

## *Legacy Project*

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Anthony (Bernard) Houser, C.S.C.**

*born: 30 December 1916*

*died: 6 October 1986*



Anthony was born in Youngstown, Ohio, one of ten children in a most unusual family, since five were members of Holy Cross. Two sons became Holy Cross priests, two daughters were Sisters of the Holy Cross, and Anthony joined the Holy Cross Brothers in 1931. He completed high school courses at Watertown, went to the novitiate, and made first vows in 1936. He studied at Notre Dame for a year and then began his vocation of cooking in the houses of the community for the next 49 years. He served in the kitchens at Sacred Heart Juniorate, Dujarie Hall, Moreau Seminary, the seminary at North Easton, Columba Hall, Hoban High in Akron, St. Edward High in Lakewood, Holy Cross High in River Grove, and for many summers, at Notre Dame Camp at Bankson Lake in Michigan. He performed his humble tasks each day singing and whistling while he worked. His generosity was well known as were his delicious breads, donuts, and especially apple pies. He pursued his favorite hobbies of playing cards and following horse races. Any 'big wins' were shared with his Brothers in the house. On one occasion, Tony won a Ford automobile at River Grove. His generosity extended to sorting canceled stamps and sending the money to the Holy Cross missions, or gathering used clothing for his brother's parish in Texas. His ready smile always accompanied the aroma of the meals he served his Community.

*I have made myself to be the servant of everyone.*

**-- 1 Corinthians 9:19**

*Nothing is more tiresome than eating and drinking, if God had not made them both a pleasure and a necessity.*      **-- Voltaire**