

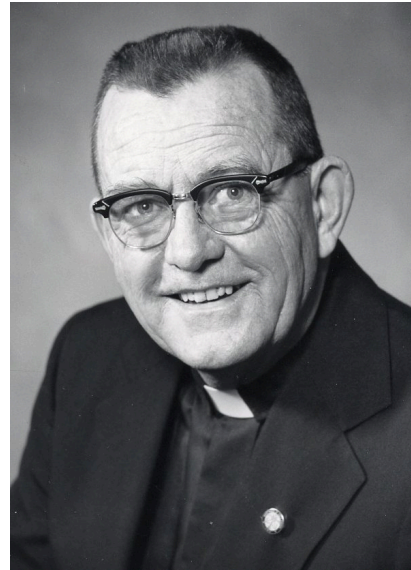
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September 6th

Brother Ivan (Charles) Dolan, C.S.C.

born: 1 June 1924

died: 6 September 1985



Ivan was born in Waterloo, Iowa and attended school there. Early on he told his mother that he wanted to be a Brother and go to India. He joined Holy Cross and went to Watertown in 1941. He completed his high school courses, went to the novitiate and made his first vows in 1942. He studied at Notre Dame, and earned a B.A. degree in 1947. He taught at Holy Trinity and was assigned to the Holy Cross Mission Seminary. Ivan went to Bengal in 1948 and spent the next 20 years in missionary work. He was noted as a builder and administrator. He learned construction techniques from Br. Andrew Steffes and built high schools in Dhaka, Birodakuni, Bandura, Tumilia, once mixing concrete and pouring it for 36 hours. Health problems caused him to return to the U.S. in 1968. He was commissioner for the Holy Cross communities around Notre Dame. He continued to raise money for the missionaries and helped them when they returned home. He was a member of the Notre Dame Security Force and was their chaplain. He was noted for his sense of humor, smile and kind words to everyone he met. He had a devotion to St. Joseph and it was said he had a twinkle in his eye when he died that seemed to say, "I made it!"

Let each one give from his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver"

-- 2 Corinthians 9:7

The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.

-- Mark Twain