

Legacy Project

August 8th

Brother Raymond Thomas Kelly, C.S.C.

born: 27 December 1928

died: 8 August 2006



Raymond was born in Chicago and attended schools in Niagara Falls, Canada. In 1950 he entered the program at Watertown. After profession, his first ministry was as a cook at Dujarie Hall, then Vincent Hall in Austin, and Columba Hall. He took a position at the Ave Maria Press for 3 years and then in 1959 joined the first staff of Archbishop Hoban High in Akron where he served for 9 years. He was moderator of the Mothers' Club, architect of sets for musical productions, and landscaper of the grounds. In 1968 he moved to Holy Cross High in River Grove for 7 years and worked in the same roles as at Akron. Beginning in 1975, he took on new challenges in helping with senior centers in Chicago as a staff member for 7 years. He lived at Holy Trinity High School and helped with the bingo games, which were a major source of income for the school. He also did volunteer work with the Senior Friendship Center in Florida. He was the manager of Mercy House in Venice for 6 years. In 2002, his health condition brought him back to Notre Dame, but he managed to do yeoman work and cared for St. Joseph Cemetery. When his mother died, he proposed that a bronze statue of Brother Andre be commissioned in her honor and paid for by the family. That statue stands in the courtyard of Schubert Villa.

"We died to what bound us and serve in the new spirit."

-- Romans 7:6

"God does not ask for our ability or inability, but our availability."

-- Anonymous