

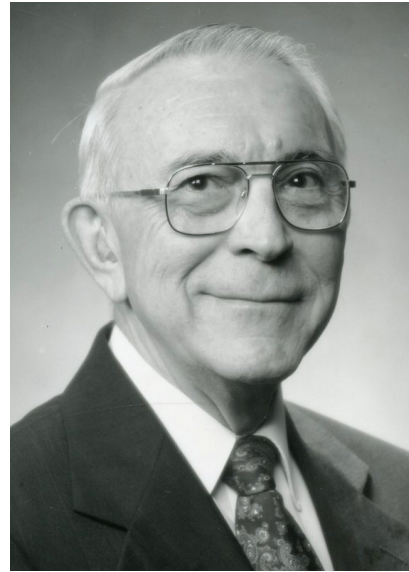
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January 15th

Brother Raymond (Robert) Dufresne, C.S.C.

born: 4 May 1926

died: 15 January 2015



Raymond was born in Somerset, Wisconsin and attended St. Anne's Elementary and Somerset High School, graduating in 1942. He followed a calling and went to the Juniorate in Watertown and then the Novitiate in Rolling Prairie, and made his first profession in August 1945. Although he was baptized 'Robert' he was the last brother to be assigned a religious name, pleased it was one people could easily pronounce. He studied at Notre Dame, graduating *cum laude* in 1949. He was a demanding teacher of English and French and taught in West Haven, Conn and Taunton, Mass. He began graduate work at the University of Montreal and earned a Master's degree at DePaul University. In 1955 he joined the faculty at Notre Dame International School in Rome teaching for 8 years. He returned to the US and taught at Holy Cross High in River Grove, Illinois for 8 years, then as principal for 4 years. After earning a degree in Library Science, he served as librarian for 6 years. He returned to Rome for 3 years as the secretary for the Superior General and then was the librarian at Holy Cross College for 17 years. His habits as a broad reader and precise demands in teaching fit perfectly in his roles as a secretary and librarian. A favorite achievement was tracing his extensive French family history back to the 1600s in producing a 10-generation chart containing 957 names of his 1023 ancestors. He suffered a decline in hearing acuity but maintained his cheerfulness, beaming smile, and spirit of helpful generosity.

On the way of wisdom I direct you along straight paths

-- Proverbs 4:11

A good teacher is like a candle — it consumes itself to light the way for others

-- Mustafa Atatürk