

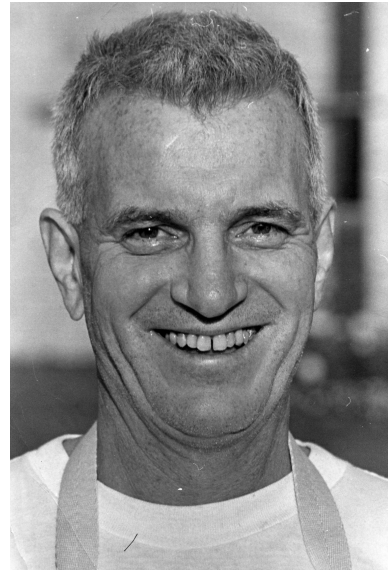
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March 22nd

Brother Amadeus (John) Connor, C.S.C.

born: 12 November 1921

died: 22 March 1978



Amadeus (Ammy) was born in Chicago and attended schools there. He entered Holy Cross, went to the juniorate in Watertown and made his first vows at the novitiate in 1943. He began his career in the community as a cook at Dujarie Hall. The next year he was assigned to Watertown as cook and worked there on three different assignments. He also served at St. Joseph's Novitiate, St. Edward's University in Austin, and was a canvasser at the Ave Maria Press. His love of cooking was revived when he served with the team of cooks at Columba Hall for 9 years and the Brothers' Center for 4 years. In 1970, he went to St. Edward High in Lakewood. Ammy faithfully prepared meals for his hungry confreres, about 1000 meals a year, or 35,000 meals in his lifetime. His "man-sized" cookies were popular. His kitchen was the hub of all activities. He was interviewed for an article in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* about his favorite recipes (Walnut Cherry Delight was the best) which ran shortly after he had a fatal heart attack while washing the community's three cars. Ammy's eulogy emphasized his role in the mosaic of different tiles that make up a community --- he served as the mortar that held together all those pieces.

Man goes cheerfully off to work, to labor until dusk.

-- Psalm 104:23

*It's difficult to think anything but pleasant thoughts while eating
a delicious dessert.*

-- Lewis Grizzard