

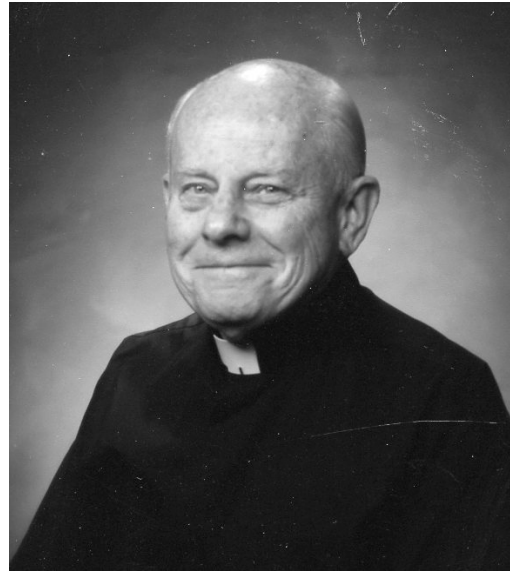
Legacy Project

June 25th

Brother Walter Duda, C.S.C.

born: 31 January 1913

died: 25 June 2003



Walter was born in Chicago. After he attended school he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served in World War II in the South Pacific. In 1945, he worked for an art firm in Chicago. In 1954, he entered the juniorate program at Watertown, and made first vows in 1955. Even though he took the 4th vow for mission work, he never went further than Ohio and Kentucky. He was a canvasser for the Ave Maria Press. His particular talents were in grounds keeping and maintenance. He devoted many years to such work at Dujarie Hall, the Community Infirmary, and Columba Hall. He spent 4 years as a postal clerk in the Notre Dame and St. Mary's College post offices. His longest tour of service was 28 years at Holy Cross High School in River Grove, taking care of maintenance and groundskeeping. Walter was truly a humble man, much like Br. Andre Bessette. As one of his confreres at River Grove said, he did things large and small. He made sure that the first pot of coffee was ready each morning, plants were cared for, Christmas decorations were put up and taken down. He distributed a nearby bakery's extra goods to food pantries and soup kitchens in the vicinity. He was often in the chapel. Walter had a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart. He may have had heart trouble, but Walter had a good heart for all.

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

-- Romans 5:5

*Grant me a humble heart to hear you, a loving heart to serve you,
a faithful heart to abide in you.*

-- Dag Hammarskjold