

## *Legacy Project*

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Brother Martinus (Leonard) Bombardier, C.S.C.**

*born: 2 November 1921*

*died: 23 October 1998*



Martinus was born in Jamestown, Kansas. At a very early age he developed an interest in printing. Marty joined the Brothers at Watertown in 1941, following the example of his uncle, Br. Martin Feiffer. He went to the novitiate and made vows in 1943. He spent one year at Dujarie Hall, and then for the next 54 years he lived at Columba Hall. He said: *"There could not have been a better place to live out my life, filled with wholesome work, friendships and support."* Marty fulfilled his childhood ambition, and spent 38 years working at the Ave Maria Press. He ran the large printing press which published the weekly *Ave Maria* magazine. In 1980, Marty turned a hobby of photography into a career. He attended workshops and joined professional photographer groups. He took, developed and printed his own pictures. His magnificent photos adorned a showcase and walls at Columba Hall. The Notre Dame Bookstore sold his post cards and framed pictures. He was often chosen to take wedding pictures at Sacred Heart Basilica. At Columba Hall, his cheerfulness was legendary, greeting all with a "Come on in, have a seat, grab a drink, I just made a batch of popcorn!" His friendliness and social graces led him to be affectionately known as "Mr. Hospitality."

*Be hospitable to one another ... as each has received a gift, use it to serve one another.*

**-- 1 Peter 4:9**

*Give people not only your care, but also your heart.*

**-- Mother Teresa**