

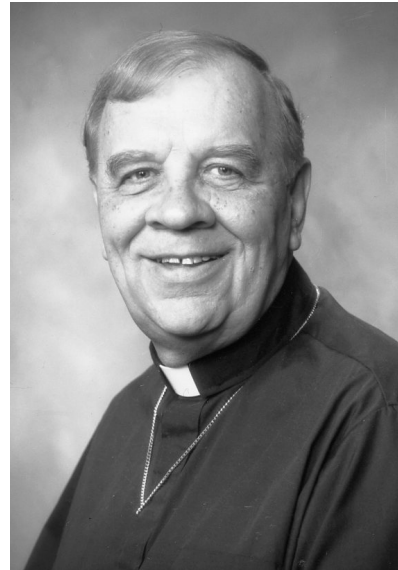
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January 8th

Brother Jerome John Schwabe, C.S.C.

born: 17 November 1929

died: 8 January 1997



Jerome was born in Milwaukee and joined the Congregation in 1948, making his final profession in 1952. He earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from Notre Dame. For nearly 50 years, he served as a teacher or administrator at schools in Indianapolis, West Haven, Akron, Sherman Oaks, Terre Haute, Rolling Prairie, Chicago, and Washington, D. C. His longest period of service, 14 years, was at ginasios or colegios on the Amazon River in Brazil. Besides teaching there, he found time to work in a leper colony, serve on the board of education, in a health clinic, and he established a social services agency near Sao Paulo. For his years of service he received an honorary Brazilian citizenship. He was often invited to come back and act as a Portuguese translator at Chapters for the Franciscan Brothers. Jerry was comfortable with everyone he met. His laugh and smile were contagious and made others feel that he had known them forever. He became involved in pastoral ministry in parishes in Salida, Colorado and St. Stanislaus Parish in South Bend. Among his favorite accomplishments was being the Archdiocesan Supervisor of Prison Ministry in Los Angeles, counseling and helping prisoners heal their lives. Jerry used his love of music to bring people together. It takes a special person filled with courage, compassion, and joy to devote one's life to easing the burdens of others. Jerry was just that type of person.

Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again, rejoice!

-- Philippians 4:4

*Earthly music that reaches farthest into heaven is the beating
of a loving heart.*

-- Henry Ward Beecher