

Br. Felix Mueller, SCJ

1911-1980

Born in 1911, Br. Felix came to the SCJs after a varied background in everything from bartending to barbering. Originally from the Milwaukee area, he was professed in 1940 and made his final vows four years later.

“He was what you would call one of the ‘old world brothers,’” said Fr. John Czyzynski, SCJ. “He did a lot of maintenance work—the necessary things that need to get done but get little glory.”

Br. Felix loved animals and while serving at the minor seminary in Donaldson, Ind., he decided to raise chickens. “Unfortunately, Br. Felix thought the best place for them would be in his room so they would stay warm at night. Nobody really knew he had them until the stench started to drift down the hall. They soon moved outside,” remembered Fr. Czyzynski.

In a low, often muffled voice, he’d try to explain better ways of doing things and ways to conserve. He had a hard time throwing things away, always thinking that they could be used over and over.

SCJs who knew Br. Felix often joked that he was buried in the “monastery handball court.”

“Br. Felix saw the work they were doing on the mausoleum outside the window and asked when they were going to finish the handball court,” remembered a member of the community.

Br. Felix worked in several province ministries, including Divine Heart Seminary, South Dakota ministries, and at Sacred Heart Monastery.

He died April 4, 1980.



Fr. Justin Guiltane, SCJ