

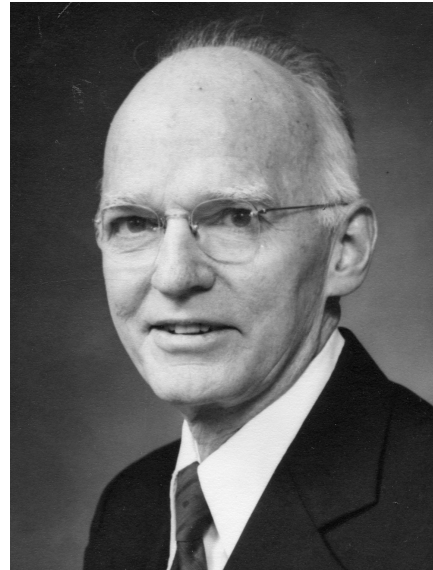
## *Legacy Project*

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Columba (William) Curran, C.S.C.**

*born: 8 April 1911*

*died: 26 April 1979*



Columba was born in Cincinnati, but grew up in Indianapolis. He attended Cathedral elementary and high school, graduating in 1928. He joined Holy Cross, went to Watertown and the novitiate at Notre Dame where he made first vows in 1930. Columba began studies and earned his bachelor's degree in 1933. He taught science at Taunton for a year and returned to Notre Dame where he earned a master's degree (in 1935) and doctoral degree (in 1937). He was hired as a professor in the Chemistry Department that year and taught for 39 years until his retirement in 1976. In 1945 he did post-doctoral research at Cal Tech University, learning new methods in organic spectroscopy. He was the major professor for many doctoral students and traveled internationally to give presentations at scientific meetings. He was the superior of Dujarie Hall for many years. He was influential in General Chapter meetings and served on the provincial council. A multi-faceted scholar, he read not only in his field of science but also history, spirituality, biography and dramatic works. An avid fan of the Cincinnati Reds and Notre Dame football, he enjoyed playing golf, bridge and especially swimming. In 1976, he volunteered to work in the missions in Brazil, teaching in Santarem and Campinas. He contracted a tropical disease and had to return home, dying too soon in his dedicated and generous life.

*Be an example to all in the way you speak and behave,  
in your faith and your actions. -- 1 Timothy 4:12*

*Setting an example is not the main means of influencing  
another, it is the only means. -- Albert Einstein*