

## Cardinal Gibbons Medal

In bestowing the James Cardinal Gibbons Medal on the Honorable Kathryn J. DuFour, we honor one of The Catholic University of America's most distinguished benefactors. Judge DuFour has demonstrated dedicated service to the university, to her profession, to her gender and to her family.

The first woman jurist on the Maryland Circuit Court, Judge DuFour served as circuit court judge in Rockville, Md., from 1955 to 1970. She was appointed chief judge for Maryland's Sixth Judicial Circuit in 1970. She retired in 1971.

Judge DuFour received an LL.B. from the Washington College of Law, American University, in 1936 and was one of three women in her class. From 1937 to 1955 she worked in private practice, specializing in zoning law, in the District of Columbia and Maryland. Active in Maryland politics, she was a member of the Montgomery County Council from 1950 to 1953 and the Maryland House of Delegates from 1953 to 1955. She was also president of the Republican Federation of Montgomery County.

Judge DuFour is the widow of Raymond A. DuFour, a prominent Washington, D.C., insurance executive, who died in 1990. An alumnus of Catholic University, he was a trustee emeritus, longtime benefactor and Cardinal Gibbons Medalist in 1982.

Following her distinguished career of service, Judge DuFour remains actively involved with Catholic University. She is an emeritus member of the Columbus School of Law Board of Visitors, and the law library is named for her. Judge DuFour gives a yearly scholarship, in memory of her daughter, Joan Lawlor, to a student in her second year of law studies. She is also a member of the Order of Malta and is active in her community and with St. Edward's Parish in Palm Beach, Fla.

In tribute to this woman, who is recognized as a trailblazer in her profession and in her life, The Catholic University of America proudly presents to the Honorable Kathryn J. DuFour its highest honor, the James Cardinal Gibbons Medal.



*Kathryn J. DuFour*