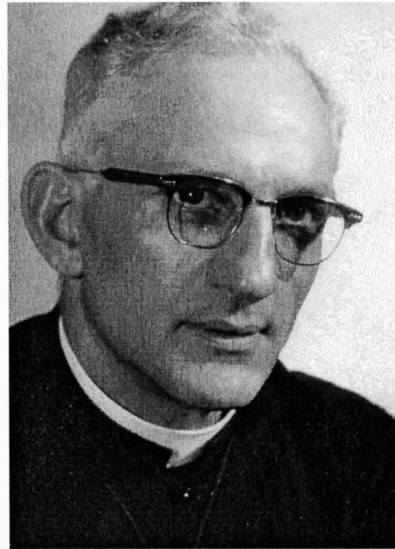


May 3rd

Brother Ronan (Norman) Koenigsknecht, C.S.C.

born: 13 March 1919

died: 3 May 2002



Ronan was born in Fowler, Michigan and attended school there. He grew up in a farming family and learned skills in carpentry and general maintenance. He joined Holy Cross and entered the program at Watertown in 1940. After completing his novitiate, he took night courses in machine shop and woodworking. He used his skills to work at St. Joseph Novitiate in Rolling Prairie for 3 years. He then spent a year at Sacred Heart Juniorate in Watertown and St. Charles Boys' Home in Milwaukee. In 1948 he joined the staff at St. Joseph's Farm where he served in a variety of roles for 11 years. In 1959, he joined the staff at Columba Hall as maintenance director for 38 years. When his health changed, he moved to Schubert Villa and Dujarie House in 2001. Ronan was a man of many talents. In spite of a deteriorating arthritic condition, this gifted man continued his quiet, prayerful work without complaint.

"Make yourself worthy of God's approval as a workman who has no cause to be ashamed."

-- 2 Timothy 2:15

"When the day of judgment comes, we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done."

-- Thomas a Kempis