

Legacy Project

June 19th

Br. Joseph Walter (Stanley) Olszowka, C.S.C.

born: 31 December 1911

died: 19 June 2008



Joseph Walter was born in Wola Rzedzinska, Poland and at the age of three, immigrated with his family to Chicago. He attended St. Casimir elementary school and worked as a shop clerk. In 1932, he went to the juniorate in Watertown and novitiate, making his first vows in 1934. He studied at Notre Dame and worked with the staff of the Ave Maria Press for a year, then taught at Holy Cross High in New Orleans. He earned a diploma in commercial subjects in 1942. In 1949, he earned a master's degree at Notre Dame. He joined the faculty at Vincentian in Albany and then went to teach at Holy Trinity in 1951 and was principal for 6 years. In 1959, he moved to St. Edward in Lakewood to serve as the treasurer for 10 years. He returned to Holy Trinity in 1969 as assistant principal until 1976. He joined the faculty at Holy Cross Junior College and in 1989 he moved to River Grove as a staff member. He always felt it was important to do his part and 'send a check' to the provincial office. He earned a salary by working as a clerk at O'Hare Airport, as a security officer in a parking garage or volunteering at a medical center. He retired to Columba Hall in 2000 bringing his pleasant smile and cheerful personality. He later moved to Schubert Villa and then Dujarie House. His wit and overall good nature served him well all the years of his full and generous life.

*Each one must do as he decided in his heart, for God
loves a cheerful giver. -- 2 Corinthians 9:7*

*Inner sunshine warms not only the heart of the owner,
but all who come in contact with it. -- J. T. Fields*