

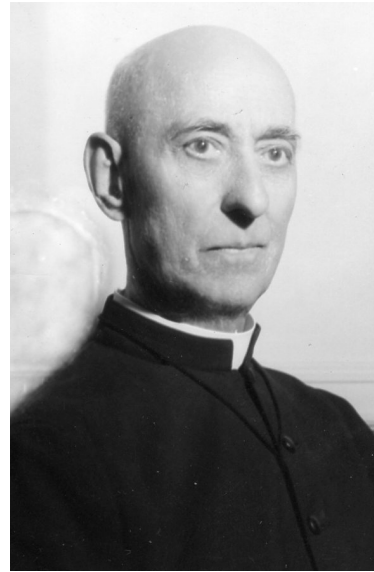
## *Legacy Project*

### **August 9<sup>th</sup>**

## **Brother Victor (John) Czerwinski, C.S.C.**

*born: 10 October 1881*

*died: 9 August 1958*



Victor was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He worked in a carpenter shop learning "hand carving." He joined Holy Cross and went to the postulate at Notre Dame in 1905 and novitiate where he made his first vows in 1908. He was a prefect at Brownson Hall at Notre Dame for a year and then in 1910, was assigned to teach at Holy Trinity High School, where he served for the rest of his life except for one year (1921) when he taught at Holy Cross in New Orleans. Victor taught biology and general science. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1926 from Notre Dame and a master's in 1933. He was principal of Holy Trinity from 1934 to 1940 and served there for a total of 47 years. Victor and Maximus Czyzewski worked at the school together all those years, When Victor arrived in 1910, there were only 20 pupils in the school, but by 1958 the enrollment had grown to nearly 700. He sometimes directed dramatic performances. Victor's younger brother, Brother Casimir, taught at Cathedral School in Fort Wayne and died in 1928. On the occasion of his 50th Jubilee, Victor was honored with a celebration at the High School. He was given a proclamation by the Chicago City Council and greeted with applause by the student body. His former students, and many close friends offered sincere thanks for the dedicated service and love he showed Holy Trinity High.

*Work hard and do it faithfully for the sake of the Lord.*

*-- Ephesians 6:7*

*Happiness cannot come from without but from within. It is what we think and do, first for others and then for ourselves. -- Helen Keller*