

Legacy Project

September 25th

Brother Marcellus (Philip) Bonen, C.S.C.

born: 27 September 1913

died: 25 September 1994



Marcellus was born in Marshall, Missouri and attended schools there. He worked as a clerk and on a farm until he decided to join Holy Cross. He went to the juniorate in Watertown in 1940., and made his first vows the following year. He stayed at St. Joseph's Novitiate for 10 years working as the house steward and assisting with the dairy herd. In 1951 he began his long career of working with the Holy Cross Priests. He went to Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C. and served as steward until 1968. He moved to Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame sometimes working in the treasurer's office, but mainly caring for the upkeep of the graves in the Community Cemetery. He requested that he be buried in that Cemetery and his wish was granted. He moved to Holy Cross House where he died after many years of generous service.

One shall bring relief from the work and toil of our hands.

-- Genesis 5:29

The best place to seek God is in a garden. You can dig for him there.

-- George Bernard Shaw