

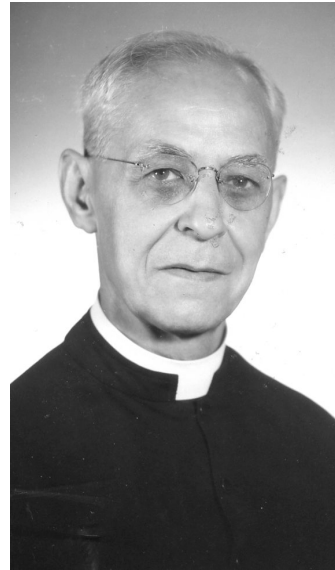
## *Legacy Project*

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Leon (William) Gnewuch, C.S.C.**

*born: 18 November 1898*

*died: 26 April 1984*



Leon was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one of eleven children. He worked for 8 years. In 1926 he joined Holy Cross and went to Watertown, then the novitiate at Notre Dame, and made first vows in 1927. He began studies at Notre Dame where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1931 and a master's in 1938. His first teaching assignment was at the University of Portland. He taught at high schools in Fort Wayne, Albany, South Bend, Indianapolis, and for a total of 22 years at Holy Trinity High in Chicago. His favorite subject was English and hundreds of his students learned that he did not accept sloppy writing or grammar. Approaching 70 years of age, he realized another calling, teaching adults how to write, read, and enrich their lives. He joined a men's luncheon group to form CAT (Citizens for Adequate Transportation) whose goal was bus transportation at a fair price for senior citizens. He testified before the Chicago city commission and bus fares were finally reduced. While at Columba Hall he developed a creative writing course for senior citizens and coached Indiana University students who had problems in composition. At his 50th jubilee he was asked if he were now going to rest, but said, "*While I am still sound of mind, there are many who want instruction, for I have miles to go before I sleep.*"

*What we ask in our prayers is for you to be made perfect.*

**-- 2 Corinthians 13:9**

*If you would thoroughly know anything, teach it to others.*

**--Tryon Edwards**