

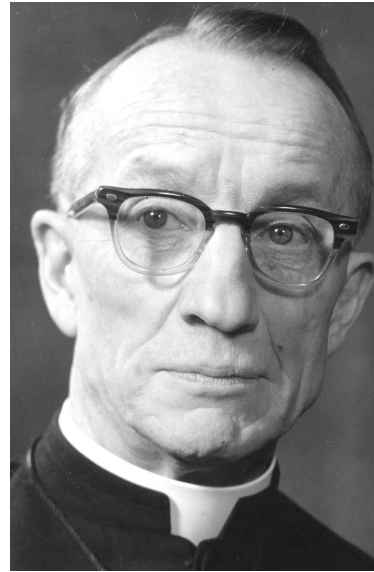
Legacy Project

October 8th

Brother Philbert (Edmund) Cook, C.S.C.

born: 9 January 1897

died: 8 October 1985



Philbert was born in Pewamo, Michigan and attended school there. He spent 3 years at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, and then a year in the U.S. Army at the end of World War I. He entered Holy Cross in 1925 and went to Watertown. He made his first vows in 1927. He taught in New Orleans at Holy Cross High and then worked at the Notre Dame Candy Store for 6 years. He was a canvasser for the Ave Maria Press for 4 years; the guest master at Corby Hall for a year; and then served on the staff at Holy Trinity, the Community House, St. Joseph Farm, and River Grove. His longest tour was on the staff of Columba Hall for 23 years. Many remember the hours he would spend repairing bicycles in the basement. He took pride in his role as housekeeper, interpreting his role as preserving the building from the ravages of aging. He would give a coat of varnish to every object exposed to human touch and earned the nickname, the "Varnishing American." He was a self-professed psychologist and nutrition expert, giving his advice and printed materials to Brothers, whether they were willing or non-willing takers.

*The decrees of Yaweh are trustworthy,
giving wisdom for the simple. -- Psalm 17:7*

*The trouble with simple living is that, though it can be joyful
and creative, it isn't simple. -- Doris Longacre*