

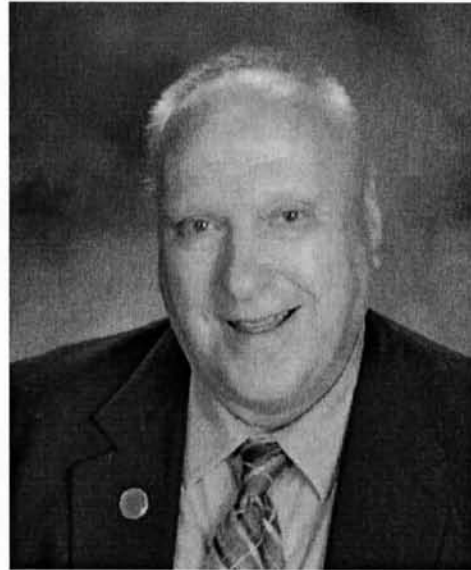
Legacy Project

March 29th

Brother Richard Joseph Keller, C.S.C.

born: 11 March 1941

died: 29 March 2014



Richard was born in Shelby, Ohio and attended Sacred Heart Elementary School and graduated from Shelby High School. He worked as a tool and die maker for General Motors and after being influenced by Brother Robert Kelly, he was convinced to join Holy Cross. He went to the juniorate in 1943 and pronounced his first vows in 1966. Since cooking was his favorite hobby, his superiors suggested he follow a food vocation. He trained under Brothers Polycarp Newman, Thomas Rock, and Henry Skitzki. He took culinary courses and earned a diploma in culinary arts. He was assigned to Gilmour Academy where he served the next 37 years working as director of food services as well as being involved in campus ministry and the director of residency programs. For 12 years he was the executive chef serving more than 700 meals a day. He cooked with renowned chefs such as Julia Child, Emeril Lagasse and Wolfgang Puck. He offered his talents as a chef to raise money for charitable and civic organizations in Cleveland by preparing festive seven-course dinners. He also received numerous awards for his generosity for the poor and needy. The chaplain at Gilmour said that Richard was a "God-send" for the life of the Academy by assisting in retreats and visiting the nursing homes and hospitals. Richard was quoted in an article saying, "*Life is about reaching out, helping those in need, being a good listener, a comforter and a healer.*"

He keeps faith forever, gives food to the hungry and the oppressed.

-- Psalm 146:6

Health and cheerfulness naturally beget each other.

-- Joseph Addison