

Legacy Project

May 18th

Brother James Giles Kinsella, C.S.C.

born: 1 September 1929

died: 18 May 2010



James was born in Richmond, IN and attended elementary and high school there. He studied at Earlham College, St. Joseph's College and for 2 years at Xavier University. In 1952 he was drafted into the Army. He served for 2 years at Fort Bliss, TX and Big Delta, AK. In 1955 he joined Holy Cross and went to the novitiate at Rolling Prairie, making his first vows in 1956. He completed his undergraduate studies at St. Edward's University in 1958. His first assignment was to teach at St. Edward High in Lakewood and then at Cathedral High in Indianapolis. He worked for 7 years at Boyssville of Michigan and taught for 7 years at Holy Cross High in River Grove, then at Memorial High in Evansville. He returned to St. Edward High to work as head of the print shop for 7 years. In 1987, James joined the staff at LeMans Academy in Rolling Prairie, where he worked until 2003. In 1996, he suffered a severe aneurysm. He was flown via helicopter to Chicago for emergency surgery. He was in a coma for 6 weeks and spent months in a hospital. He marvelously recovered and returned to his work at LeMans, teaching classes, running the printing press and helping on farming chores. He was a genuinely warm and charming man with a sharp sense of humor. He loved returning to Alaska to visit the Holy Cross community there. James was a 'community man' once saying that his favorite house was Columba Hall, where *"no one was above anyone else, with its warm hospitality for all."* His charming spirit added to that hospitality.

He who is humble of spirit obtains honor.

-- Proverbs 29:23

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.

-- William James