

Legacy Project

April 9th

Brother Fidelis (Daniel) Pommier, C.S.C.

born: 4 June 1899

died: 9 April 1976



Fidelis was born in St. Anne, Illinois. He helped on the family farm and followed a calling to join Holy Cross. He went to the juniorate in Watertown in 1917 and the novitiate at Notre Dame where he made his first vows in 1920. He completed his high school courses at Notre Dame and began college studies, earning a bachelor of science degree in 1930. His first teaching assignment was to Holy Cross in New Orleans. Through the years he taught at Fort Wayne, Taunton, Albany, Indianapolis (a total of 14 years at Cathedral), Monroe, and 20 years at St. Edward in Lakewood. Fidelis used to boast that he taught every subject in the curriculum with the exception of Latin. His favorite subjects were geometry, chemistry, and drafting. His students learned to respect Fidelis' talents and warm friendship. His talents extended to craftsmanship in carpentry and woodwork. Much of the furniture and equipment at St. Edward High came from his workshop. He loved sports and followed them enthusiastically. He was one who weathered the adjustments in the Church after Vatican II, once commenting about the future: "It's good, all very good!"

A glad heart shows through a cheerful face.

-- Proverbs 15:13

*There are two men inside the artist, the poet and the craftsman.
One is born a poet. One becomes a craftsman. --Emile Zola*