

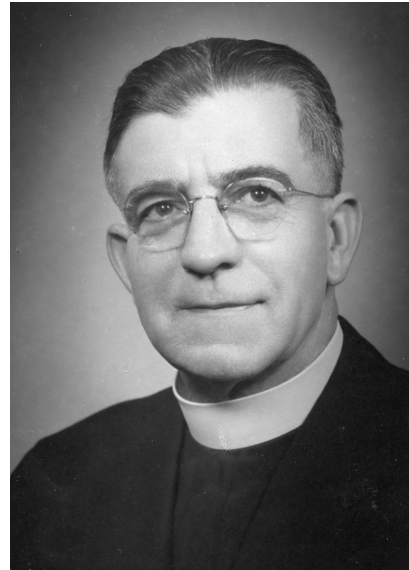
## *Legacy Project*

**June 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Flavian (Leo) Lambert, C.S.C.**

*born: 15 August 1895*

*died: 17 June 1970*



Flavian was born in West Chelmsford, Massachusetts and attended school there. He worked as a general contractor and was a professional carpenter, having learned the trade from his father. He served in the U.S. Navy for 3 years during World War I, working in the artificers corps. In 1925 he joined Holy Cross at the age of 30, going to Watertown and then the novitiate at Notre Dame where he made first vows in 1927. Flavian was a talented maintenance man during his years in Holy Cross, first working in New Orleans, then at St. Joseph Farm (17 years), Valatie, North Easton, Columba Hall, and River Grove. His first job was constructing a chicken coop at Dujarie Hall, but he is most noted for the much larger two-story buildings he raised at Bankson Lake, St. Joseph Farm, Valatie, or Deer Park. He traveled to many Holy Cross houses to either do extensive remodeling or build new structures. He is remembered for his inventiveness. Whatever tool he seemed to need for his work he produced himself. Flavian followed his father's love of music and would often be seen at the piano playing nostalgic songs from the past.

*If Yahweh does not build the house, they labor  
in vain who build it. -- Psalm 127:1*

*Living a life is like constructing a building: if you  
start wrong, you'll end wrong. -- Maya Angelou*