

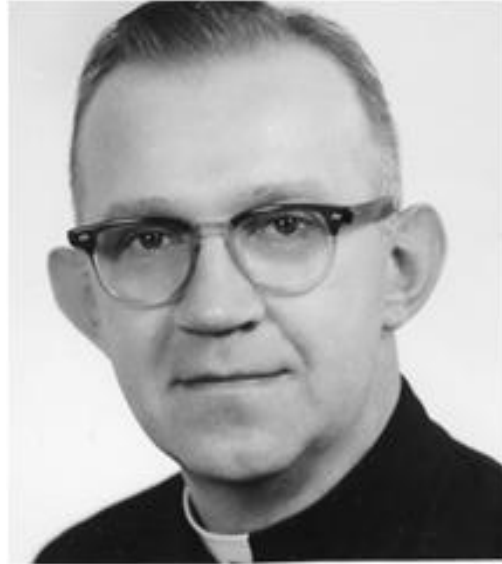
Legacy Project

November 21st

Brother Ambrose (Zygmunt) Nowak, C.S.C.

born: 16 November 1918

died: 21 November 1975



Ambrose was born in Detroit. He entered Holy Cross in 1932, going to the juniorate at Watertown and novitiate and made first vows in 1937. He studied at Notre Dame, earned a bachelor's degree in 1941, and a master's in 1952. He began his teaching career at Holy Trinity, then taught at South Bend, Indianapolis, Evansville, Milwaukee and Gates Mills. He was a gifted administrator, served as principal at Memorial in Evansville, Holy Trinity in Chicago, and Catholic Central in Monroe, and as assistant at Hoban in Akron. He was also a popular guidance counselor. He loved teaching math and joking with students between classes. He was an avid sports fan, enjoyed Sunday afternoon pro football games and living and dying with the fortunes of his beloved Detroit Tigers. His last 5 years were spent teaching at St. Edward High in Lakewood, attending all their sporting events, and living with a generous community. He once said, "Never have I lived in a religious house where I have seen so much charity." He was in the stands at the state championship football game following the St. Edward Eagles, when he collapsed and died of a heart attack in the first quarter. Hundreds of students, parents, and alumni attended his funeral to mourn the loss of a dear friend and teacher, who had significantly touched their lives.

*You will see your teacher and hear these words,
"this is the way, follow it." -- Isaiah 30:20*

*Nothing so proves a man's ability to lead others as what
he does from day to day to lead himself. -- Thomas Watson*