

Legacy Project

May 3rd

Brother Jude (Walter) Costello, C.S.C.

born: 21 September 1902

died: 3 May 1992



Jude was born in Fort Wayne and attended the Brothers' schools there, graduating in 1918. He worked for 7 years at a box company and then followed his brother, Simeon, into the community, going to Watertown in 1926. He made first vows in 1928 and began studies at Notre Dame, earning a bachelor's degree in science in 1933. He taught at Cathedral in Indianapolis and then at the juniorate in Watertown. He served as superior of the juniorate in Valatie in 1936. In 1939 he sailed to Bengal where he served as headmaster of St. Gregory's High while also being the superior and a member of the East Pakistan Board of Education. In 1945, he was chosen as the first Vicariate Superior, an appointment for 6 years that stretched to 16. His expertise in the classroom, friendly smile and encouraging words were his trademark. Jude returned to the U.S. in 1962, after 23 years in Bengal, and was superior of Columba Hall for 3 years. He served at Boysville, while studying at Eastern Michigan University to earn a Master's Degree in Mathematics, at the age of 67. He spent 8 generous years at Bishop David High in Louisville, teaching, operating the bookstore, coaching the chess team, and tutoring students. Jude's reputation from Bengal of being charitable, kind, and caring was seen in each one of his assignments.

*If I have faith to move mountains, but do not have charity,
I am nothing. ... the greatest of these is love. -- 1 Corinthians 13:2*

*There are two ways of spreading light to others, to be the
candle or the mirror that reflects it. -- Edith Wharton*