

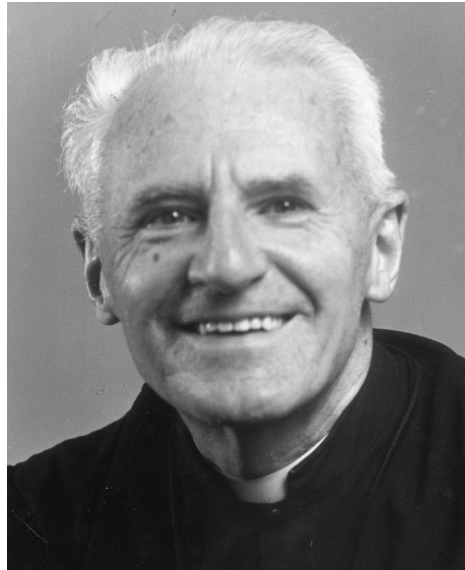
Legacy Project

January 23rd

Brother Marcellinus (John) Fahey, C.S.C.

born: 14 October 1898

died: 23 January 1978



Marcellinus was born in Brooklyn, New York. He worked in the mailing department of the *New York Globe* newspaper. He joined Holy Cross in 1919 going to the juniorate in Watertown and the novitiate at Notre Dame where he made his vows in 1921. He spent the next 47 years in dedicated service at the Notre Dame Post Office until he retired in 1968. Marcy started as a sub-clerk. He became assistant postmaster in 1942 and then postmaster in 1945. During his tenure, Marcy served in three different locations on the campus. The original post office was adjacent to the Father Sorin statue on the main quad. A new building was built in 1934 (next to the former bookstore) and in 1968 it was across from the Morris Inn. When he started in 1921, Marcy said there were less than 1000 students compared to the 7000 when he retired in 1968. Marcy lived at Columba Hall all those years. His quietness, gentlemanly manner and friendliness were his trademarks. He volunteered for leaf raking, snow shoveling, and cleaning pots and pans. One person said, "Marcy never tired of whatever his job was." The community benefited from his years of wisdom and experience, particularly during meetings. Quoting from the eulogy: "He had a clear mind and heart and easily sorted out what was important from what didn't matter. Now he knows eternally what really matters."

A faithful man shall be overwhelmed with blessings.

-- Proverbs 28:20

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.

-- Albert Einstein