

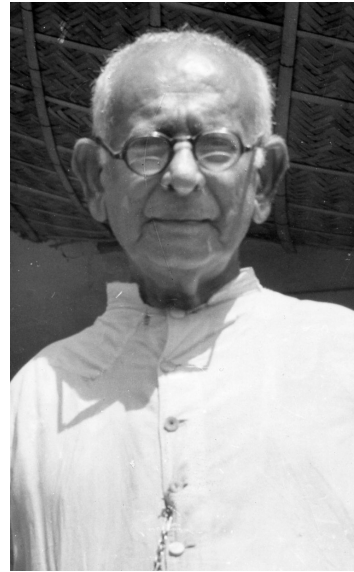
Legacy Project

April 15th

Brother Eugene (Eugene) LeFeuvre, C.S.C.

born: 7 September 1873

died: 15 April 1963



Eugene was born in Dacca, a child of French-Indian parents. He was baptized a month after his birth by Bishop Peter Dufal, CSC, the successor to Father Moreau as superior general. In 1889, Eugene and his three brothers were the first children enrolled at the new St. Gregory's High School. After he finished school, Eugene joined Holy Cross, received the habit in 1894. There was no real canonical novitiate then; he used to say he made his novitiate in a river boat accompanying the Bishop of the diocese. Eugene was a teacher for 69 years in Holy Cross, never traveling to the United States. His long career as the patriarch of the community involved teaching in Dacca, Chittagong, Mymensingh, Toomiliah, Bandura, Gournadi, Solepore, and Tejgao in small mission schools. For many years he served at his alma mater, St. Gregory's. His shotgun was usually with him. He was granted a lifetime license for the gun because of the work he performed as a volunteer for the British Army during World War II. He was known as the 'Bhura,' or "volunteer" for the number of young cadets he trained. The British government awarded him a medal, the Kaiser-i-Hind, in appreciation for his work with the Indian Defense Forces. Eugene enjoyed telling stories of his life and tales of old missionaries. He was a simple and gentle man, courteous with an innate stubbornness and self-will. He died with his community around his bed on Easter Monday, after the Holy Week celebration.

Think how great this man, this patriarch, must have been.

-- Hebrews 7:4

You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving.

-- Amy Carmichael, missionary to India