

## *Legacy Project*

**May 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **Brother John McDonnell Lavelle, C.S.C.**

*born: 14 April 1911*

*died: 10 May 1987*



John was born in Indianapolis. At 14 years of age he went to St. Meinrad Minor Seminary for high school and spent 3 years in their Major Seminary. He left St. Meinrad and worked as a bookkeeper and theater manager for 10 years. In 1946 he joined Holy Cross went to the juniorate and novitiate where he pronounced his vows in 1948. He taught at Gilmour Academy for 7 years until 1956 when he became the Director of Boysville for 6 years. In 1962 he became a director of vocations, living at Archbishop Hoban High for 2 years. He moved on to Notre Dame where he continued in the vocation recruitment position for 7 years. In 1969 he taught at LeMans Academy and then lived at Columba Hall. John was a true neighbor to those in need. He was readily available to lend a helping hand whenever possible, whether to listen, to share, or give encouragement. He was devoted to the Right to Life Movement. When he died, the organization endowed a scholarship in his name. He was a chaplain to different organizations, one was the Daughters of Isabella. He literally knew hundreds of people around the world; his smile and counseling spirit probably helped unknown hundreds.

*I will restore your fortunes for all the comfort you brought them.*

**-- Ezekiel 16:54**

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

**-- William James**