

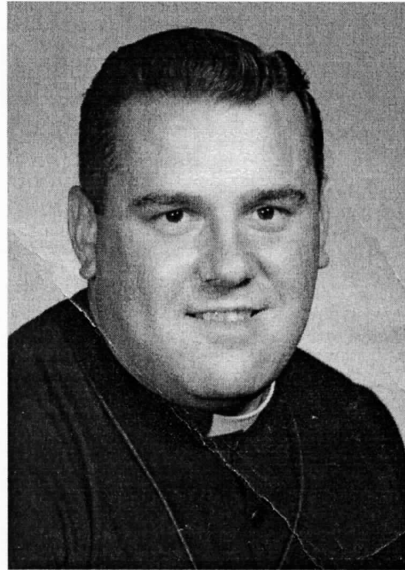
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**September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Brother Ronald Charles LaLonde, C.S.C.**

*born: 15 April 1932*

*died: 6 September 2001*



Ronald was born in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from Catholic schools there. He worked at Timken Detroit Axle Company and then joined the U.S. Army. He served in Korea from 1952-1954. He returned to work again at Timken and then joined the Brothers, entering Watertown in 1955. After his novitiate year, he studied at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas. He joined the faculty at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis where he taught for a total of 10 years on two occasions. He also taught at St. Joseph's High in South Bend and at Catholic Central High School in Monroe, where he served for a total of 18 years. His primary teaching area was English but his interests and talent led him to become involved with student activities, mainly as a moderator and organizer. In 1987, he joined the faculty of Gabriel Richard High School in Riverview, Michigan where he taught for 13 years. He also assumed roles as guidance counselor and attendance director. Medical reasons led to his retirement at Schubert Villa at Notre Dame in 2000.

*"A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance."*

**-- Proverbs 15:13**

*"A time like this demands strong minds, glad hearts, true faith,  
and ready hands.*

**-- John G. Holland**

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# September 6<sup>th</sup>

## **Brother Donald Joseph Martin, C.S.C.**

*born: 7 February 1929*

*died: 6 September 2005*



Donald was born in Chicago, attended St. Lawrence Elementary and De LaSalle High Schools. He entered the postulate at Watertown in 1946 and after his profession, he began his studies at Notre Dame. He completed his degree in education at St. John's University in the Bronx. He first taught at St. Francis Grade School in Brooklyn, then at St. Edward High in Lakewood. He returned to St. Francis and was principal for 4 years until 1957. He taught at Memorial High in Evansville for 4 years and served as assistant principal and assistant superior. In 1961 he joined the faculty to teach at Holy Trinity High. In 1968 he joined the first faculty at Holy Cross High in River Grove where he taught and served for a total of 31 years. In 1999 he came to Notre Dame and served as a counselor for the residents living at Holy Cross Village. In the summers, Donald successfully directed the Day Camp for children at Gilmour Academy for 17 years. He spent summers as a tour guide for English and French speaking visitors to St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. Donald served on the staff of the Information Center of Holy Cross Village. He promoted and advertised programs and was a counselor for the new ministry of the province.

*"I made myself a servant of all so as to win over as many as possible."*

**-- 1 Corinthians 9:19**

*"You give little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."*

**-- Kahlil Gibran**

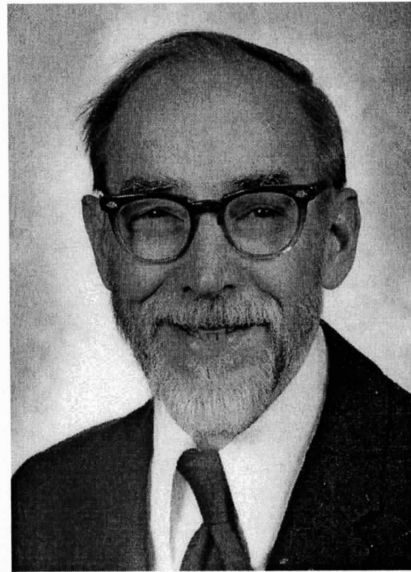
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# September 8<sup>th</sup>

## **Brother Leo Vincent Geiger, C.S.C.**

*born: 11 April 1922*

*died: 8 September 2005*



Leo was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and attended elementary schools there. He worked as a planing carpenter and then joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. He earned the rank of first lieutenant and was discharged in 1945. He worked as a general carpenter for two years and joined the Brothers at St. Joseph's Juniorate in Valatie in 1947. Following the novitiate, he studied at Notre Dame, then at St. Edward's University, earning his bachelor of science degree. The studies, plus his previous carpentry experience, helped him become a superb teacher of industrial arts. He joined the faculty at St. Edward High School in Lakewood in 1952, and apart from two years at Gibault School in Terre Haute, he spent the remainder of his 40 years of teaching at St. Edward. He was known for his articles in the *School Shop Magazine*. He brought a zealous intensity to his teaching which flowed from his talent, expertise and temperament. Leo was quiet, gentle, patient, hard working, creative, and pleasant to live with in community. His creativity was seen in designing sculptures from scrap metal and tools. After the years of teaching, Leo took on a new role at St. Edward in campus ministry. He was a noted man of prayer. Parents and parishioners in Lakewood came to know him as a leader of local prayer groups.

*"I speak my thanks to the Lord and in the midst of others I will praise him."*

**-- Psalm 109:30**

*"Those who wish to transform the world must be able to transform themselves."*

**-- Konrad Heiden**