

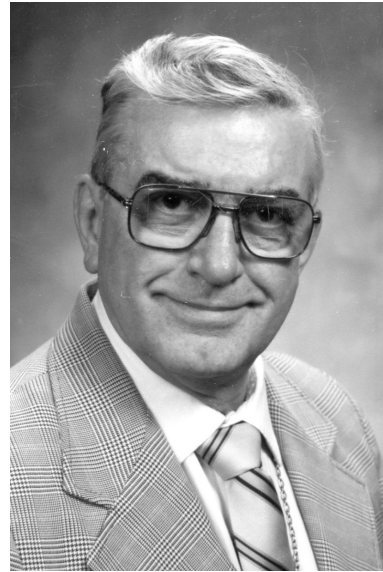
Legacy Project

February 18th

Brother Chester Louis Rachel, C.S.C.

born: 29 August 1935

died: 18 February 1994



Chet was born in Chicago and graduated from Holy Trinity High School. He joined the Community, going to Watertown in 1953 and novitiate where he made first vows in 1954. He studied at Notre Dame, earning his bachelor's degree in 1958. His first teaching assignment was at Cathedral High in Indianapolis. He then taught at Boysville, Gilmour, and St. Edward. In 1962, he joined the first group of Brothers to go to St. Patrick's High School in Monrovia, Liberia. He taught for 3 years and then was sent to St. Augustine's College in Cape Coast, Ghana for 6 years. He returned to the United States in 1972 for a year of study at Notre Dame. He then taught at Holy Trinity and Holy Cross High in River Grove for 19 years. Chet was loyal and dedicated to the school where he worked. He could not tolerate laziness in his students, particularly when they had the capacity to do well. He was very industrious, loved drama and acted in many plays, such as Henry VIII in "A Man for All Seasons," Sir Toby Belch in "Twelfth Night," Estragon in "Waiting for Godot." He had a marvelous gift to rapidly memorize his lines. His hobby was producing massive latchhook designs, particularly of the Congregation's founders, of Father Moreau and Father Dujarie. These adorn St. Joseph Chapel at Holy Cross Village as a lasting memorial of Chet's talents, energy and dedication.

All good giving and every perfect gift is from God above.

-- James 1:17

Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.

-- Theodore Roosevelt