

Legacy Project

February 25th

Brother Fernand (James) Hickey, C.S.C.

born: 25 February 1921

died: 25 February 1991



Fernand was born in Beech Grove and attended Cathedral High School. He joined the Brothers in 1941 by going to Watertown to finish his high school courses. He attended the novitiate and made his first vows in 1943. He went to work at the Ave Maria Press where he served for 28 years starting in the mail room, but spending the majority of the time working in the press room and composing department. In 1962, he served on the staff at Gibault School and then at Holy Cross House before spending a number of years on the road canvassing for the *Ave Maria* and Dujarie Press. He enjoyed 10 years on the staff at Boysville before retiring at Columba Hall in 1982. He and Brother Theodore were co-gardeners, Teddy caring for the flowers and tomatoes and Fernand tending other vegetables. The Hickey family lived in the vicinity and Fernand always entertained a number of them for Notre Dame football games. He was one of eleven children. His brother, Timothy, was a member of the South-West Province and his sister was a member of the Sisters of Providence. Timothy cared for Fernand in his later years; he was feeding Fernand supper the evening he passed on to his reward.

Entrust your works to the Lord and you will succeed.

-- Proverbs 16:3

*The highest reward for a man's toil is not what he gets for it,
but what he becomes by it.*

-- John Ruskin