

# Br. Fidelis Mueller, SCJ

## 1894-1941

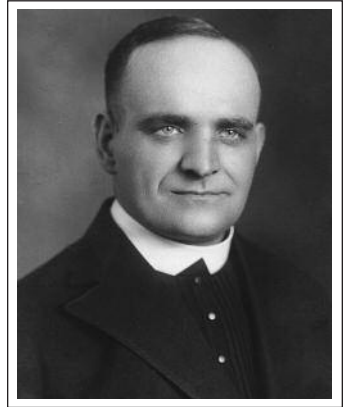
Br. Fidelis Mueller, SCJ, the first of the community's brothers to arrive in the United States, was born in Germany in 1894, and professed in 1920. He died only 21 years later, along with another of the province's founding members, Fr. Henry Hogeback, SCJ.

He is remembered as an intense man, working fervently on a project until he could see its completion. From 1929 to 1939 he was based at Sacred Heart Monastery, working fundraising for the province and its missions. For hours at a stretch, Br. Fidelis would sit at his desk, writing out personal campaign letters and thank-you notes to benefactors. When he wasn't writing to the friends of the province, he was out visiting them, traveling to various cities across the country for weeks at a time.

During the National Eucharistic Congress in Cleveland, he set up his own mission booth in the exhibit area. He enjoyed community life immensely, yet never complained about the amount of time he was forced to be away from it.

Transferred to Divine Heart Seminary in 1937, he continued to raise funds. "While it is true that I have been met with disappointments, it is also true that I have been surprised and encouraged by the generosity and interest of people who are willing to do good," wrote Br. Fidelis about his continued fundraising activities.

His work came to a sudden halt on January 7, 1941. Along with his friend and fellow SCJ, Fr. Henry Hogeback, Br. Fidelis died in a car accident on the way to a meeting in Chicago.



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