

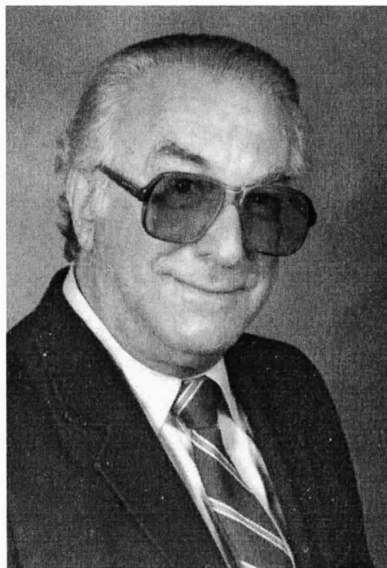
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January 11th

Brother Leonardo (Alex) Bebetu, C.S.C.

born: 28 March 1919

died: 11 January 2004



Leonardo (Alex) was born in Erie, Pennsylvania and attended elementary and high school there. After graduating from Cathedral Prep High School, he felt called to Holy Cross and entered Sacred Heart Juniorate at Watertown in 1940. After the novitiate he studied at Notre Dame, earning his A.B. degree *magna cum laude*. His first assignment was to teach at Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville for 10 years. Then he joined the faculty of St. Joseph's High School in South Bend for 4 years. In 1958, he was appointed principal and superior of Reitz Memorial in Evansville. In 1961, Leonardo was transferred to Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron where he served for 27 years. He taught English and directed many drama and stage productions. He was a consummate professional with an engaging and commanding voice. Leonardo was a disciplined and an organized teacher who passed those qualities to his students. His cheerfulness, amiable companionship and great love of the arts were qualities that were missed when he retired to Notre Dame. Literally hundreds of students benefitted from his remarkable patience and generosity.

*You need to have someone teach you the basic elements
of the utterances of God.*

-- Hebrews 5:12

Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson