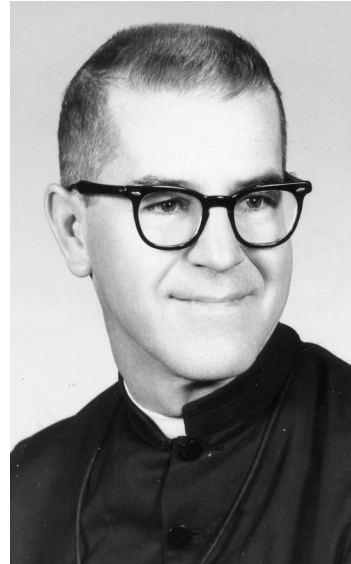
## *Legacy Project*

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Gerontius (Joseph) McCarthy, C.S.C.**

*born: 4 April 1920*

*died: 9 June 1970*



Gerontius was born in Newport, Rhode Island and attended Catholic schools there. He joined Holy Cross at the juniorate in Valatie in 1939 and made first vows in 1940. He began studies at Notre Dame earning a bachelor's degree in 1944 and master's in 1949. He began teaching in 1944 at Catholic Central High in Monroe and was appointed its principal in 1951. In 1953 he was selected to be the assistant to the novice master at St. Joseph's Novitiate in Rolling Prairie and served as Master of Novices for 9 years. He influenced many young brothers during the time of increased vocations. In 1964, he returned to Monroe as principal. He brought about changes at the school with a new classroom building and gymnasium. He was devoted to those in his charge, whether they were students, faculty, or alumni. Gerontius led a very active life as a sportsman, played basketball (his underhand set shot a trademark), enjoyed swimming and coaching baseball. In 1968 he went to Gilmour Academy to teach, serve as dorm prefect, and be a counselor. In 1970 he was selected to be principal at a high school in Washington, D.C. On the day of his farewell party at Gilmour, while playing water polo with students, he died at the height of activity in the pool. His comment once to Brother Ivo Regan "If I die, I want to go involved in the action of the game." That prediction, unfortunately came true. His energy and enthusiasm for life were an inspiration to all he met.

*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith. -- 2 Timothy 4:7*

*Nothing good comes in life unless a lot of hard work  
has preceded the effort. -- Roger Staubach*