

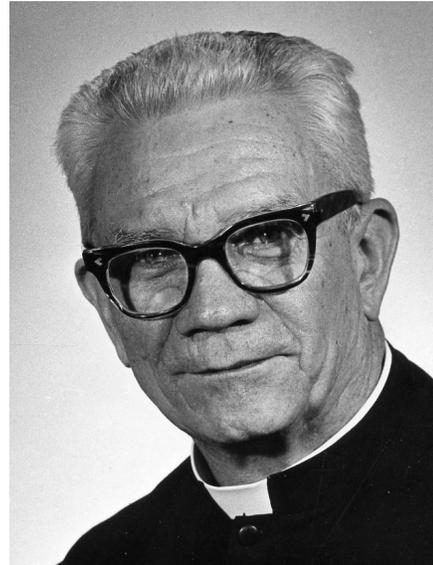
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January 9th

Brother Andrew (Joseph) Steffes, C.S.C.

born: 7 August 1902

died: 9 January 1992



Andrew was born in Springfield, IL, attended grammar schools there. He joined the Brothers at the age of 14. He made his first profession in 1919 and studied at Notre Dame for 4 years, earning teaching certificates in science and mathematics. His first assignment was to teach at Central Catholic High in Fort Wayne. In 1926 he was assigned to teach and work in Bengal (now Bangladesh) where he served for 46 years. Except for a year off at Holy Trinity in Chicago, he spent his life in a variety of teaching roles. He served as headmaster and science teacher at two high schools. In 1940 he was made the superintendent of construction for the archdiocese of Dacca, supervising the building of new schools, chapels and infirmaries. In 1954 he helped establish the St. Joseph School of Industrial Trades in Dacca, a vocational school for young men to learn to be qualified technicians. He wrote texts for use in the school (both in English and Bengali) which were published by the government for all vocational schools. He loved sports and coached volleyball and softball teams. He had the capacity for hard work and lived a simple lifestyle. Andrew was a source of hope and taught the dignity of labor by example. He returned to the U.S. in 1972 to serve on the staff of the Brothers' Center at Notre Dame where he continued to work in variety of duties with other Brothers in maintenance. Idle hands he never had.

*Always be fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that
in the Lord, your labor is not in vain. -- 2 Corinthians 15:58*

*I cannot change the whole world, but I can change a small part of it.
-- Kay Florentino*