

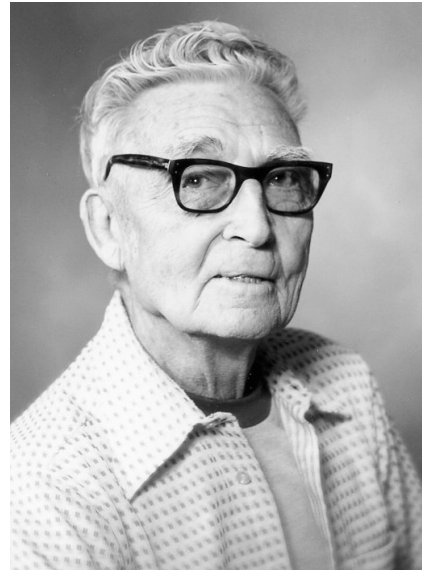
## *Legacy Project*

**June 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Lewis (Carl) Leimeister, C.S.C.**

*born: 30 November 1895*

*died: 12 June 1998*



Br. Lewis (Louie) was born in Huron, Ohio and followed his brother Fabian into Holy Cross. Each religious group has its "community characters" and Br. Louie was certainly one. He died one week short of 103 years of age, the longest surviving member in the history of the Congregation. He entered Watertown in 1921, and was professed in 1923. He taught and prefected in schools for 6 years. Beginning in 1932, he spent 14 years working on farms at Milwaukee, Rolling Prairie, Watertown, Moreau Seminary, and Portland. In 1946 he was head of the vegetable gardens and chickens at Dujarie Hall. His compost pile was famous. He was an 'organic farmer' ahead of his time. He used two horses to do the plowing (which were occasionally taken by students for pranks in the Halls). Scholastics were well acquainted with chicken kills, and the harvesting, cleaning, and freezing of fruit and vegetables. Many a brother or seminarian earned a "You dumb sock!" admonition from him. Louie was an advocate of natural foods and vitamins which he credited for his health and longevity. His brusque manners and voice belied his sensitive and generous heart. When he went to Dujarie House he spent hours in the chapel. "I used to work outside, now I work inside, praying," he said.

*The earth is replete with the fruit of your works.*

**-- Psalm 104:13**

*To labor is to pray.*

**-- Motto of the Benedictines**