

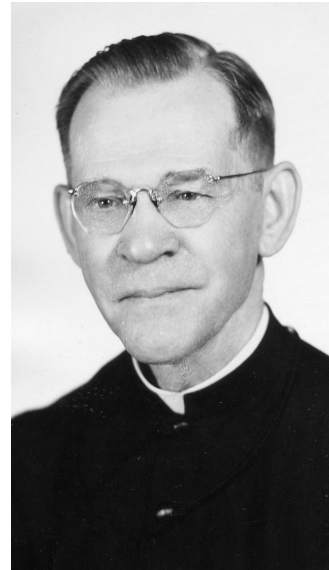
## *Legacy Project*

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Maximus (Albinus) Czyzewski, C.S.C.**

*born: 6 March 1881*

*died: 11 October 1963*



Maximus was born in Talkuny, Lithuania. At the age of 15 he came to the United States to meet his uncle, Father Czyzewski, C.S.C., the pastor of St. Hedwig Church in South Bend. He was confirmed and entered Holy Cross in 1897, went to the postulate at Notre Dame and novitiate and made first vows in 1899. He studied at Notre Dame, taught at St. Hedwig School and worked in the Notre Dame Bookstore until 1905. He was assigned to teach at Sacred Heart College at Watertown, then taught at Cathedral School in Fort Wayne. In 1907, Maximus was sent to teach at Holy Trinity Grammar School. After three years he began teaching at the high school and remained in Chicago for the next 54 years. He was principal at Holy Trinity from 1917-1920. He studied on his own, attended evening classes at Loyola and DePaul, and summer school at Notre Dame to earn his bachelor's degree in 1924. The new high school building opened in 1928 and Maximus was again appointed principal until 1934. He faithfully taught his courses and wrote a history of the Polish-American settlement in South Bend. Maximus retired in 1961, went to Columba Hall where he edified everyone by doing menial tasks such as dusting the refectory and cleaning floors. His life of service was a model for all.

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

*-- Ephesians 6:7*

*Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.*

*-- Albert Einstein*