

# Br. Gregory Meyer, SCJ

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Originally from Canada, Br. Gregory Meyer, SCJ, led an active life prior to pursuing his vocation with the Priests of the Sacred Heart. Before being inducted into the Canadian armed forces during World War II, he worked for several years on the family farm. Despite a congenital defect in his right eye, he became well known for his ability as a sharp shooter while in the military.

After the war, he returned to the family farm. In 1954, he heard that the SCJs had opened a minor seminary in nearby Delaware, Ontario. He went to the seminary and lived for several months among the SCJs, learning about religious life. He soon applied to be a brother candidate.

In 1955, he went to the novitiate in Ste. Marie, professed his vows in 1956 and shortly after, returned to Delaware. He spent six years at the minor seminary handling maintenance, gardening and most of the office work.

In the fall of 1963, he requested a new assignment and found himself on the doorstep of St. Joseph's Indian School in South Dakota. Again he found himself in the office, doing work which soon became too confining for him. A year later, he transferred to Sacred Heart Monastery, where he could do the outdoor work he loved.

He was a bookkeeper, worked in the laundry, acted as a caretaker and cook, handled the gardening and took care of a large beehive which supplied honey for the monastery community. His dedication to his work was almost as intense as his dedication to prayer. Often before the sun could peek through the windows of the chapel, Br. Greg was sifting quietly in his pew, making his morning meditation.



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