

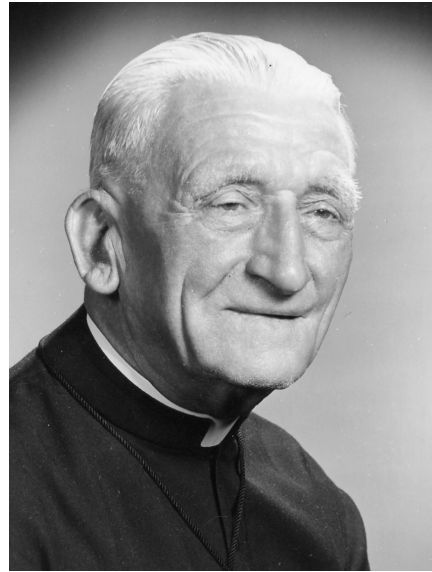
Legacy Project

November 5th

Brother Fabian (Francis) Leimeister, C.S.C.

born: 18 April 1887

died: 5 November 1974



Fabian was born in Perkins, Ohio, one of ten children and the older brother of Brother Lewis Bertrand. He attended school in Huron and worked on the family farm. In 1910, he joined Holy Cross, going to Notre Dame and then the novitiate, made first vows in 1912. He completed high school classes and began college courses, as he later jokingly said, "getting a hodgepodge of education which fitted me to do some teaching in high school." One day Bishop Linneborn of East Bengal came seeking volunteers to aid his work. Fabian was ready to go at that moment, but World War I came and he had to wait. In 1914 he was assigned to Watertown as a prefect. He taught in New Orleans and Evansville until 1924 when his desire to go to Bengal was granted. He spent a total of 31 years teaching and serving in Dacca, Bandhura, Toomilia, Solpur and Mymensingh, except for 5 years when he returned to the U.S. to canvass for the *Bengalese* magazine. 'Fabes,' was a cheerful, generous worker. He influenced many new missionaries with his talents and experiences. When he returned to the U.S. in 1955, he was assigned to Hoban High in Akron. He spent 16 years caring for the grounds in the warmer months, and made sure there was plenty of wood for the fireplace in the winter. He devoted many hours to reading, study, and praying, both in Bengal and Akron finding his peace in quiet contemplation.

*It was the poor of the world that God chose to be rich
in faith and heirs to the kingdom. -- James 2:5*

*Prayer is the mighty engine that moves missionary work.
-- A. B. Simpson*