

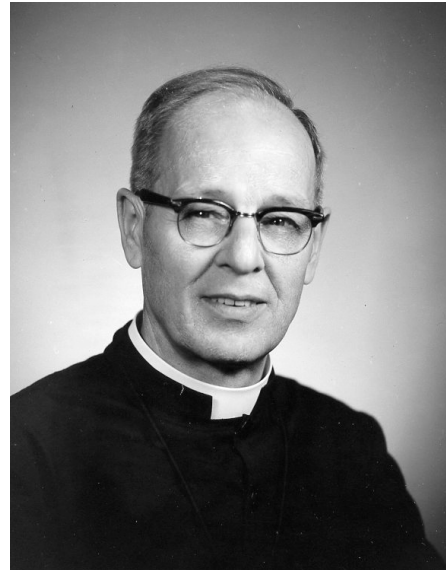
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December 13th

Brother Bede (Sylvester) Stadler, C.S.C.

born: 28 November 1911

died: 13 December 1992



Bede was born in Manawa, Wisconsin and attended schools there. He worked in various jobs and joined the Brothers in 1931. He finished his high school courses at Sacred Heart College and entered the novitiate and made first vows in 1934. He began studies at Notre Dame and earned his bachelor's degree in 1938. Having taken the foreign mission vow, his first assignment was to Bengal for 10 devoted years. He was among the Holy Cross missionaries who were caught in India during WWII. As the headmaster of Holy Cross High in Bandura he went through the severe famine of 1943, the riots and demonstrations for freedom from British rule and the threat of a Japanese invasion. During the famine, Bede helped government officials in distributing food. He seldom talked about his experiences, but it was evident he paid a heavy price. When he returned in 1948, he taught in Evansville and then spent 11 years teaching and being librarian, assistant principal and assistant superior at Monroe. He joined the faculty at Holy Cross High in River Grove in 1962, teaching and developing an excellent library. When he retired, he served the River Grove community as housekeeper and spent considerable time researching his family history and publishing an excellent genealogy of the Stadler family. After 19 years of devoted service at River Grove, Bede moved to Dujarie House, continuing to be a model of generosity and service to his family and community.

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A good librarian is a service occupation --- he is the gas station attendant of the mind.

-- Richard Powers