

*Legacy Project*

**January 21, 2021**

**Brother Robert Arndt Kelly, C.S.C.**

born: 22 December 1925

died: 21 January 2021



Robert Kelly was a grand old man for whom so much in his life was “quite grand” as he so often told anyone who would visit him at Dujarié House during the last years of his life. He was gregarious, much loved and admired by his many friends and colleagues, and a man who relished fine dining and fine Scotch. He was born in Lima, OH the second of three children. His first knowledge of the Holy Cross Brothers occurred during his sophomore year in St. Gerard High School when an Ursuline sister handed him a brochure on the Brothers of Holy Cross. He never forgot her kindness and, after graduating from the University of Dayton with degrees in English and social studies in 1949, he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1951. He said about his vocation that “It came from God and was nurtured by my family and sustained by my religious colleagues.” Throughout his more than sixty-seven years as a brother, he served in a variety of ministries: director of guidance, a teacher, a retreat director, a religious superior, a vocation director, and he worked in development. No matter where he worked, he always brought a clean, crisp professionalism, a cheerful enthusiasm and the optimistic assessment: “I think that’s great. Isn’t that just great?”

*Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example  
in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.*

**--1 Timothy 4:12**

*If you’re gong to do something, do it with gusto.*

**--W. Clement Stone**