

## *Legacy Project*

**December 5<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother Kieran (James) Ryan, C.S.C.**

*born: 28 June 1914*

*died: 5 December 1983*



Kieran was born in Chicago. He went to Mt. Carmel High, then to Loyola University. He worked as an accountant for 6 years. In 1941 he joined Holy Cross, went to the juniorate, then the novitiate, and made first vows in 1942. He studied at Notre Dame, earned a degree *magna cum laude*, then an MBA degree *maxima cum laude* at New York University. In 1947 he went to St. Edward's University as Vice President and Dean of Commerce for 6 years. He came to Notre Dame in 1953 to serve as provincial treasurer and steward for 14 years. Kieran was always a professional man; he could skillfully penetrate into problems, analyze and resolve projects with practical, prudent, wise, and economical solutions. He set up bookkeeping systems, supervised construction, and initiated administrative procedures. He also did this for other communities, dioceses, institutions and organizations. He was a member of many professional organizations, and served as president of the Catholic Business Education Association. In 1967 he was hired by the University of Notre Dame as the Director of Financial Aid. He found dormant scholarship funds for students. In 1970 he served the University as Assistant Vice President for Business Affairs for 13 years. He was a devout man of prayer and dedication to both his work and Holy Cross community.

*Well done good and faithful servant you performed well in both  
small and great matters.*

**-- Matthew 25:21**

*Nothing proves a man's ability to lead others as what he does  
from day to day to lead himself.*

**-- Thomas J. Watson**