

Legacy Project

September 28th

Brother Celestis (Howard) Mueller, C.S.C.

born: 15 January 1926

died: 28 September 1982



Celestis was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, attended schools there.. In 1943 he joined Holy Cross going to the juniorate in Watertown and novitiate and made first vows in 1945. He studied at Notre Dame, and completed his bachelor's degree at St. Edward's University in Austin in 1952. His first teaching assignment was at St. Edward's High in Austin. He taught at St. Edward in Lakewood, New Orleans, Monroe (a total of 7 years), Holy Trinity (a total of 11 years), and Holy Cross in River Grove. Wherever Celestis taught, he was the moderator of the CSMC (Catholic Schools Mission Crusade) and used his love of stamp collecting to raise money for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh, Ghana and Liberia. He served on the diocesan CSMC boards in Cleveland, Indianapolis, and Chicago. It's estimated that he raised more than \$53,000 through his efforts in the sale of canceled postage stamps. Although he was never able to go to the Holy Cross foreign missions, his devoted service and dedication to encourage his students helped the missions tremendously.

*Happy the one who has regard for the poor, the
Lord will be his comfort. -- Psalm 41:1*

*The mission of the Church is missions
--Oswald J. Smith*