

*Legacy Project*

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Brother Otto (Leonard) Hayden, C.S.C.**

*born: 4 August 1906*

*died: 14 November 1996*



Otto was born in Owensboro, Kentucky and attended school there. He worked on the family farm and served as a clerk. In 1929 he joined Holy Cross and went to the juniorate in Watertown. He entered the novitiate at Notre Dame and made his first vows in 1930. He began as a cook at Dujarie Hall. He was assigned to Watertown as a cook until 1939. He then joined the staff at the Ave Maria Press and served for a total of 30 years as one of "Our Lady's Canvassers." He spent the years on the road soliciting subscriptions for the *Ave Maria* magazine in parishes around the Midwest. He spent the summer months on campus at Columba Hall. The life of a canvasser was hard, being away from the community, having to plan his own schedule and accommodations, and moving from city to city. In 1969 he retired to join the staff at Columba Hall and performed a variety of duties for the house.

*Like cool water to one who is thirsty is good news to those in need.*

**-- Proverbs 25:25**

*The worth of a book is to be measured by what you can carry away from it.*

**-- James Bryce**