

## Father Victor Beuckman

November 22nd is the anniversary of the death of Father Victor Beuckman. Maurice Beuckman was born in East St. Louis, Illinois, on May 2, 1918. He received his early education at St. Elizabeth's Grade School in his home-town.

For his secondary education, he came to Subiaco Academy, graduating with the class of 1936. He entered the monastery, but after six months in the novitiate, his health broke down and he returned home. The following year, however, he returned to the abbey, where he professed his vows as a monk of our monastery on September 16, 1939, receiving the name Victor. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Albert L. Fletcher at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Little Rock on May 18, 1944.

Father Victor served our community as student chaplain, teacher, and writer for *The Abbey Message*. Within half a decade of priestly ministry, Father Victor's health began to deteriorate.

After a long period of hospitalizations and operations for a rapidly growing and rapidly spreading cancerous tumor, Father Victor died at 9:00 p. m. on Wednesday, November 22, 1950, at St. Vincent's Infirmary in Little Rock, Arkansas.

At the time of his death, Father Victor was 32 years old and in the 11th year of his monastic profession, the 6th of his priesthood. He is buried in our cemetery.

