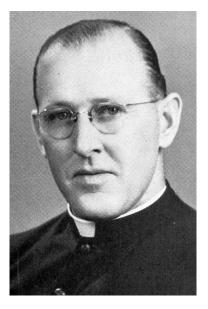
Legacy Project

January 20th

Brother James/Alexander Buckley, C.S.C.

born: 13 January 1903

died: 20 January 1991



James was born in Carbondale, PA and entered the Congregation in the summer of 1926. Following his novitiate year, he studied at Notre Dame and then was assigned to teach at Sacred Heart College in Watertown, and then at Cathedral High in Indianapolis. In 1934, he taught and was prefect at St. Edward's High in Austin for 11 years. He came back to the Midwest in 1945 and taught briefly at Central Catholic in South Bend and Gibault School. In 1946, he was one of the original Brothers assigned to Boysville of Michigan where he devoted the next 42 years of his life. He was generous with his time and talents working with the students and staff. One person recalled that the boys loved to watch him ice skate on the pond. He told them he would do a 'figure 8' and then skated the number '4' twice. His love and concern for Boysville was contagious. He had a way of sharing his happiness and always remembered to visit the sick boys in the infirmary. Health conditions necessitated his next journey to Dujarie House in 1988, where he could be with his community. A few days before he passed away, he remarked, "I'm going upstairs soon."

If we can teach ... and if we are good to others, we should do it cheerfully. -- Romans 12:7,8

As you get older it is harder to have heroes, but it is sort of necessary. -- Ernest Hemingway