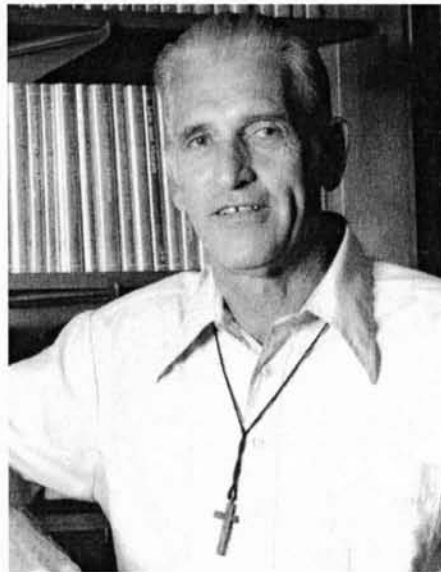


**December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Brother Thomas More (Edward) Beere, C.S.C.**

*born: 28 July 1924*

*died: 22 December 2011*



Thomas was born in Racine, Wisconsin and attended school there. His original plan was to go to a seminary, but a visit by Br. Theophane Schmitt in high school changed his mind when Theophane invited him to visit Watertown. He entered the Juniorate in 1942, went to the novitiate and made first vows in February 1944. He studied at Notre Dame, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1947. His first assignment was to teach at Vincentian Institute in Albany, NY. In 1948, he became one of the first Brothers, following World War II, to be assigned to East Pakistan (now Bangladesh). He served for the next 55 years! His many roles were teacher, administrator (headmaster or assistant), superior, and director of formation. He was an excellent administrator and a proficient and caring teacher. His quiet, efficient talents and good humor were evident in every ministry he undertook. In 2003, Thomas left Bangladesh to reside at Columba Hall and volunteered his computer skills and services in both the Indiana Province Archives and the Midwest Province Archives. He used his talents with Microsoft Excel and an Epson digital scanner to produce an easy-to-locate filing system for a host of photos, articles, newsletters, biographies, and presentations for both Archives. Thomas enjoyed his walks around the Notre Dame campus, his contacts with family and e-mails from many former students in Bangladesh. His patience and calm prayerful demeanor and experiences in the foreign missions were admired by those he lived with at Columba Hall.

*Do the will of God from the heart, serving the Lord knowing that each will be requited for what good he does. -- Ephesians, 6:7*

*Out of clutter, find simplicity in organization.*

**-- Albert Einstein**