

Legacy Project

November 23rd

Brother Cecil (Matthew) Ferguson, C.S.C.

born: 13 April 1918

died: 23 November 1966



Cecil was born in Kelty, Scotland and when young, the family moved to Windsor, Ontario. He attended schools there and worked for a year after graduation. He joined Holy Cross in 1937, went to the juniorate at Watertown and the novitiate at Rolling Prairie, where he made his first vows in 1939. His first assignment was to work at Watertown in the laundry department and learn how to be a cook. He then spent 4 years as a nurse's aid at the Community Infirmary. For the next 26 years he cooked and supervised the meal preparation in kitchens at Sacred Heart Juniorate, St. Joseph's Farm, Columba Hall, Holy Cross Novitiate at Valatie, St. Francis High in Mountain View and Gilmour Academy. He spent his time away from the kitchens in his favorite hobbies: making rosaries, hiking, fishing, golfing or reading. Seeking a change of ministry, in 1965 he served as a canvasser for the Ave Maria Press. While working at a parish in Kansas City to solicit subscriptions for the magazine, he suffered a heart attack and died at St. Mary's Hospital there.

*Do all you can to present yourself to God as one who
is not ashamed of his life's work. -- 2 Timothy 2:15*

*Nothing would be more tiresome than eating if God had not
made it a pleasure as well as a necessity. -- Voltaire*