

Legacy Project

April 9th

Brother Hobart (Richard) Pieper, C.S.C.

born: 17 September 1922

died: 9 April 2001



Hobart was born in Summit, New Jersey and attended schools there. He joined Holy Cross at Valatie in 1939. He spent his novitiate year at Rolling Prairie. After profession, except for teaching for a year one year at Valatie, he spent his entire 48-year career teaching and administering schools in the missions in East Bengal. He was among the first missionaries to go there in 1946, after World War II. Hobart taught or was the headmaster at schools in Bandura, Nagari, and Dacca. He returned for a sabbatical year on three different occasions and came back permanently to the U.S. in 1994. Hobart was loved by young children for his generous nature and booming voice. He was keenly sensitive and responsive to the needs of the poor. He was highly respected as a teacher of English and social studies. When he returned to the U.S., he first resided at Columba Hall before health conditions caused him to take up residence at Schubert Villa and Dujarie House.

"He shall defend the afflicted and save the children of the poor."

-- Psalm 72:4

*"The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have,
but the number of people you serve."*

-- Anonymous