

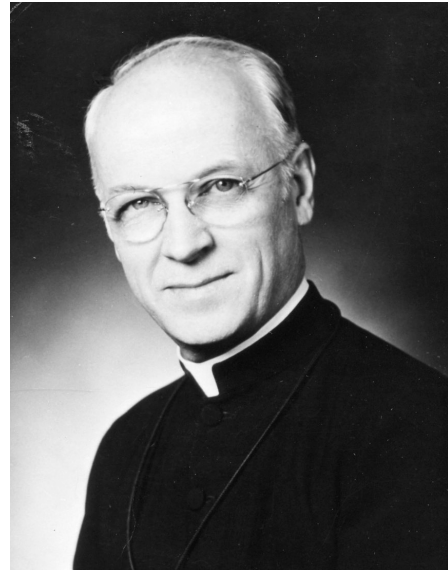
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March 4th

Brother Ernest (John) Ryan, C.S.C.

born: 4 August 1897

died: 4 March 1963



Ernest was born in Elyria, Ohio. He worked in Cleveland and joined Holy Cross in 1918, and made his first vows at the novitiate at Notre Dame in 1920. He studied at Notre Dame, earning his degree in 1925. He taught in Evansville, then went to New Orleans, and also taught in Indianapolis. He studied at Catholic University and earned a Bachelor Degree in Library Science. He taught for 5 more years at Indianapolis and then studied for 5 years at the University of Portland to earn a master's degree in 1943. In 1945, Ernest retired from 24 years of teaching to devote all of his time to writing and organizing the Dujarie Press. The Press was an outlet for producing and publishing books for youth, principally biographies of saints and outstanding Catholic figures. Ernest wrote manuscripts for over fifty books and directed the production and marketing of all the books. Other members of the Community were encouraged to write books for the Dujarie Press. Ernest was one of the pioneers in supplying books for Catholic youth in elementary schools around the country. He worked as author and publisher for more than 15 years and was honored by being named to the International Mark Twain Society and to the Eugene Field Society.

*I address my writing to the king, my tongue is ready as
the pen of a busy scribe. -- Psalm 45:1*

*The act of putting pen to paper encourages pause for thought,
this in turn makes us think more deeply about life. -- Norbet Platt*