

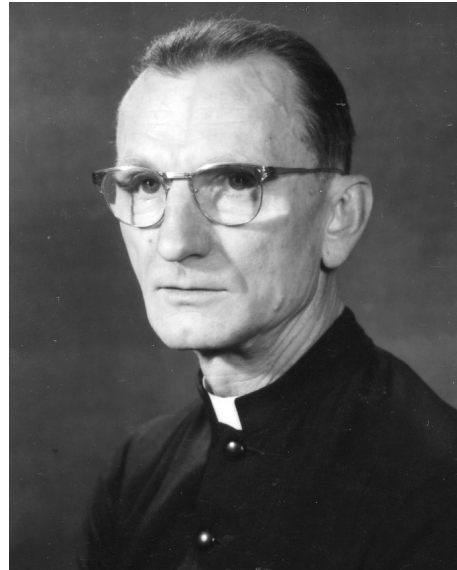
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October 2nd

Brother Adalbert (John) Mrowca, C.S.C.

born: 1 March 1913

died: 2 October 1983



Adalbert was born in Chicago and graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1931. He joined Holy Cross, went to the juniorate in Watertown, and novitiate at Notre Dame where he made his first vows in 1933. He began studies at Notre Dame and earned a B.S. degree in 1936. He taught summer school at Cathedral High School and then spent the next 4 years teaching all the science classes at Vincentian Institute. He was selected to begin graduate studies at Notre Dame and earned a master's degree in 1942. He went on to earn a doctoral degree in the field of polymer physics. He became a professor of physics at the University, serving Notre Dame for 40 years. His special research interests were polymer physics and nuclear magnetic resonance. He published many articles in scientific journals while directing graduate students in their doctoral research. In the late 1950s, Adalbert assumed the direction of all undergraduate physics laboratories. He was a dedicated and skillful craftsman in devising equipment, many of which are still in use today. "Bro. A" (as he was known) was patient and helpful to all students. A colleague said he gave full effort and enthusiasm to whatever task he was assigned, even managing the physics stockroom. Adalbert and a professor friend enjoyed raising tropical fish in a large aquarium on the top floor of Nieuwland Science Hall.

Well done good and faithful servant.

-- Matthew 25:23

In teaching you cannot see the fruit of a day's work. It is invisible and may remain so for years.

-- Jacques Barzun