

Legacy Project

October 9th

Brother Frederick Tancred Choquette, C.S.C.

born: 4 July 1916

died: 9 October 2011



Frederick was born in Upland, Nebraska and attended St. Cecilia's elementary and high school graduating in 1935. He worked on the family farm and was employed as a power press operator in a factory. In 1942 he joined the Army Air Corps and because of his small stature, he served as a belly gunner in a B-24 with the Seventh Air Force in the South Pacific, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was honorably discharged in 1945. He attributed his vocation as a Brother to a high school classmate, Brother Ricardo Hellman. Fred entered the juniorate at Watertown in 1946 and after his novitiate year pronounced his first vows in August 1947. Fred's first assignment was to serve as a nurse at the Community Infirmary at Notre Dame for 2 years. In 1950 he became one of the legendary "Knights of the Road" being a canvasser for the Ave Maria Press for the next 18 years, touring the east and midwest, meeting with people and strengthening their faith by selling *Ave Maria Magazine* subscriptions. In 1968 he went to St. Edward High School as head of the general maintenance department. He followed all the athletic teams and enjoyed handball games with students. In 1972 he took on the maintenance duties at Dujarie House for the next 18 years. In 1990 he was a volunteer at Dujarie to cheerfully help those in need of assistance. Retiring in 1997, he lived at Schubert Villa and continued to bring stability and blessing to fellow residents. His gentle smile, calm disposition and prayerful demeanor were contagious to all he worked with and served.

A merry heart lights up a cheerful face.

-- Proverbs 15:13

*Happiness comes to those who are moving towards something
they want very much to happen.*

-- Earl Nightingale