Legacy Project

July 30th

Brother Paschal (Vincent) Tomaszewski, C.S.C.

born: 12 July 1921

died: 30 July 1998

Paschal was born in Gary and attended schools there. He entered Holy Cross at Watertown in 1938, went to the novitiate, and made first vows in 1940. He began studies at Notre Dame and earned his bachelor's degree in 1944 and a master's degree in 1950. Paschal was a teacher of English and Latin. He taught at Holy Trinity in Chicago, Cathedral in Indianapolis and Catholic Central in Monroe. He served for a total of 36 years at St. Joseph's High in South Bend, from its opening in 1954, until health problems caused him to retire in 1990. He had earned a certificate in guidance and served in the office at St. Joseph's High. He loved to play the piano and organ. His duties at schools ranged from glee club director to assistant principal. His long tenure at St. Joseph's enabled him to have direct contact with generations of students and thus he was a valuable resource for the alumni office. When school hours ended, he would often be seen walking briskly for an hour around the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses. He loved nature and found that exercise rejuvenated him and provided reflective time.

Teach us to number and value our days that we may
gain wisdom of heart. ***-- Psalm 90:12***

I long to accomplish a great task, but it is my duty to accomplish
small tasks as if they were great and noble. ***-- Helen Keller***