

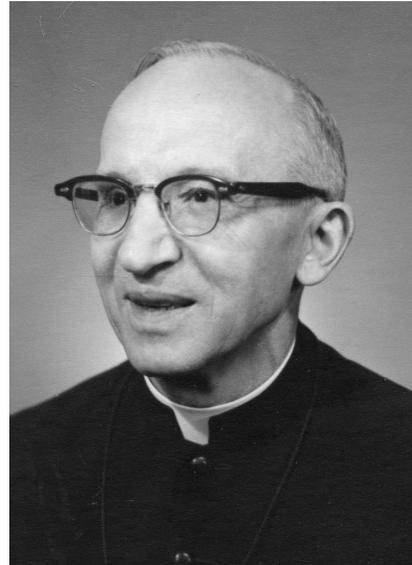
## *Legacy Project*

# January 7<sup>th</sup>

## **Brother Theodore (David) Kapes, C.S.C.**

*born: 10 November 1901*

*died: 7 January 1995*



Theodore (Teddy) was born in Cranberry, PA, and attended school there. At the age of 16 he convinced his family that he wanted to become a Holy Cross Brother. He made his first profession in 1924 and taught for a year at Central Catholic in Fort Wayne. He was then assigned to the foreign missions in Bengal and taught at St. Gregory's High School in Dhaka for 10 years. He returned for a year to study at Notre Dame. He was headed back to Bengal in 1941 when World War II occurred. He and Br. Rex Hennel and 18 other Holy Cross missionaries spent 4 years in a Japanese internment camp in the Philippines. After a year of recuperation at Notre Dame he went back to Bangladesh for 8 years. His longest tenure of work was at the Ave Maria Press for 34 years. In 1990 he retired to Columba Hall where he was noted for his continuous work ethic. Gardening was his favorite pastime. He enjoyed keeping busy; not being able to work disturbed him. He would shuffle around Columba Hall always whistling or singing to himself. He could be seen reading newspapers holding them about 6" from his glasses. He was hard of hearing, but always knew the latest gossip. Teddy was an avid correspondent regularly writing letters soliciting funds for the missions, besides collecting stamps and gathering many things to send to Bangladesh. Teddy said that he always had the look of being frail, but had the strength of heart to outlast the 'Charles Atlases' of the world.

*He is doing the work of the Lord .....*

**-- 2 Corinthians 16:10**

*Pray as if everything depended upon God, work as though everything depended upon you. -- St. Ignatius of Loyola*