

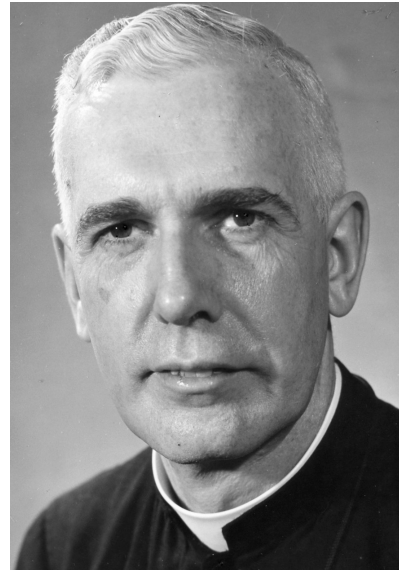
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July 20th

Brother Gonzaga (Thomas) Day, C.S.C.

born: 31 October 1919

died: 20 July 1997



Gonzaga was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He entered Watertown in 1938. After profession, he served at Sacred Heart College, Gilmour Academy, and West Haven. In 1951 he moved to Rome and worked in the Procurator's Office for 4 years. He returned in 1954 to teach at St. Edward High. In 1956 he became a member of the provincial council with the responsibility as Mission Promoter. This work and love consumed the rest of his nearly 42 years of life. He was interested and adept at procuring and facilitating the shipment of needed supplies to the Brothers' schools in Ghana and Liberia as well as assisting bishops in fund-raising trips in the United States. In 1978 he became part of a community that served the needy in Harriman, TN. He founded the Seton Thrift and Friendship Store in a former hotel and furnished it with goods collected around the country. His work was so successful that when moving to a larger facility, the local newspaper humorously proclaimed, *"The Seton Thrift Store has moved to the former Miller Department Store, so says its proprietor, Gazanda Bay."* A serious bout with cancer nearly ended his life, but he recovered and continued working in Harriman for 16 more years until 1995. His booming voice, laughter and brilliant smile displayed the inner richness of the generosity of this man. By serving so faithfully those who served others overseas, he truly became a missionary to missionaries.

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor."

-- 2nd Corinthians 9:9

"I shall pass but once. Any good that I can do, or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now."

-- Stephen Grellet