From SBMArchives
During Idzerda’s Term at CSB:

- enrollment more than doubled
- building projects:
  - dorms/apartments/trailers,
  - student center (loft and bookstore)
  - swimming pool and horsemanship facility in 1972-73
  - former high school used as Henrita Academic Building and Richarda Dormitory
- first capital campaign of ca. $5 million
- worked with SJU’s presidents to further cooperation
- greater faculty involvement in governance
- established overseas program in Luxembourg, 1968-69
- established educational program in the Bahamas
- established East Asian Studies program, 1968-69
- developed a liberal studies and an individualized major in 1971-72
From SBMArchives
An audiorecording of his story of surviving the attack on Pearl Harbor is in the Archives.
Stanley Idzerda, head of the Honors College at Michigan State University visited St. John's as a Tri-College consultant. Besides separate meetings with the faculties of St. Cloud State, St. Benedict's and St. John's, Dr. Idzerda gave two lectures to St. John's students and granted an interview for the Record.

The Record March 25, 1960, p. 4
As for myself, I remain interested in becoming a member of the St. John's community.

January 1967

Stan had an interest in SJU

In any case, I would assume membership in the St. John's faculty, and a significant classroom teaching function as fundamental in any assignment I might have. To put it another way, I would not wish an administrative assignment, and then be shoehorned or imposed upon a department as an afterthought. As you might guess, given the shortage of administrators, I receive quite a few suggestions to serve in one or another administrative spot. You can also be assured that I do not seek out such positions, though I may eventually succumb. The only place I have sought a position is at St. John's. If nothing comes of it now, then two or three years from now an opportunity may arise when my capacities might fit your needs or plans.

January 1967 letter to SJU President Fr. Colman Barry
December 1967

"...each visit I make to St. Benedict’s and St. John’s finds me more impressed with the sense of community I discover there..."

"Might there be a place for me at St. John’s? I am open to almost any position for which I might qualify, as long as it includes some teaching..."

December 24, 1967 letter to Colman Barry
February 12, 1968 letter from Colman Barry

"But...as you know, we are in the midst of a co-institutional study, ...and we must wait for the results....May I ask if we can have a moratorium until the end of the study...if we could have one more year to organize ourselves we could be in a position to invite you here..."
April 1968: Mother Henrita has asked Idzerda to be CSB’s president

“...I would not have taken the St. Benedict’s post if I had not felt assured that the continued coordination of the two schools would go forward...”

1968 04 05 Box 1960 f4 in the SJU Archives
Photo of Idzerda with 1970's CSB logo, Sept. 1972, in CSB Archives
1968 April 26, *The Torch*, “Sister Mary Resigns her Post; Dr. Idzerda Ascends at President”
1968 September 24, The Torch p. 6 “Dr. Idzerda Speaks...”
Early in his presidency, Idzerda encourages CSB’s students

From here he proceeded to speak of woman and women, that is, as he sees it at St. Ben’s, and why he has chosen to serve them in this college in particular. After many years in varied places with many different women, he is convinced that the women (not girls) of St. Ben’s betray a spirit unlike that of any other place. Backed by the Benedictine tradition and real community atmosphere, he feels we “should not shove our modesty into the ground.”

On the question of a merger between SJU and St. Ben’s, the president said he would like to see us not lose the advantages of an all-woman’s college while at the same time having the advantages of co-education and experiencing all this in one day.

Furthermore, we should be cognizant of the dignity and strength of our womanhood, and maintain this vision to stand on our own two feet.

The Torch
Sept. 24, 1968, p. 6

He has great faith in us as women — the women of St. Benedict’s.

1968 September 24, The Torch p. 6 “Dr. Idzerda Speaks…”
Photo from CSB Archives - Idzerda talking with Nancy Drahota, student council president, Dec. 1970
Bennieville Revolutions

What’s new on campus? TheCollege of St. Ben’s opened its gates to 301 new freshmen and 17 veterans.

We’ve got a new loud speaker system this year so anyone who feels like ducking out of the offices, putting away the handbills, and taking in the action of St. Ben’s can feel like he’s actually a part of the action.

The buildings on campus are even undergoing a change. The St. Florens power plant welcomes a new busker and an expanse of its walls to better accommodate the local area businesses.

He is a new resident of the campus-

Oh Joy, Oh Bliss

But there is something else new on campus this year. He rides a black Schwinn bike, can often be seen in the Commons just chewing the fat with whoever passes by, or maybe you’ve seen him at lunch some afternoon yacking it up over a scrambled egg sandwich.

He attends Mass at St. Ben’s on Sundays with his wife and family. You’ve probably seen him; he’s the one with the little girl on his shoulders.

His name is Dr. Nelson McRae and his position is head of the philosophy department.

Dr. McRae has been with the students less than a month and has given us privileges we have worked for years to get. Just what has he done?

Dr. McRae wants to work arm-in-arm with the students. He wants to make it fashionable to be involved in the college. He’s even given us a voice in the decisions that are made as a part of the Student Council.

The whole aura of this campus has changed in these four short weeks. A bike ride around the campus, a chuckle in the lunchroom, a revamping of student government — that’s what’s new on campus.

To Dr. Stanley Idzerda, in behalf of myself and all the students of St. Benedict’s, WELCOME!

— Moira A. Hume

September 24, 1968

The Torch

1968 Sept. 24, p. 2 The Torch -
"Nothing is quite so invigorating as the air at Saint Benedict's early in the morning."

Photo 1970 Sept. in CSB Archives; quote from SBMArchives
1969 Fall *Saint Benedict’s Today* (also published in *Saint John’s Magazine*)
Even while it is self evident that the students’ educational opportunities are enhanced and made more vital owing to the cooperation between SJU and CSB, we must grant that even the best intentioned rarely act from a single motive. We should acknowledge that the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s found it worthwhile to join forces for at least two additional reasons: sex and money.

It’s hard to say which of those two subjects humanity finds more fascinating or troublesome, but let’s talk about sex first.

“Our current separate but co-ordinate arrangement happily permits the student to alternate at his or her own discretion from a world of all men, all women, or a mix of both.”
1970 Saint Benedict’s Magazine
1969 letter to Fr. Colman Barry

"Apparently the reimbursement for the St. Benedict's girls as a result of this "panty-raid" is still unresolved. I am ill at ease about them going home for the Christmas vacation without their money, for extended discussions with their parents on the subject will mean more bitterness and negative response to both schools..."
March 1972

If this is O.K., I could get it on one page & attach the report of the "Collegeville Mine" to it. It need not be distributed to the CSB faculty, since they've already received the report, and we've had a half-hour discussion of it at a faculty meeting. I think my own recantation of any interest in the damnable heresy of merger stilled many fluttering hearts in the CSB faculty, and our joint statement attached to the report to the SJU faculty may have the same effect there. My sense of the ridiculous is ticked by the effort we have to make to prevent the new consultants from making any suggestions that simply make the specter of merger rise again, but I'm sure it can be managed.

Idzerda, S.J.

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March 17, 1972 letter to Michael Blecker, who had become SJU President in 1971

1972 03 17 593 f1 in the SJU Archives
Photo Dec. 1970 from CSB Archives
The end of this academic year will also be the end of Dr. Sylvester Thomson's term as Institutional Coordinator between CSB and SJU. Next fall he will resume his role of professor in the Sociology Department. His efforts as Institutional Coordinator during the past three years have been directed toward the building of cooperation between the two institutions, especially at the departmental level. The initial assumption was that his efforts would lead eventually to a complete legal merger, according to the accepted recommendations made by the Dr. Lewis Mayhew Committee's study of the two campuses in 1967.

The two administrations have accepted Dr. Thomson's recommendations for increased cooperation and coordination of administration and cooperation have continued. The point where the office of Institutional Coordinator can be phased out, the Department of Educational Policy Committee, Bank and Trustee Committee and Concert and Learning Committee is at the end of the academic year. The three proposals, both Administrations, that the two Academic Deans work more closely together and that the facilities gradually become more similar. The three goals are identical, but the Administration and cooperation is at a complete legal merger, according to the accepted recommendations made by the Dr. Lewis Mayhew Committee's study of the two campuses in 1967.

The Torch April 1972: Cooperation, not merger

From the student newspaper

Stanley Idzerda
President

“As president, my job touches the students’ lives like any other faculty member’s; chiefly by the style of life that I exemplify, more than anything else. I think that’s true of all teachers and administrators. Our responsibilities lie in what ways we are responsive to creation, to each other and to ourselves. As for the rest, (Dr. Idzerda pointed to his desk), I just shuffle these papers around.”

…but there was more to it than shuffling papers, as the events of April 1972 showed!
MEMO TO: Trustees and College Councils
FROM: Stanley J. Idzerda
DATE: March 28, 1972
SUBJECT: Angela Davis

The Black Student Union of CSB and SJU has rented the Benedicta Arts Center Auditorium for April 5 in order to provide a stage for speakers on behalf of Angela Davis. They are selling tickets for the event, and the assumption is that any surplus after rental expenses will go to defray the trial costs of Miss Davis.

The event will almost certainly get news coverage, and will just as certainly invite adverse criticism of the College. If there is a danger of such criticism, why do we permit such a meeting? This memo will give you some of my own rationale.

1. The event is sponsored by our own students. Unless there is evidence that the chief motive is to embarrass the College, I think we should support our students as students when they wish to pursue public issues on campus. This does not mean the College will permit a student-sponsored meeting which would encourage mayhem, advocate illegal actions, or sponsor positions antithetical to church doctrine.

2. The students are concerned about a fair trial for Angela Davis. As black Americans, they are more aware of the findings of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission than the rest of us. Thus, they know that there is a great deal of evidence indicating how difficult it is for a non-white American to receive equitable treatment within our law enforcement and judicial system.

3. It has been objected that Miss Davis is a criminal and a professed Communist. The only civilized response is that she is on trial, and in this country she must be presumed innocent until convicted. If she is a Communist, she is a member of a party which is still legal in the United States.

4. The larger concern is: What are the limits and boundaries for persons on this campus with whom a majority disagrees? If our students understand they will be protected or defended from every major controversial figure, then they will assume both the campus and the classroom are exercises in unreality and we will soon have no students.

March 28, 1972 memo to the Trustees concerning the April 5 campus visit by activist Angela Davis
ST. CLOUD ANGELA DAVIS COMMITTEE

presents

"POWER TO THE PEOPLE"

BENEFIT

People's Music -- The Common People
People's Artist -- Peggy Lipton
People's Film -- "Jesse" A critical exposé of the pseudoinstitutions in this country.
People's Speaker -- Bettina Aptheker - Woman Communist and in the fight to free Angela Davis, Member of the National Committee to Free Angela Davis and all political prisoners.
People's Film -- Chairman of the MINNESOTA UNITED TO FREE ANGELA DAVIS

People's Funds -- 82.00

Benefit Art Center - Klein Auditorium
154 April 1972 Wednesday
7:30 p.m.
All proceeds go to the Legal Defense of Angela Davis

Tickets can be purchased at:
St. Cloud State College
Stouffer Hall Ticket Office
Benefice Ticket Office
St. Benedict College
St. John's University
Great Hall - Reception Desk

Or write to the Angela Davis Committee-St. Cloud
300 2nd Avenue South
65301
Or phone 251-427 or 261-6977

One of many letters received

Michael Mann
April 14, 1972

Stanley J. Dragon
President College
Saint Benedict

Dear Sir,

I was very disappointed with your letter and your lack of appreciation of the Angela Davis Forum. Bettina Aptheker is a member of the Communist Party. The Communist Party always has been, and always will be "immoral" to Church Doctrine.

Sincerely,

Michael Mann
Rally Reaction: “Highway ’51’ Revisited

I am not sure why I thought it was a Communist program, since Angela Davis, the Communist, was the only person I knew whom I had met personally. I thought I knew what I was doing when I voted for her, but I was wrong. She was not a Communist, and I regret it now. The program was a failure, and I feel I was duped. I wish I could have it all over again.

I was at the rally on Saturday, April 11, and I saw Angela Davis speak. She was very persuasive, and I was swayed by her arguments. I decided to support her, and I went to the rally to show my support. I was disappointed when I got there, however. The crowd was small, and the speakers were not as skilled as I had expected. The atmosphere was not very positive, and I left feeling disillusioned.

I have since learned that Angela Davis was not a Communist, and I feel I was deceived. I wish I could go back in time and change my mind. I wish I had listened to my instincts and not followed Angela Davis. I feel I was duped, and I wish I could have it all over again.
Peace!

Dear Andy (Hilger)

You'll find a summary of the Angela Davis affair enclosed. Thanks to your alertness and sense of fair play, Fred Barry was able to give a radio news account which I thought was in the best tradition of balanced reporting, and I thought the Party Line callers were approached with similar balance and aplomb by Mike Diem. Despite the fact that it was a good feeling to discover where St. Ben's friends are, I'd not like a repetition of such an event soon.

Yours,

Stan

Att: copy of letter to Fred Barry by news service office over S.J.L signature 4-10-72

Stan's note to Andy Hilger, radio station owner (and Catholic)
We were sorry to hear that we failed in our attempt to clarify the recent appearance of a speaker on behalf of Angela Davis at the Benedicta Arts Center.

You are quite correct in observing that Church doctrine has in the past opposed Communist teachings, as evidenced in the Pope Pius XI encyclical Divini Redemptoris (1937). However, what may have escaped your attention are more recent encyclicals by Popes John XXIII and Paul VI—that written after World War II, and more importantly, since Vatican II. The following quote from Documents of Vatican II, p. 311 may better serve to clarify the issue: "It is strikingly consistent with Pope John's initial concern that the Council not issue condemnations and anathemas, that the present document, rather than engaging in anti-Communist diatribes, seeks ways in which dialogue can be fostered between men of differing convictions."

April 28, 1972
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do feel it our obligation and duty to observe current teaching and Church dogma. Probably the most accurate appraisal is the following quote from Pacem in Terris, 1963, p. 299-300:

Respect and love ought to be extended also to those who think and act differently than we do in social, political and religious matters, too....

God alone is the judge and searcher of hearts; for that reason He forbids us to make judgments about the internal guilt of anyone.

Yours in Christ,

Stanley J. Idzerda
President
Support from the students

...and another visit by Ms. Davis two years later:

1972 April 19 p. 5 The Torch
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/132/show/130

1974 Nov. 1 p. 1 The Record
http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchNews/id/35048/show/35040
Angela Davis: Leading the Struggle

By John Arden

"Some of you seem restless. Does any of this make any sense at all?"

After more than an hour of speaking, she felt a need to ask the question. The fragile-looking, beautiful black woman received some reassurance and continued.

Since she had begun the speech, Angela Davis pointed on the subject of cooperation in the struggle against racism to the overflowing crowd in the SJSU main auditorium. But many had become too entangled with her political views or illustrations to grasp the point.

She had started by introducing the National Alliance Against Racism and Repression to the crowd.

"I've been traveling around the country, speaking at campuses trying to get across the message of the struggle which the alliance is attempting to communicate. And often a brother or a sister will say, 'you're mother was here.' The same thing happened tonight. Brother Charles said 'look it December of '71 your mother spoke here at a rally. Where was it? At the IAC.'"

Only a few years ago there were actually political rallies on this sleepy campus. The Organization of Afro-American Students staged a "Free Angela" rally on October 31, only a week before the take-over of Fr. Coleman Barry’s office. Mrs. Davis spoke in December of 1971 and another Angela Davis rally was held in April of that year. At that time, a communist, Hattiea Aepheker, spoke here and Sutters County mentalities objected. There were threats of contributions cut-offs to both schools, and ads were taken out in the St. Cloud Daily TIMES, disapproving of the function.

That was 1971. By 1974 things had changed. No protests were to be found, but there was no great show of support either. Even Angela has toned down her line a bit, leading to some charges of soft pedaling.

"If it hadn't been for literally millions of people all over the country, I wouldn't be standing here today. I come to you this evening essentially to speak about a new movement which can set free many other men and women."

"After I was acquitted in '72 as a result of that vast people's movement, we had a victory party. We celebrated for one day and then I said that we couldn't get too happy because we might forget that I was only one of thousands represented."

This new alliance was formed to "build a coalition of blacks, whites, chicanos, Puerto Ricans, workers, students, and even some people from the left wing of the Democratic Party."

She described the types of repression the new group was up against, by reading an FBI memo that planned the destruction of the new left. She also referred to Watergate.

"I hope that you don't think that because Richard Nixon is no longer president that things have changed. Because the impact has had an underlying effect on civil liberties, and people are going to get left beside their hands to come.

"Racism is really a monster. It's a terrible disease which affects as many in the country. We have to talk about getting together to stop it. We have to understand that racism is a weapon wielded by those who control the political and economic power used to divide and control us."

The Boston school busing disturbances is a backdrop to emphasize the point. "When I saw all of those kids, white and black..."
Dr. Idzerda to leave CSB in June

At a meeting yesterday afternoon of the Board of Trustees, CSB president Dr. Stanley Idzerda announced his decision to accept a special assignment at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

As a result of that announcement, the board is taking steps to select a person to replace Dr. Idzerda as president of the college.

At Cornell, Dr. Idzerda will be editing the historical and personal papers of the Marquis de Lafayette. The papers are to be published by the U.S. National Archives in conjunction with the United States bicentennial celebration.

Several scholars were commissioned by the National Archives to select an editor for the papers. They asked Dr. Idzerda to accept the task because of his background in eighteenth-century American and French history, which will enable him to edit the Lafayette papers with a historical and personal sensitivity.

Dr. Idzerda became president of the College of St. Benedict in 1966. Under his leadership, enrollment at the college has more than doubled. 12 new academic programs have been added, a "Quality of Human Life" program established, and several buildings on campus constructed or renovated.

A letter from Sr. Nora Luetmer, chairwoman of the Board of Trustees, was distributed to the college community on March 1 announcing Dr. Idzerda's plans. In that letter, Dr. Idzerda was quoted as saying, "I have never been happier or more 'at home' with myself and my setting in my adult life than I have been with the Sisters of St. Benedict in St. Joseph. However, a clear challenge of a sort uniquely and peculiarly suited to my background and capacities is a call I cannot lightly ignore. When the task is finished I shall seek to return here in some capacity."

Dr. Idzerda is unable to predict how long it will take to edit the Lafayette papers. The Board of Trustees has not made an official statement in response to Dr. Idzerda's plans or his announced desire to return to CSB.

1974 March 7 Vitae, p.1 “Dr. Idzerda to leave CSB in June”
Photo from the SBM Archives
Stanley Idzerda: “I feel I belong here”

by Mary Kay Melcher

Editor's note: CSS president Dr. Stanley Idzerda officially announced yesterday his plans to accept a special assignment as editor of the papers of the Marquis de Lafayette, to be published by the Cornell University Press in conjunction with the U.S. bicentennial celebration. As a result, Dr. Idzerda will be leaving CSS in New York. In an interview with the college president, VITAE asked Dr. Idzerda to speculate about his new job and reflect on his old one.

VITAE: How does your background in history make you qualified for editing these papers?

Dr. Idzerda: The National Historical Publications Commission needs someone who has some sense of the history of the eighteenth century in the Western Hemisphere, the Atlantic civilizations, and someone who has some sense of the personalities and issues involved, and also of how to explicate and reveal a person's personality and motivation through his personal papers.

The papers are at Cornell University. There are about 17 thousand papers in all, all kinds. The question is, which of those papers do you select to put together a coherent story—because the title of the volumes will be “Lafayette and the American Revolution.”

VITAE: When will the papers be published?

Dr. Idzerda: Hopefully, in 1978, '77 or '78. It's hard to say how long this will take or how many volumes until you sort of begin working on the papers for six or seven months.

VITAE: The papers will be published as part of the U.S. bicentennial seriously among our founding fathers. At the age of 20, he came to the United States (he bought his own ship; he was a millionaire nobleman) and asked for a commission to serve for the cause of liberty in the revolutionary army. And so, he became a major general, fought, and was wounded at Brandywine. He spent some time at Valley Forge during that dreadful winter. Then he went back to France and spent a lot of effort convincing the French government that they should join us. When he came back he ended up at Yorktown at the final surrender of the British. Then he went back to France. When he came back again to the United States, he made a tour to support the ratification of the constitution.

He named his only son George Washington Lafayette. Lafayette represents the effort of France to come to the side of the infant republic.

VITAE: How will this new job effect your present position at CSS?

Dr. Idzerda: I have asked the Board of Trustees to replace me in the presidency and to give me an extended leave of absence. This is what I consider home.

VITAE: What attracts you to CSS?

Dr. Idzerda: I respond to two things here: relationships with persons, and the weather. I have never been anywhere in my adult life where I have felt more at ease, more mutual support, more responsiveness to one another than here. I am most comfortable in the Benedictine tradition that I find in the upper midwest. I don’t want to take this with me.

VITAE: On campus, you’re known for your hiking and your singing. Will you take these habits with you to Cornell?

Dr. Idzerda: I’m not sure that I’m going to be doing much singing there. I don’t sing self-consciously... It’s the way I respond when I feel I’m completely at home. I feel I belong here, and there are many people on this earth who are lucky enough to feel they belong somewhere. It’s quite different. It won’t be as humanly fulfilling. There will be two associate editors, who are librarians, and the 17 thousand documents. I think, though, it is something that I ought to do. As I said to one of my friends, this is not a set of books that will end up on the remainder table at 49 cents a volume. It should be. God knows how important it is a permanent scholarly contribution to our understanding of ourselves.
VITAE: What attracts you to CSB?
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Secondly, I like the weather in this part of the world. I like the Christmas, the sunshine, the definiteness of the seasons; I especially like the sunshine.

VITAE: On campus, you're known for your biking and your singing. Will you take these habits with you to Cornell?
I'm not sure that I'm going to be doing much singing there... I don't sing self-consciously... it's the way I respond when I feel I'm completely at home. I feel I belong here, and there are not many people on this earth who are lucky enough to feel they belong someplace. What a blessing!
"...Dr. Idzerda is a man who found time to be himself and...to be with his students.

...Somehow, he found time to house students in his own home when dorms were crowded...

...to ride his bike under the open library windows on spring evenings, booming out 'To Be Alive' in that unmistakable bass..."
President departs

Dr. Stanley J. Idzerda, educator, scholar and fifth president of CSB will leave CSB sometime this June to edit the Lafayette papers at Cornell University. Dr. Idzerda’s six years at the college are highlighted by numerous new academic programs, a greatly enlarged student body and many new campus buildings. The Presidential Search Committee hope to announce their choice of a successor by June 14.
1976 letter Box1995 f3 in the SJU Archives
Photo Sept. 1970 in CSB Archives

1976 letter to Fr. Michael Blecker

"Each time I stop in, you've been of somewhere, doubtless offering some hopeless fat-cat the rewards of eternal life if he or she'd only fund SJU more generously..."
From SBMArchives

Hand calligraphied tribute from CSB upon publication of the Lafayette Papers
Alleluia! Professor Idzerda is back

By Sylvia Lang

ST. JOSEPH — The day was calm, the sky blue, the trees lovely, and professor Stanley Idzerda, red headphones slung over shoulder, was smiling and singing "Alleluia" as he strolled across the College of St. Benedict campus.

"I feel open here," he said. "When my soul wants to sing, I sing. No one here will think I am crazy."

Idzerda, a former St. Benedict’s president, has returned to the college after a five-year absence to teach freshman history classes.

He was pulled away temporarily by the U.S. Archives, which asked him to go to Cornell University in New York and edit the papers of the Revolutionary War figure Missolonghi Lafayettes.

But now, here I sit. The only time I will leave it Benedict, again is when I am placed in my grave."

Idzerda now is president of the Catholic women’s college in St. Joseph. Within four years, the school’s enrollment more than doubled, and it continued growing to its current level of 1,128.

He helped establish new programs in nursing.
August 2013:
Stan is named an honorary member of Saint Benedict’s Monastery

Your way of acting should be different from the world’s way;

Brother Stan Idzerda

to pray for the needs of the Monastic Community and the College of Saint Benedict.

The love of Christ must come before all else.

Noreen Robertson, HSB
Superior

Be it resolved that Dr. Stanley J. Idzerda be named an honorary member of Saint Benedict’s Monastery on July 29, 2013.
In Loving Memory Of
STANLEY J. “STAN” IDZERDA
June 4, 1920 - August 6, 2013

Funeral Service
Sacred Heart Chapel, St. Benedict’s Monastery
St. Joseph, Minnesota
Saturday, August 17, 2013 - 11:00 A.M.

Officiating Clergy
Father Hilary Thimmesh, OSB
Prioress Michaela Hedican, OSB
President MaryAnn Baenninger, PhD

Casket Bearers
Family Members
Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict
and College of St. Benedict

Interment
St. Benedict’s Monastery Cemetery
St. Joseph, Minnesota

Arrangements By
Daniel Funeral Home
St. Cloud

Stanley was born on June 4, 1920, in Brooklyn, New York, to Hendrik Idzerda and Teresa (Kempf) Idzerda. He served in the United States Navy from 1940 through 1946. He married Geraldine Waters of Sharon Center, Ohio on October 26, 1945 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Akron, OH.

Stan earned a PhD in history at Western Reserve University in 1951. Thereafter, he served as a scholar, teacher and administrator in several universities until 1968, when he was named president of the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph. Following the end of his term as president in 1974, he served as a faculty member in the College until his retirement in 1990. Stan was an Oblate of St. Benedict’s Monastery, St. Joseph.
1975 letter Box1995 f3_Page_2 in the SJU Archives
1972 at pool groundbreaking, or 1974 at dedication
Six of CSB’s Presidents – July 11, 2005

From SBMArchives