

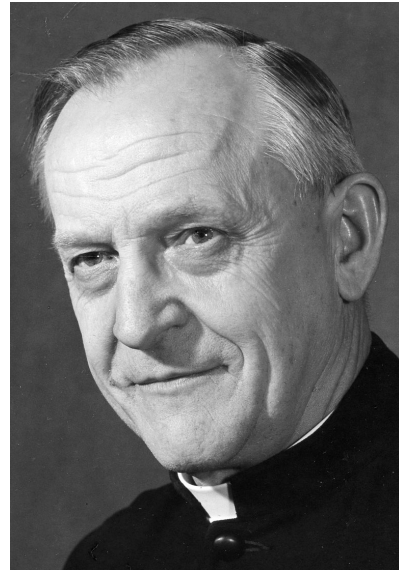
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January 6th

Brother Polycarp (Bronislaus) Newman, C.S.C.

born: 29 August 1907

died: 6 January 1994



Polycarp was born in Winona, Minnesota and wanted to follow his oldest brother as a locomotive engineer. As a youngster he got to ride in the cab and one day the engineer let him take over the controls. His dream of steering the train came true and he was now free to join the Brothers. He entered the Juniorate at Watertown in the fall of 1932, and after a year in the novitiate at Notre Dame, he made his first vows in 1934. He spent nearly his entire life as one of the most famous cooks in the Community, working his magic in preparing meals at the Community House, Watertown, Rolling Prairie, St. Joseph Farm, Dujarie Hall, Valatie, Columba Hall, Dujarie House, and the Brothers' Center for more than 55 years. He excelled in turning out famous meals and desserts. Some novices may remember his mock apple pie (made from Ritz crackers and apple juice) or his cantaloupe glazed pie. He was always full of life and fun. He once told his Provincial, "You know what you have two ears for? In your job, you let it come in one ear and then let it go out the other." Polycarp loved to fish and enjoyed vacations with family on the Mississippi River. His captivating smile and mischievous behavior were his trademarks. Polycarp died on the feast of Blessed Brother Andre, the Miracle Worker of Montreal, It was appropriate since Polycarp was the miracle worker in the kitchen for many of his grateful Brothers.

*Christ is the one that you are really serving, and know
that he shall reward you. -- Colossians 3:24*

*Nothing is so contagious as cheerful enthusiasm.
-- Edward Bulwer-Lytton*