

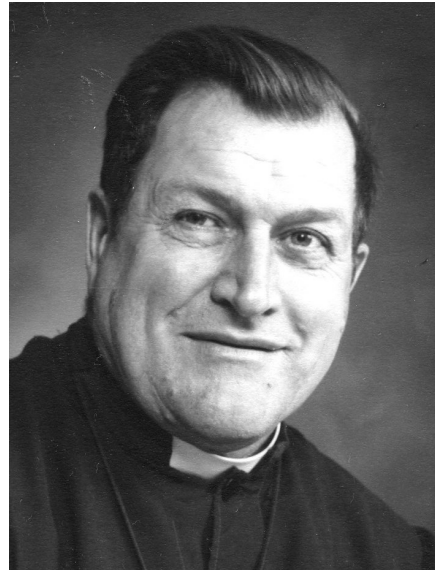
## *Legacy Project*

**November 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Simon Aloysius Murren, C.S.C.**

*born: 21 June 1921*

*died: 30 November 1997*



Simon was born in McSherrystown, PA, and worked the family dairy farm before he joined Holy Cross. He entered the juniorate at Valatie in 1946, but was advised by a doctor to leave because of health problems. He re-entered the novitiate in 1950 and made first vows in 1951. He continued his love of farming for 22 years working on community farms at Valatie, Granger, and Rolling Prairie. Because of a foot injury and the need for an auto mechanic, Simon spent 14 years maintaining and repairing community vehicles. He was rugged, exuberant, and friendly with a laugh as contagious as it was ear-shattering. He had great respect for the Amish, spending time visiting and helping them. Simon's habitual remark was, "If I can make people happy, then I am happy." In 1987 he "sort of" retired to Columba Hall, but continued working in maintenance. He studied and took classes in theology and catechetics to earn a CCD diploma. He taught religion courses at St. Stanislaus Church. He adored Notre Dame sports of all kinds, was friends with football coaches and players. He hosted Pennsylvania friends and families for games. He played a very creditable Santa Claus for children in South Bend and for community members at Holy Cross infirmaries. Through prayer and service he touched many with his generosity.

*The earth is replete with the fruit of all your good works.*

**-- Psalm 104:13**

*I have friends in overalls whose friendship I would not swap  
for the favor of kings of the world.*

**-- Thomas A. Edison**