

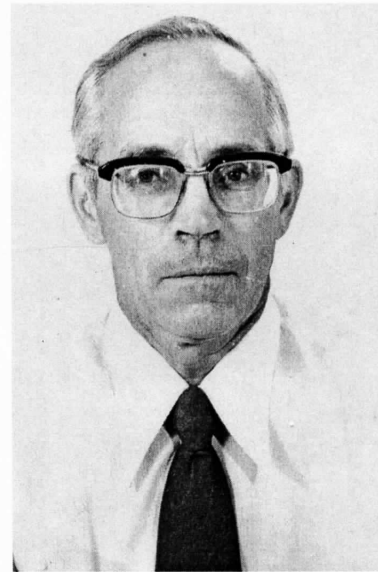
Legacy Project

October 13th

Brother Robert Sylvester Ludwig, C.S.C.

born: 9 March 1925

died: 13 October 2012



Robert was born in Avon, Minnesota and attended school in Lake Henry. He helped on the family farm and joined the Army to serve with the Occupation Force in Tokyo. He met a soldier friend who encouraged him to pursue a vocation in Holy Cross. He returned to the U.S. and in September 1949 entered the juniorate in Watertown and pronounced his vows as a Holy Cross Brother in 1951. Robert was destined to be a maintenance man and farmer. He worked on the community farms in Rolling Prairie, Watertown and Milwaukee, and at Notre Dame. He served on three continents: in Europe (maintenance work at the Generalate in Rome), in South America (schools in Brazil) and in Asia (at the Holy Cross religious center in Israel). He spent a total of 27 years working in Campinas and Santarem in Brazil. He could repair anything and his work was performed to last. He had difficulty in learning Portuguese, but showed the care and love to people which overcame any language barrier. He instituted a special retreat for students at the time of Carnival Season and called it, "Cristoval" (Christ-centered). It has become popular so that the local soccer stadium is used for the special retreat. Robert returned to the U.S. in 1999 to do maintenance and gardening work at St. Francis High in Mountain View, CA and St. Edward's University in Austin, TX. His cheerful and talented spirit in varied works was the joy he gave to those he served.

Be firm and devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord, your labor is not in vain. -- 1 Corinthians, 15:58

*Put your heart, mind, intellect and soul even in your smallest acts.
This is the secret of success. -- Swami Sivananda*