

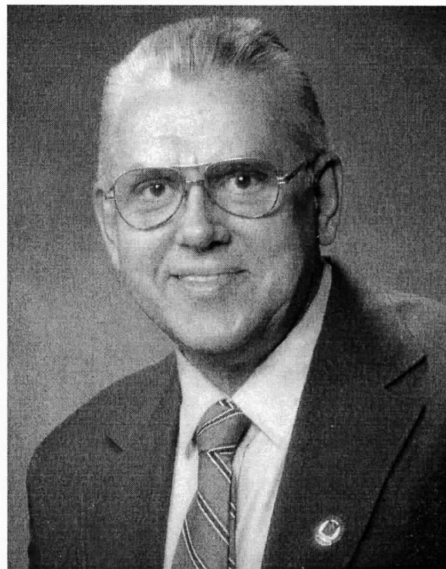
## *Legacy Project*

# December 11<sup>th</sup>

## **Brother Bernard Gerard Platte, C.S.C.**

*born: 11 July 1924*

*died: 11 December 2002*



Bernard was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan attended elementary school there, completing high school at Sacred Heart College in Watertown when he entered Holy Cross in 1950. After his novitiate year, his first assignment was to the novitiate farm for 2 years. He was then assigned to St. Joseph's Farm where he continued his maintenance and farming skills for 10 years. In 1967, he joined the staff at Holy Trinity High in Chicago in charge of maintenance for 11 years. Bernard returned to Notre Dame in 1978 to be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the Community's fleet of automobiles at Notre Dame. Bernard lived for 12 years at the Brothers' Center and was assistant director of the community. He moved to Columba Hall for the next 6 years, continuing his care of automobiles as well as offering assistance, on occasion, to the students at Holy Cross College. There didn't appear to be any job that was too difficult for Bernard to tackle since he had the size and strength to handle most every kind of job. He always helped the other brothers on the staff (Richard Weber and Florian Gill). Bernard passed away suddenly from a heart condition while he was at work. His talents, cheerful smile, and personality are missed by all.

*"We are God's co-workers, thanks to the favors he has shown me."*

**-- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 3:9**

*"Do what you can with what you have, where you are."*

**-- Theodore Roosevelt**