

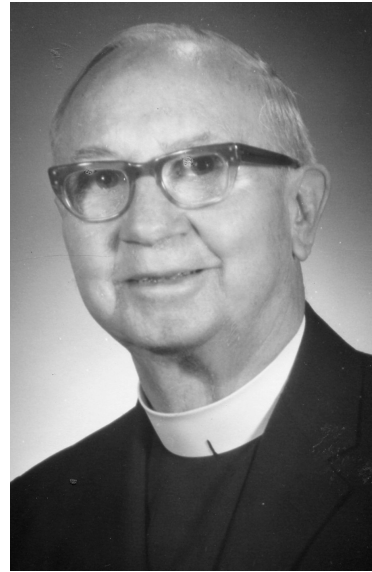
## *Legacy Project*

**August 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Neil (Paul) Gildea, C.S.C.**

*born: 15 June 1894*

*died: 4 August 1975*



Neil was born in Bellaire, Ohio He worked on the farm, taught in public schools for 3 years, and served with the Army in France during World War I. He joined Holy Cross in 1921, going to the juniorate in Watertown and the novitiate at Notre Dame, where he made his first vows in 1922. He earned a bachelor's degree from Notre Dame. He taught in community schools in Fort Wayne, Evansville and Chicago. In 1932, he was sent to Bengal where he was headmaster of Holy Cross in Bandura and St. Gregory's High in Dacca. As director of schools in the Toomilah missions, he wrote four pamphlets on methods for teachers that were recognized as classics, and used in schools and training colleges. He returned home in 1937, taught at Albany, Holy Trinity (12 years), Watertown, Boysville, and Austin. While in Chicago (during World War II) he conducted classes for officers in Civil Defense on chemical warfare. The mayor appointed him Senior War Gas Officer and he supervised forty control officers. He was the vice president of the Chicago Catholic Teacher's Association and chair of the physics-chemistry division. In 1954, Neil was assigned to St. Edward in Lakewood where he taught, and was a handyman for repairs and electrical upkeep of the school for 20 years.

*Let your heart give you joy, follow the promptings of your heart  
and the desires of your eyes. -- Ecclesiastes 11:9*

*There is no danger of developing eyestrain from looking  
on the bright side of things. -- Anonymous*