

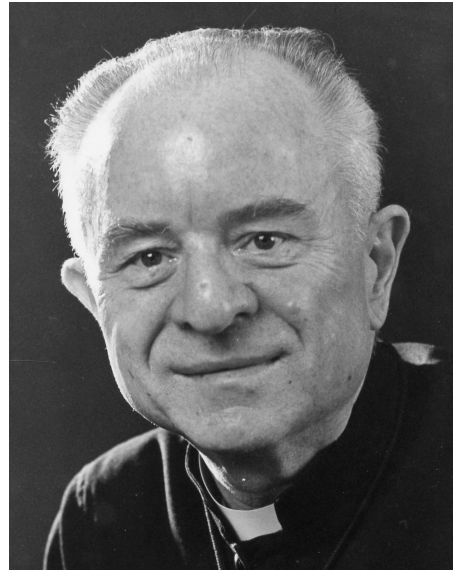
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October 9th

Brother Damian (Daniel) Daele, C.S.C.

born: 6 March 1901

died: 9 October 1983



Damian was born in Ostende, Belgium, and came to the United States with his family when he was two years old. The family settled in LaPorte, Indiana. Damian started elementary school, but dropped out after the fourth grade. He later completed 14 years of schooling in just 8 years. One day he decided to be a Holy Cross Brother. He entered the juniorate at Watertown in 1916 and went to the novitiate where he made first vows in 1918. He studied at Notre Dame, earned a bachelor's degree in 1925, and a master's in 1937. His first assignment was to teach at Cathedral High in Indianapolis, and then he was sent to the Bengal missions. Health problems forced him to return after just 3 years. In 1932, he was sent to teach again at Cathedral until 1956, a total of 29 years of service. In 1956, he went to St. Joseph's High in South Bend where he served for a total of 24 years. Damian was popularly known as the "Rosary Brother" and made more than 12,000 rosaries. He was a popular prefect at schools, walking with both hands behind his back while fumbling his rosary. At his 60th jubilee, Damian received the key to the city of South Bend from the mayor, one of his former students. His devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary blossomed into an apostolate for which he will be remembered.

Yaweh gives light and the simple understand.

-- Psalm 119:130

*You have succeeded in life when all you really want is only
what you really need.*

-- Vernon Howard