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Brother Duncan (Walter) Briggmann, C.S.C.

born: 23 June 1900

died: 16 January 1981



Duncan was born in Philadelphia and his life was the embodiment of his hometown's motto, the 'City of Brotherly Love.' He joined the Congregation in the fall of 1936 when he entered the Juniorate in Watertown. After his novitiate year and pronouncement of vows in 1938, his sole obedience and active career for the next 40 years was as a secretary and accountant at the Ave Maria Press at Notre Dame. While living at Columba Hall those years, he was one of those generous persons, not afraid to do the extra little job that added to the well-being of all. He would spend Saturdays washing and repairing discarded clothing to be donated to St. Vincent DePaul centers. Everybody knew, both at work at the Ave Maria Press and at Columba Hall, that asking Duncan for help always meant getting it. His thoughtfulness for others and willingness to do unseen and unsung favors were his trademarks, worthy of emulation by all who knew him.

*I have set the example, you should do for each other exactly
what I have done for you.* **-- John 13:15**

A good example is the best sermon.
-- Thomas Fuller