

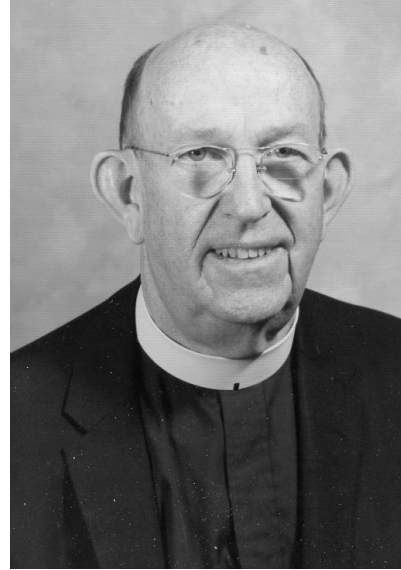
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April 4th

Brother Jonas Patrick Moran, C.S.C.

born: 14 February 1915

died: 4 April 2000



Jonas was born in Cleveland, on Valentine's Day. He attended Holy Name School and John Carroll University before he enlisted in the Army in 1941. He served in the South Pacific, earned two Bronze Stars and a commendation for collecting money from his buddies to send to "Sister Marie at the Grade School" in Cleveland. After the War he worked in sales in Cleveland and at the age of 34 joined Holy Cross at Watertown in 1949. He made his first vows in 1950. His life was one of service, (as the "Brothers' keeper", he said) working on the staffs at the Foreign Mission Seminary, St. Edward's University, Sacred Heart Juniorate, Holy Cross House, and Hoban High School. His early sales experiences helped in his canvassing for 5 years for the Ave Maria Press and Dujarie Press. He enjoyed telling the incident where he was arrested because someone thought he was begging door-to-door. He suffered heart problems early (at fifty the doctor told him that half his arteries were blocked) but lived for another 25 years. He retired at Columba Hall in 1981 where his cheerful, witty, outgoing, and mischievous presence was famous. He could be found in the rec room playing cribbage or solitaire and providing gracious hospitality to guests. His generosity to the poor continued. Jonas gave generously and anonymously to many causes, demonstrating an attitude of caring, first seen in his military years.

I am coming soon ... I will give to each according to his deeds.

-- Revelation 22:12

What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.

-- Anonymous