

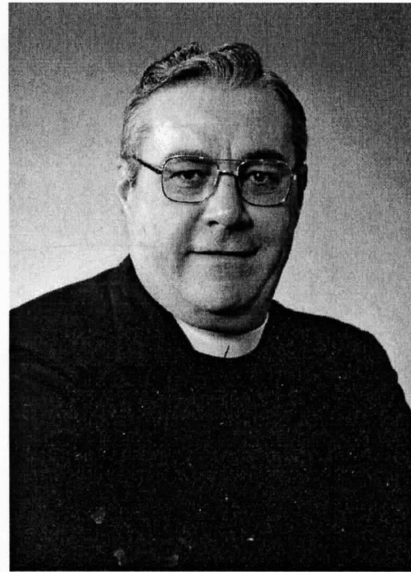
Legacy Project

July 10th

Brother Walter Irvin Davenport, C.S.C.

born: 29 December 1928

died: 10 July 2004



Walter was born in Indianapolis where he attended grade school and Cathedral High . After graduation, he entered Holy Cross at Watertown in 1946. He studied at Notre Dame and graduated in 1951. His multi-varied career began as assistant to the novice director in Rolling Prairie. He then taught at Vincentian in Albany, then at St. Edward in Lakewood, followed by 4 years at Catholic Central High in Monroe. He taught at Gibault School and was assistant vocation promoter for a year. In 1961 he became the first principal and superior of Holy Cross High School in River Grove, Illinois. He served there for a total of 15 years. In 1976, he returned to Monroe as principal and superior of the community of Catholic Central High. Following 2 years of study at Notre Dame he became principal of Holy Family High in Ashland, Kentucky for 3 years. He then was principal at Muskegon, Michigan Central Catholic High School. He served as assistant superintendent of high schools in Cleveland for 2 years. Walter was a big man with a voice to match. He commanded respect, obedience and the utmost effort from his students and faculty. He had a contagious laugh, easily heard from a distance. Everyone listened when he spoke, often with wit, always with wisdom from long experience and a heartfelt prayer life.

"I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and a commander."

-- Isaiah 55:4

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

-- Theodore Roosevelt