

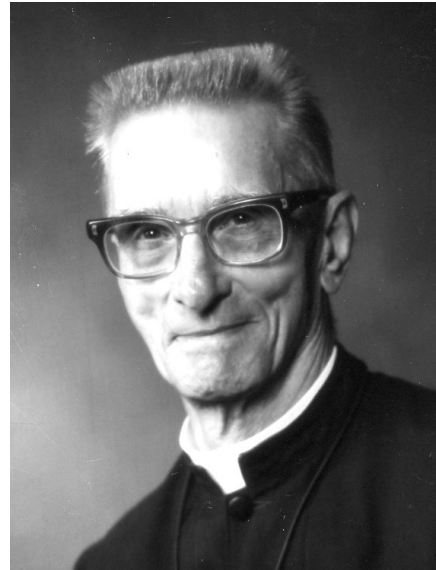
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February 14th

Brother Joachim (Lawrence) Reiniche, C.S.C.

born: 25 July 1907

died: 14 February 1992



Joachim was born in Hillsdale, Michigan and attended school there. After high school, he worked for 5 years in farming, as a technician in a machine shop, and also as a truck driver. He joined the Brothers in 1929, entering the community at Watertown and went to the novitiate at Notre Dame where he made his first vows in 1931. He was an assistant gardener at the novitiate for 2 years and in 1933, he was assigned to St. Charles Boys' Home in Milwaukee. He spent more than 13 years there in charge of the farm and made a name for himself as an expert dairy herdsman. In 1946 he was transferred to St. Joseph's Farm in Granger, where he spent the next 46 years. His Holstein dairy herd of 150 cows was famous. He doubled their butterfat production in 10 years through successful care, breeding, and nurturing. The dairy cattle had to be milked each day and the milk, butter, and other products were delivered to Holy Cross houses in the Notre Dame area. Joachim was the superior at the Farm for a number of years. He lived the remainder of his life there, devoted to the land, the animals, and the work he so loved.

He who cultivates his land will have plenty of food and be thankful.

-- Proverbs 28:19

Those who labor in the earth are the chosen people of God.

-- Thomas Jefferson