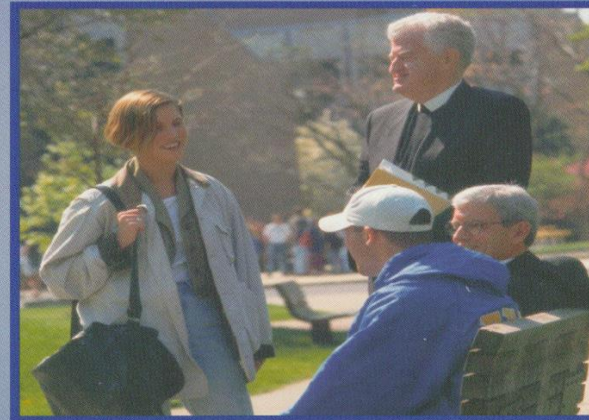


The **BROTHERS** of the Christian Schools

... Making a Difference



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*Frere des Écoles Chrétiennes,
et Charitables.*





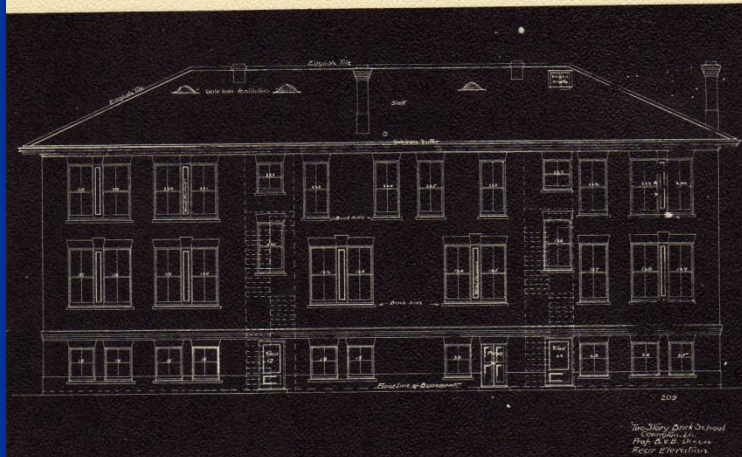
Covington pre 1900

- **Who were the dealers to the Citizens of Covington**
- They bought their wares and victuals from:
- Babington Brothers & Co.
- H.J. Smith's retail Grocery and General Store, 1876
- E. J. Fredericks ice cream parlor, Staple and Fancy Groceries, Hardware, Paint etc.
- Lumber cut by R. Mendow & Sons Saw and Planing Mill in Liberty Settlement, and Dutsch Brothers New Planing, Grits and Rice Mill.
- Bricks G.C. Alexius' Abita Springs Brick Yard
- The Mayor was S.D. Anderson and the leading Attorney was Thomas M. Burns.
- St. Tammany Farmer, 1874

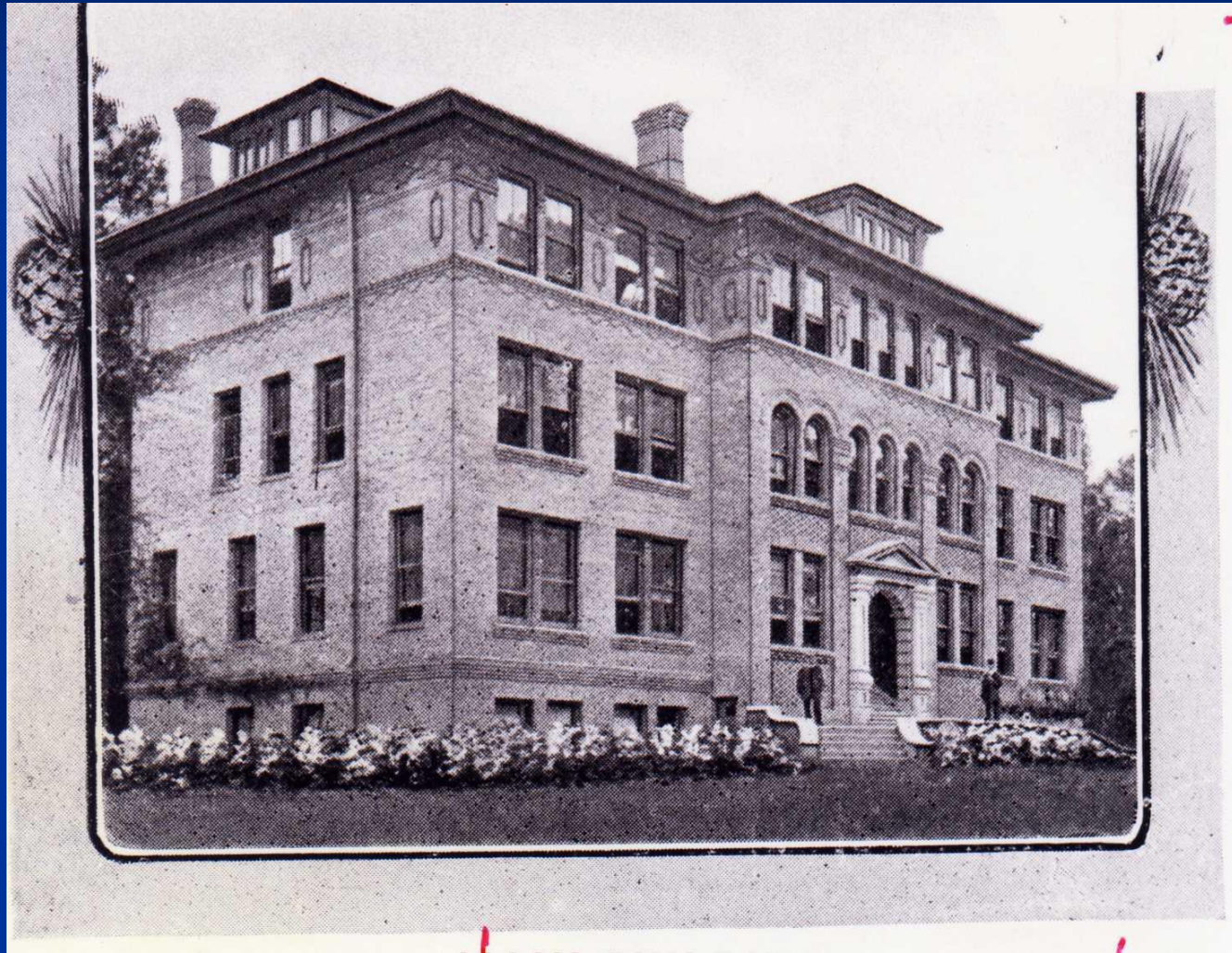
Dixon Hall 2



Dixon Hall as it appeared from 1930 till 1960. The grand stairs in front of the building were added to cover a large fuel storage tank which had to be placed outside the building when the hot air system was replaced by an oil-burning furnace. When Dixon Hall was air-conditioned in 1960 the stairs and fuel tank were removed so that the roadway could be widened.



Dixon Hall 3



THE SEAL OF THE INSTITUTE

- I have received a number of requests for information about the Seal of the Institute.
- An interesting and scholarly paper was written by Br. Henry for the Institute Bulletin in January 1957, No. 148
- At that time, the Bulletin was only published in French. The Article has now been translated so you read it in full.
- What follows is a summary of the article.



The earliest seal we have dates from 1704. It is actually two fragments

from a letter which show St. Joseph with a pilgrim's staff in his left

hand, leading the Child Jesus. The upper fragment bears the inscription

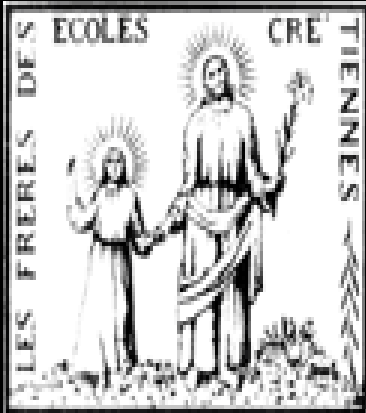
"Live Jesus."

A manuscript from 1711 includes a
monogram I H S surmounted by a
cross with rays surrounded by the
inscription "Brothers of the Christian
Schools."



The Rules and Constitutions of the Brothers of the Christian Schools approved by Pope Benedict XIII were printed in Rouen in 1726.

One of the last pages bears a rectangular seal. It is surrounded by the inscription "The Brothers of the Christian Schools" and shows Saint Joseph, with a lily in his hand, leading the Child Jesus. An oval seal in red wax of similar design was used by the Superior General, in the same year, on a document which is also signed by seven other Brothers.





In the General Chapter of 1751, the minutes indicate that the seal of the Institute "will in the future be a Star in shining silver, on a shield of blue, with this motto, *Signum Fidei*." In 1784, Br. Agathon, the then-Superior General, posted a notice in the house of St-Yon to which he "appended the Seal of the Institute." Thus the

Seal of the Institute took a form which has lasted, with some variation, to the present day.

By 1924 the seal had taken on a form which is easily recognized in the drawing at the right.





The only significant change came in 1952. Regarding the Tercentenary year, the Circular of January 6, 1952 announced that the motto *Indivisa manent* (Let us remain always united) would be added to the Seal of the Institute.

Four years later, the General Chapter of 1956 requested "the return to our traditional arms with the single motto *Signum Fidei*".

Since then, the Seal of the Institute has appeared in slightly different forms, but has remained basically the same. A slight variation seems to have been which points in the star were highlighted. In the 1924 and 1952 versions, the shading of the star follows a lighting perspective that would place the light source at the top left of the star, thus shading the lower right side. In the version to the right, the shading simply alternates position.





Beginning with the preparation of the 43rd General Chapter, the seal was colorized, using the older shading of the star. With the digital age, we now actually see "a Star in shining silver, on a shield of blue, with this motto, *Signum Fidei*" as described by the General Chapter of 1751.

SIGNUM FIDEI



The Founders of Saint Paul's School





Father Augustine Unser

1878-1919

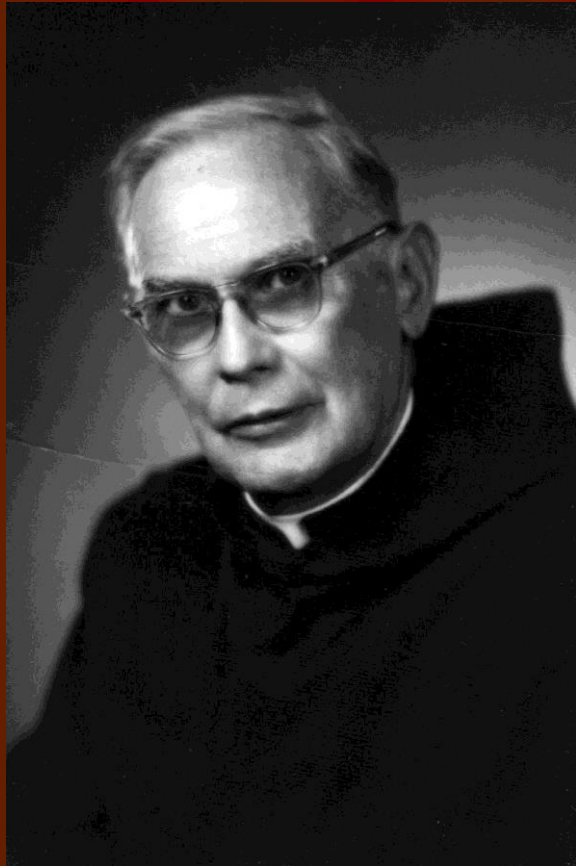


Father Augustine was born on Oct. 31st 1878 in Muggensturm, Baden, Germany. He was baptized John Theophile. He arrived in Gessen (Rosaryville) LA in 1896. He arrived at the Abbey in 1896 and professed in 1900, ordained in 1903. On Sept. 10th, 1911 along with Fathers Adalbet and Aemilian was assigned to St. Paul's.

This was the beginning of the Benedictine involvement in St. Paul's College, Covington. Under his direction St. Paul's grew from nothing into a very well respected business college, and became known statewide through its sports program.

Father Augustine dies on Jan. 2nd 1919 a victim of Swine Flu epidemic of 1918-19.

Father Adalbert Svrcek



Father Adalbert was born on Oct 29th 1882 in Texas.

He entered the Seminary at Gessen in 1895-96 and made first profession on Aug. 15th 1901 before the community moved to Covington.

He was Procurator-Treasurer during the difficult yrs after the fire of 1907.

On Sept. 11th 1911 he was sent to the newly acquired Dixon Academy in Covington along with Fathers Augustine and Aemilian. He remained until 1918 and helped Brother Bertaud Marie with the changing of the guard.

Father was staunchly opposed to the sale of St. Paul's in 1921

Father returned to St. Paul's 40yrs later as chaplain from 1958 to 1962 when he retired

Father Aemilian Egler

1881-1948



Father Aemilian was born in 1881 in Ferdinand, Indiana.

He came to St. Joseph's Priory and made first profession on De.8th 1903.

He was ordained on Oct.11th 1908.

He taught at the seminary and directed the brass band.

On Sept. 11th 1911 he was **sent** to the newly **acquired** St. Paul's School.

In 1928 he was installed as pastor in Mandeville.

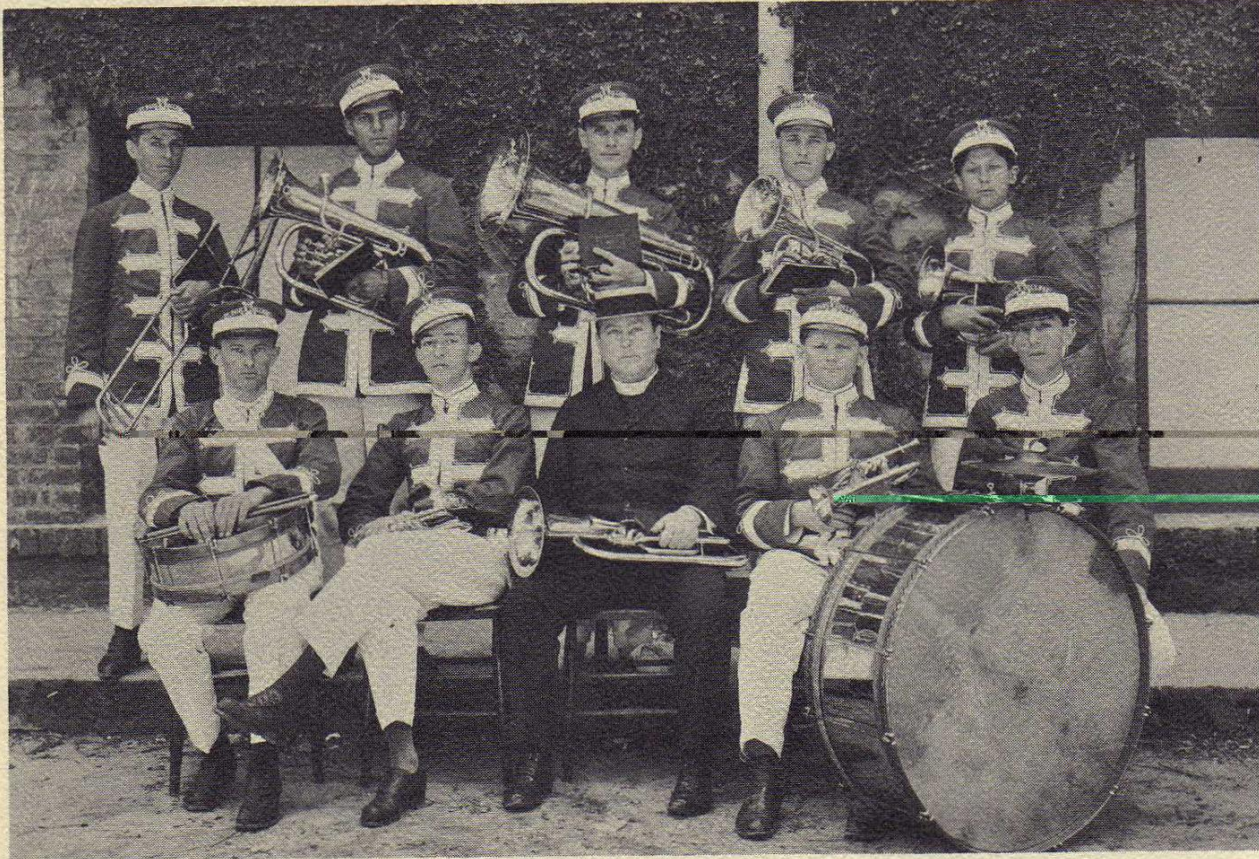
In 1938 he was made pastor of St. Peters in Covington.

He acquired the necessary land to make the parish **what** it is today.

Father died in 1948. He was 59 yrs old.

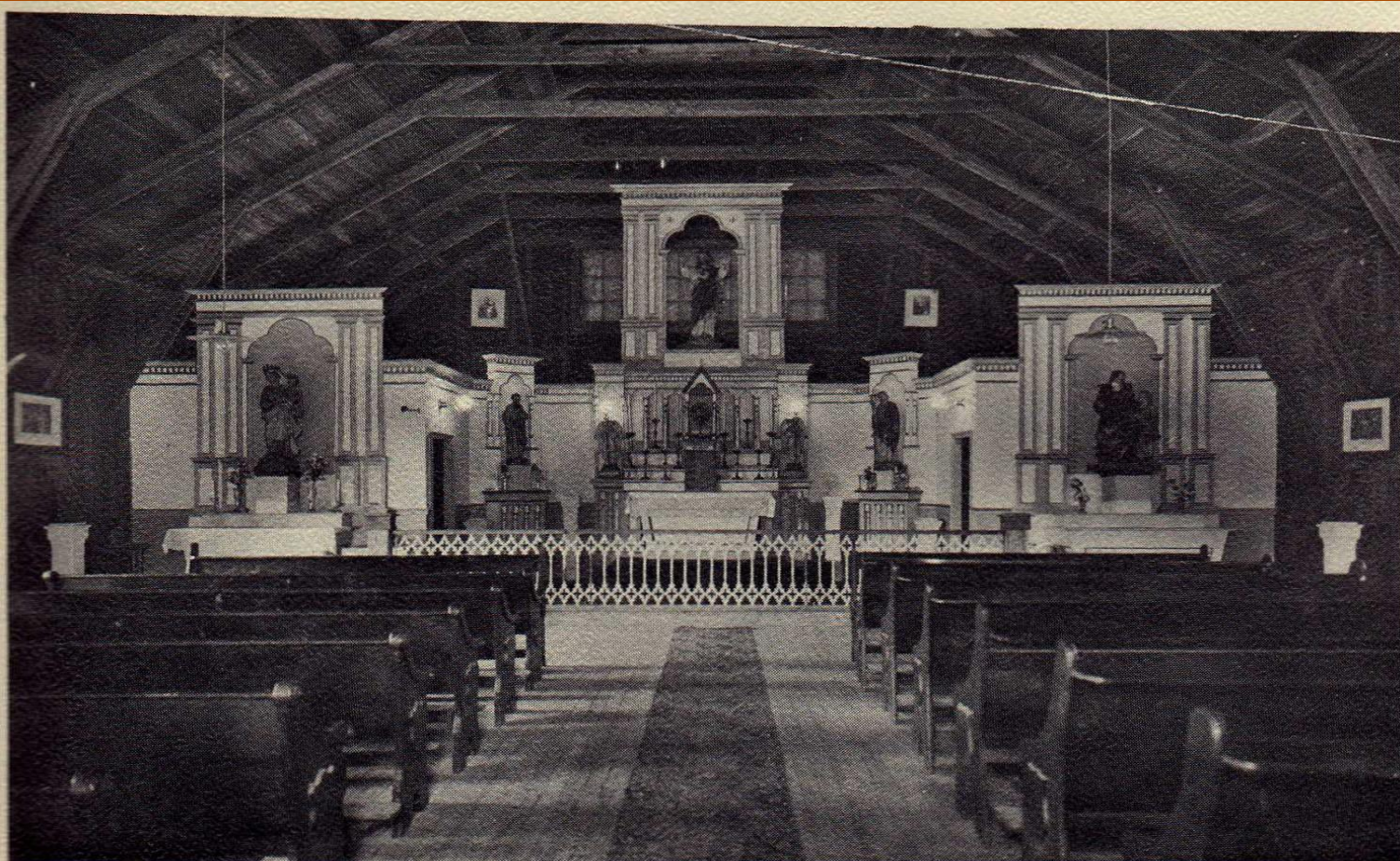
Father Aemilian's Band

The baseball team during the Benedictine period.



The brass band under the Benedictines.

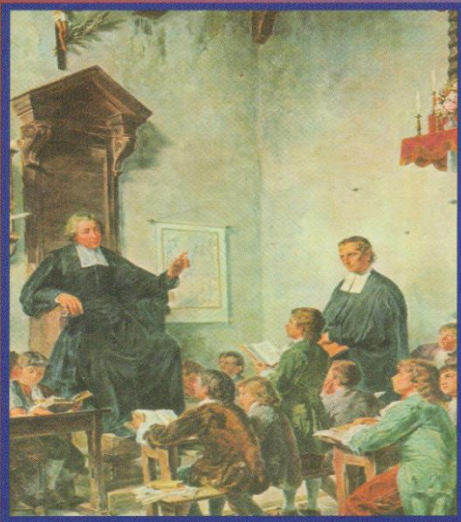
Old Chapel



The chapel as it looked in the beginning. Several years later a ceiling was added and the bare walls were covered.

The BROTHERS . . . Who We Are

The essence of the Brother's work is to be in relationship with young men and women and to try to help them understand God's plan for their lives. —Brother Edward



The Brothers of the Christian Schools began making a difference in people's lives over 320 years ago. They were founded by St. John Baptist de La Salle, a French priest, who saw the need for a group of lay men who would dedicate their lives to the ministry of Christian education, especially for the poor.

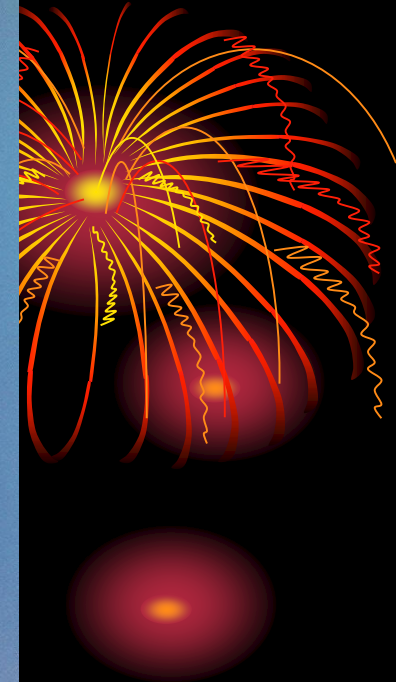
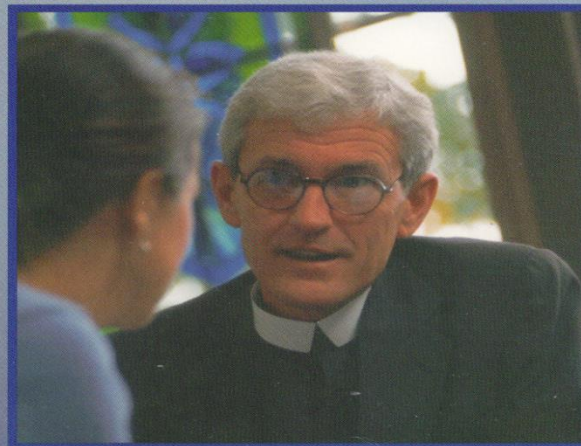
The Brothers continue to change lives and make a difference. Today, over 6,000 Brothers conduct schools in 84 countries. In the Baltimore District, the Christian Brothers sponsor a middle school for at-risk, primarily Latino boys in Camden, NJ; they conduct La Salle University in Philadelphia; and they educate high school students in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Jersey City, Cumberland, MD and Washington D.C. In addition, through the St. Gabriel's system in Philadelphia, the Brothers provide educational and social services for delinquent youth, 10 to 18 years of age.

What the Brothers do is very significant because it shows that people are called to a life of service...The Brothers are vital...making a difference in the lives of people. —Jasmine, West Catholic High School

The BROTHERS . . . A Consecrated Life

The Christian Brothers dedicate their lives to God through vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, community life and educational service to the poor. The Brothers commit themselves to the ministry of education and do not seek ordination. They affirm their commitment to education through their vows, daily prayer, teaching, counseling, and community life.

The Brother's life is a tremendously fulfilling experience...It's exciting...It's something I'd recommend to my friends. —Brother Brian

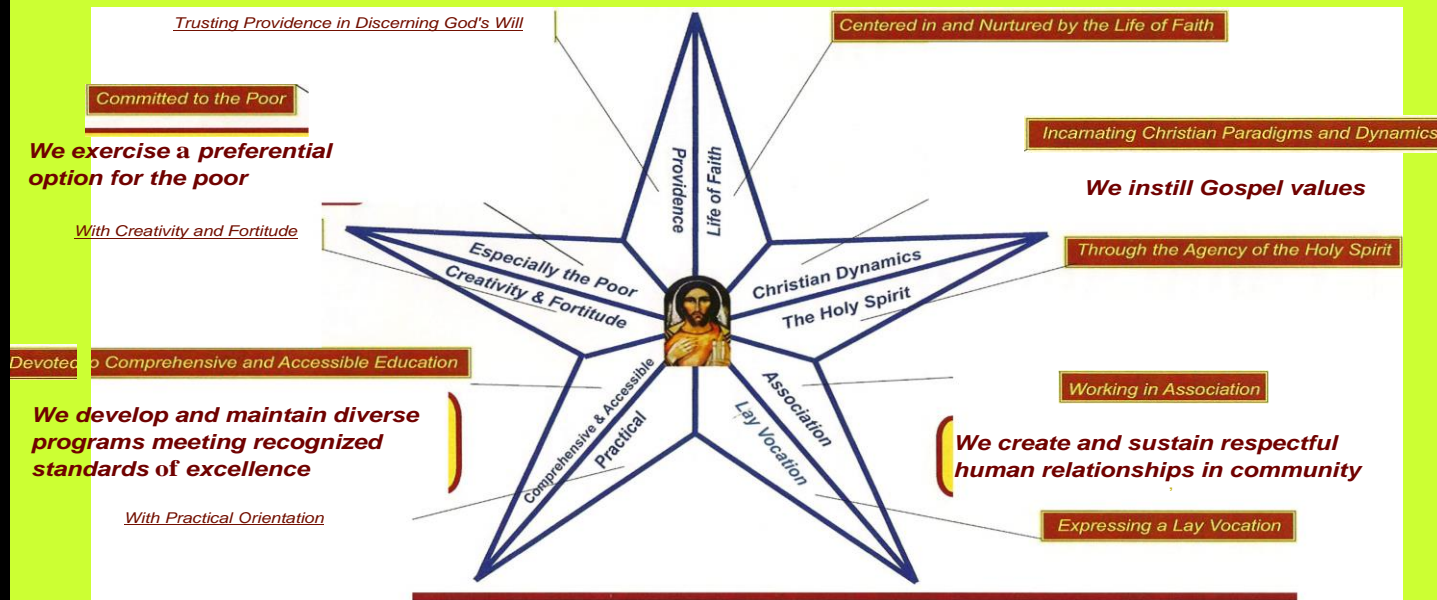




(Lasallian Core Principles)



We are animated by and foster a spirit of faith and zeal



Five "Goals of Lasallian Ministries" - from the U.S./Toronto Regional Task Force on Mission.

Ten "Operative Commitments" - from the writings of John Baptist de La Salle.



Brother Baptist Pierre



Brother Baptist Pierre was the first to arrive at St. Paul's.

His family name was Augustin Valette.

He was born April 8th 1888.

He was in Puebla, Mexico in 1907.

He came from Cumberland Maryland on June 20th 1918.

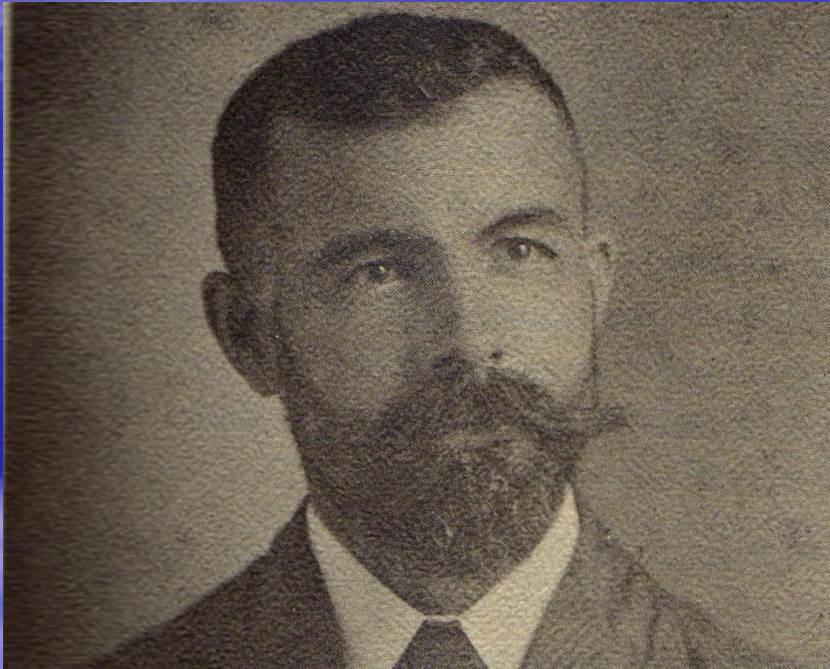
His job was to take care of the boarders that were to stay on the campus for the summer. They had only 12 and of that number 2 stayed the summer.

He left St. Paul's in 1921 and taught at St. Peter's in New Iberia.

He returned to France in 1922 but he kept both schools deep in his heart.

He died August 22nd 1985.

Brother Nilammon Laurent (Jean B. Laurent) 1918-1920



Brother Nilammon Lawrence was also called Bother Pierre.

He was born Feb 23rd 1874

He was the first director and principal of St. Paul's. He arrived on June 25th 1918 from Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Even though Brother was chosen as the first director he didn't have the skills needed to do public relations so he was replaced in 1920.

He returned to Mexico to work as procurator of the Province and then returned to France where he died at Le Puy, France in 1966.

St. Paul's College
BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL
CONDUCTED BY THE
BROTHERS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
Covington, Louisiana

November 30, 1920.

My Reverend Superiors having decided to appoint me to another position in the Order, I beg hereby to inform you of my sudden and unexpected removal from dear St. Paul's.

This very morning I handed over to my successor, the Reverend Brother Bertaud, the direction of the Institution. You may be assured of receiving from him the same kind treatment and consideration that was extended to you in the past.

Thanking you most cordially for your valuable patronage to the College, and the so much appreciated confidence and kindness shown to my person, I beg to remain

Yours most sincerely,

Bro. Laurence

Brother Laurent letter of resignation

- Most reverend Superior having decided to appoint me to another position in the order, I beg hereby inform you of my sudden and unexpected removal from St. Paul's.
- This very morning I handed over to my successor, the Reverend Brother Beutard the direction of this Institution.
- You may be assured of receiving from him the same kind of treatment and consideration that was extended to you in the past.
- Thank you most cordially for valuable patronage to the College, and the so much appreciate kindness and confidence to my person, I beg to remain.
- Sincerely

Octagonal Gymnasium



Brother Basile de Jesus



Brother Basile was born Isidore Fosse in Manejoles, France on 24 of July 1882.

He was in Puebla, Mexico in 1910
He arrived at St Paul's from New York on August 23rd 1918.

He was reassigned in August 1923 to New Iberia.

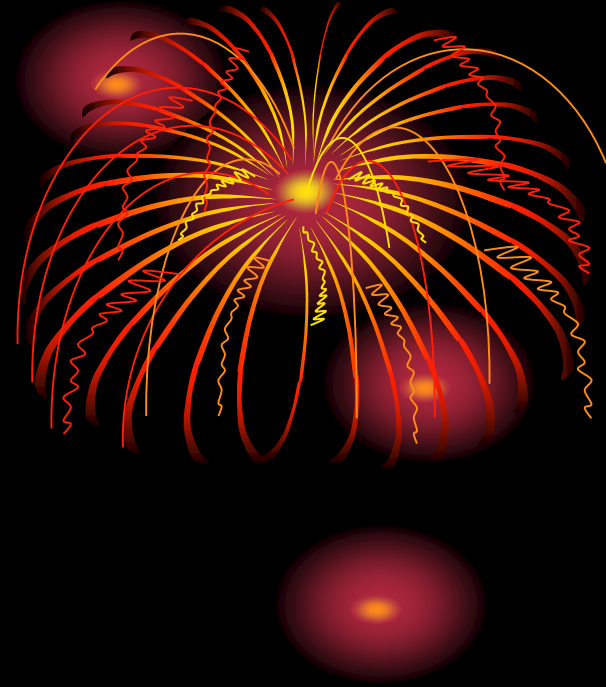
He taught in the Scholasticate in Las Vegas, the College of Santa Fe, and at De La Salle Lafayette. He was director of Cathedral, El Paso from 1934-1937

He died in New Orleans on April 27th 1954.

Brother Bertaud-Marie

- No picture
- His family name was Philibert Gondret.
- Brother arrived at St. Paul on June 6th, 1918.
- He was born on March 2nd 1871 in Pelly France.
- He arrived a few days before the closing of school to familiarize himself with the workings of the institution. He prepared a short prospectus which was mailed out to families of prospective students.
- He was reassigned to Mexico on August 25th 1919.

Brother N Charles



Brother Nicholas Charles Crouzet



Bro Charles arrived at St Paul's on July 18th 1918.

His name was Pierre, Antoine Crouzet

He was born on Feb 3rd 1887 in La Lozere, France.

He arrive from Washington, DC.

He was to teach typing and mechanical drawing, shorthand and bookkeeping

Brother taught in many schools.

Mullen where he was a founder and director 1934-1940 Lafayette, DLS, and two different occasions at St. Paul's.

Brother Adelbert-Marie



Brother Adelbert Duret was born Sylvain Francois on Oct 5th 1888 in Paris, France. He was in Mexico before coming the US. In 1917 he was in Pocantico-Hills, (Barry town) NY.

He arrived at St. Paul's on August 22nd 1918. He was the Sub-Director of the Community.

He was reassigned to Lafayette August 8th 1921.

He returned in 1926-1929 as the 3rd principal.

He was responsible for many of the improvements on the campus.

He remodeled the Infirmary building.

He examined some activities such as graduation and shortened it considerably.

Infirmary

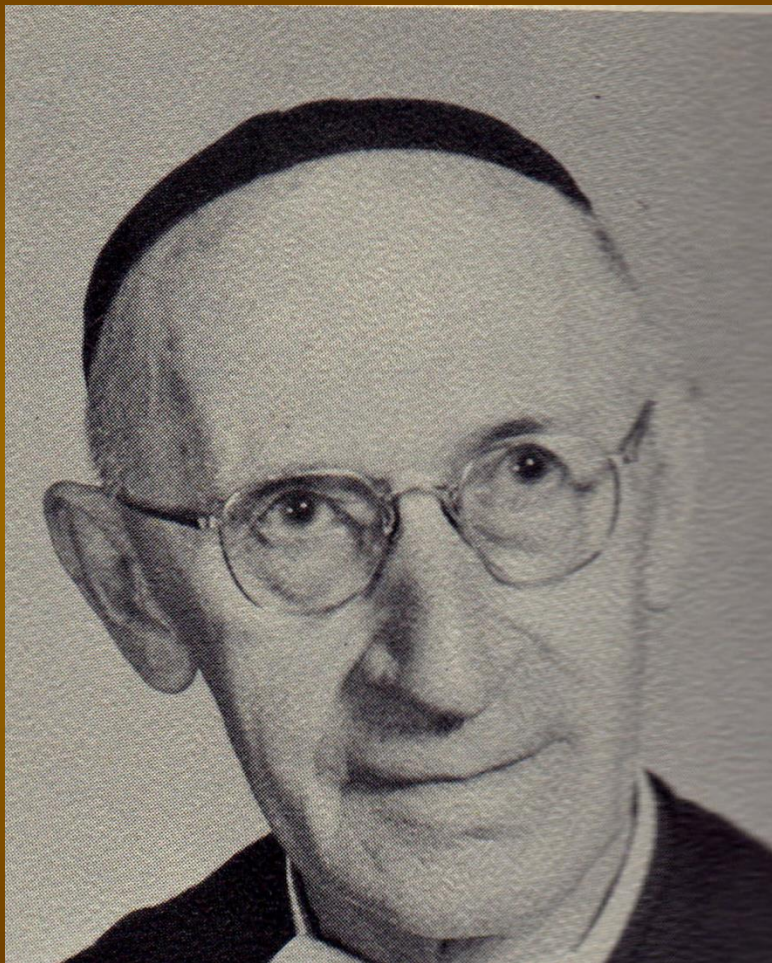


The Infirmary building before Brother Adelbert's renovation.



The Infirmary building after the remodeling.

Brother Osmond Paul Charbonnier



Brother Paul arrived at St. Paul's on August 22nd 1918.

His name was Pierre.

He was born in Cubelles (Sauges), France On January 18th 1885.

He arrived from Syracuse NY on August 22nd 1918.

He was the Senior Prefect.

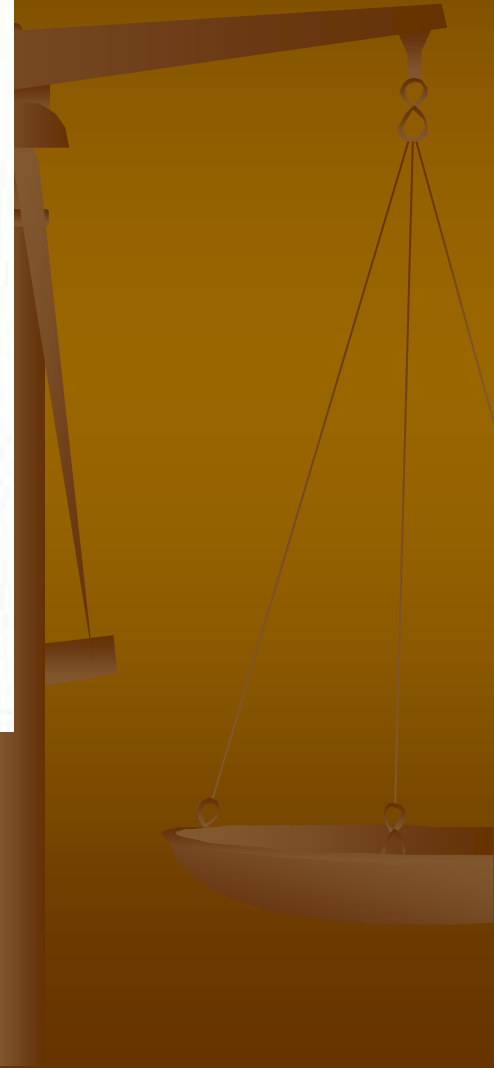
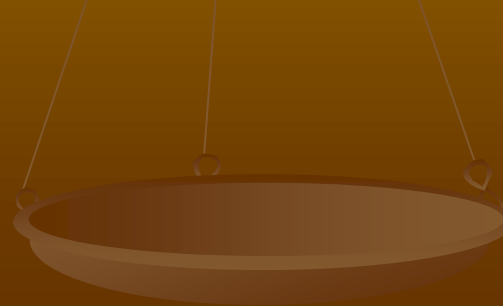
He departed for New Iberia in August 1919.

He was to return as the director/principal from 1935 to 1941. Also as assistant principal on before 1935. In fact Brother Ernest and Paul changed positions often from 1930 thru 1940.

He was a man who was able to go out and meet people and in 1935 he was able to get the boarding section up to 100.

In 1935 Brother Paul was able to get Covington High to play St. Paul's. St. Paul's won 19-7 and the rivalry has continued ever since.

Bro. Paul in later years



Brother Agbert



He was born Jean Pierre Rettel on Feb. 14th 1883 in Luxembourg.

He was in Queretaro, Mexico in 1911.

He arrived from Kansas City on August 4, 1918.

He was reassigned in August 1926 to New Iberia.

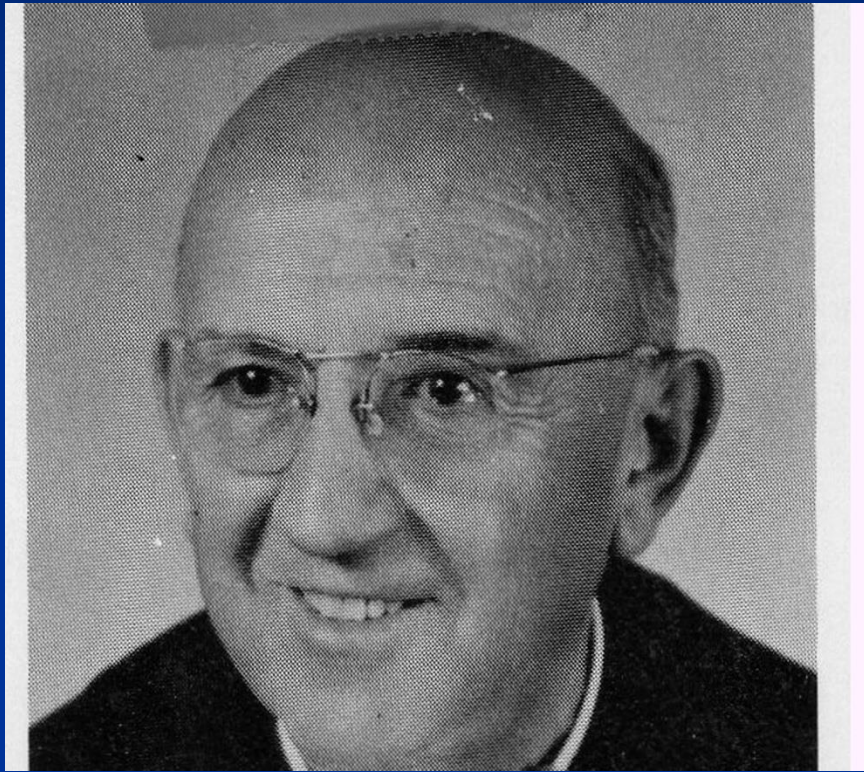
He was director from 1931-37

He was director Bernalillo 1937-1943

He was Inspector of St. Michael's when he

he died on Sept. 18th 1943

Brother Goeffrey Alexis



Brother was born Jean Baptiste Hostalier on December 7th 1887 in Le Puy, France.

He was stationed in Puebla, Mexico. He was stationed at Pocantico Hills in 1916 and then sent to Philadelphia. He arrived from Philly on August 22nd 1918.

He was reassigned to Santa Fe in August 1919. He taught history. From 1929-1951 he was the director of Scholastics, (young brother in formation)

In 1951 he was sent to St. Michael's to be the director of the Old Church. He retired and lived in the Community until 1974 when he was sent to the Retirement Community in Lafayette. He died on Sept. 24th 1974.

Brother Alton Pierre

1872-1955

A founder of the District



Brother Alton Pierre, was a Brother who was sent to different places to begin the process of opening schools. He was the point man in discussions of opening schools.

He was sent first to St. Peter's in early 1918 to begin the opening of that school and then to Covington.

He arrived at St. Paul's on June 6th 1918.

He was assigned here only one year and reassigned in August of 1919 to San Borja Mexico.

Brother Anect



Brother Anect was born Jean Baptiste Fraisse on March 1st 1881 in Cantal, France.

He was not assigned to Mexico in 1904.

He was in the boarding school of Passy-Froyennes.

He was assigned to Lincoln Dale until August 22nd 1918 when he arrived at St. Paul's.

He was assigned to Las Vegas, NM in August 1919 and to College of Santa Fe when the Scholasticate was moved in 1947.

He died in Santa Fe, on Dec. 12, 1968.

Brother Barnabe de Jesus

1872-1940



Brother was born Jean Baptiste Nouet on May 11th 1872 Mende, France. He arrived at St. Paul's from New York City on August 23, 1918. In August 1920 he was assigned to New Iberia. He died in 1940 in New Orleans.

Brother Gauthier Victor



Brother Gauthier was born Pierre Gibelin, on the 12th of May 1891 in Lozere, France.

He arrived at St. Paul's from Utica, NY on August 22, 1918.

He served in Cathedral of Lafayette, Landry of Lake Charles and Hanson High School in Franklin.

Brother had stroke with deprived him of speech but his mind continued to function very well.

He was responsible for a number of buildings on the different campus' that he served as teacher.

Bro. Gauthier in later years



Brother Herene Stanislaus



Brother Herene was born Jean Serindat in Ambert, France on July 24, 1883.

1905-10 Puebla, Mexico

He was in San Borja, Mexico in 1912.

1914-16 Classon M.A. Westchester NY

1916-17 Albany NY

He arrived at St. Paul's from Lincolndale, NY on August 22, 1918.

He was assigned to the Novitiate on August 1921 in Las Vegas, NM.

He was director of Novices in Las Vegas, NM from 1921-1927

In Lafayette, LA 1927-28

He was assigned to Bernalillo, NM from 1931-1936 as Director.

1936-37 Infirmarian Las Vegas NM

He returned to France 1937 where he died at Montferrand, France on August 27, 1967.

Brother Honore Julien



Brother Honore was born Ernest Bruel on July 28th 1871 in Sorene, France. He arrived from Santa Fe, on August 22nd 1918. He was stationed at St. Paul's for 33 yrs. He was in charge of the Band.

Brother Nauphary Marie Joseph



Brother Nauphary, Joseph A Cortal,
Was born in Le Puy, France on March
9th

1884.

He was in Saltillo, Mexico in August of
1912.

He arrived at St. Paul's on August 18th
1918 from New York.

He was reassigned in August 1923 to
Lafayette.

He taught the elementary grades New
Iberia.

His last 40 yrs of his life were spent in
temporal tasks at the retirement home
in Magnolia.

Very saintly but very worrisome man
so he was constantly unsure of things.
He died in his 96th yr on his birthday.

Brother Alain Felix



Born Rene Tigreat on October 30 1883

in de Finistere, France.

He was stationed in Peubla, Mexico in 1912.

He arrived on July 14th 1918 from Sacramento, CA.

In 1920 he was assigned to Lafayette, LA.

He served in many houses of the NOSF district and spent the last 17yrs of his life here at St. Paul's as a gardener and handy man.

Brother Nanthier Prosper



Brother Prosper was born Jean Pierre Alle on January 10th 1882 in Mendes, France.

In August of 1911e was in Saltillo, Mexico.

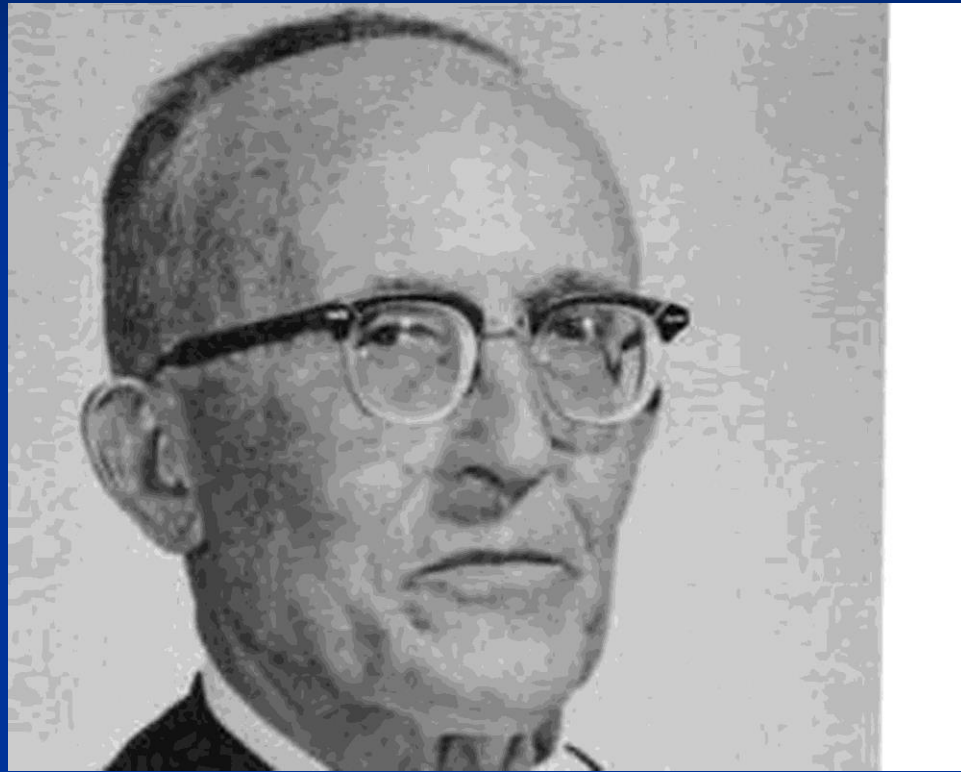
He arrived from Berkley, CA on July 4th 1918.

He was reassigned in August 1923 to Lafayette.

He was the care giver for the students in Covington, St. Michael', Santa Fe, and Lafayette, LA

He died on January 7th 1970

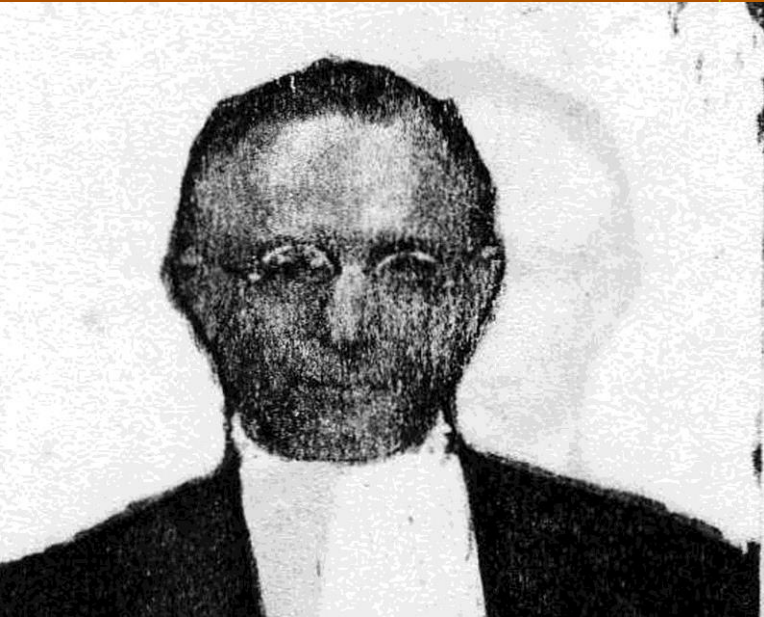
Bro. Prosper in later years



Beginnings

- Brothers Felix and Prosper each lost about 40 pounds cleaning out an old pool which had been clogged with debris under the previous administration. This was filled with the overflow from the artesian well and made into a fish pond half way between the infirmary and chapel.

Brother Adolph Basile



Brother Adolph Basile (Emile Cottet) arrived at St. Paul's on June 23, 1918 from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

He was born on July 1st 1876

He came from Valais, Switzerland.

On August 25th 1920 he was sent to Las Vegas, NM

He served at La Salle, Las Vegas, NM. New Iberia, Bernalillo, NM Lafayette and Santa Fe.

- He died on April 15th 1957

Brother Amblard Victor called Amateur Victor



Brother Amateur Victor was born Vital Antoine Amblard on May 14th 1877 in Lozere, France

He was Vaugirard from 1896-1909.

He was stationed in Mexico from 1910-1912

Saltillo 1912-14; Zacatecas 1914

St. Louis MO. 1914-16; Las Vegas NM 1916

Santa Fe 1917 to August 23rd 191

He arrived at St. Paul's on September 1st from Santa Fe

In 1923-27 he was assigned to Lafayette, LA.;

1927-28 Las Vegas, NM;

1928-30 St. Michaels,

Bernalillo Nov 23rd 1930-1938 where he died.

Saint Paul's Community 1920



Brother Bertaud Victor



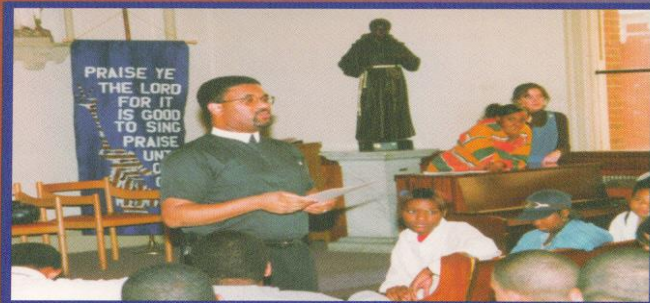
Brother Bertaud Victor was the 2nd Director of St. Paul's from 1920 to 1926.

Previously, he was the director of La Salle Las Vegas, NM.

In 1926 he was sent to Bolivia, then to Chile and from there to Panama, then returned to France

He was the director of the large boarding school in Passy-Froyennes when the Germans invaded Belgium in 1939.

He died in Athis Mon, France on January 19th 1963.



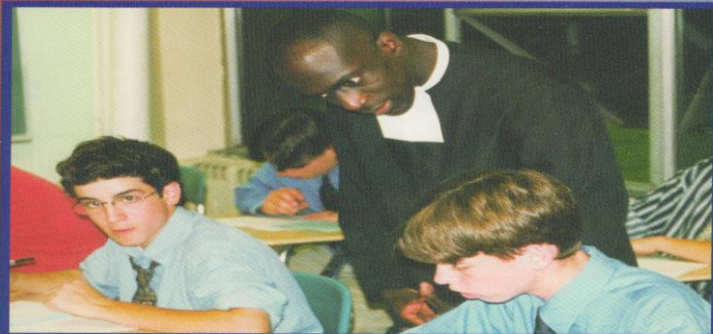
We are a presence in the world, to work with young people, especially those on the margins. If we are living our vocation well, we are a sign of stability to kids in sometimes chaotic times.

—Brother Brian

The BROTHERS

... Teaching Minds, Touching Hearts

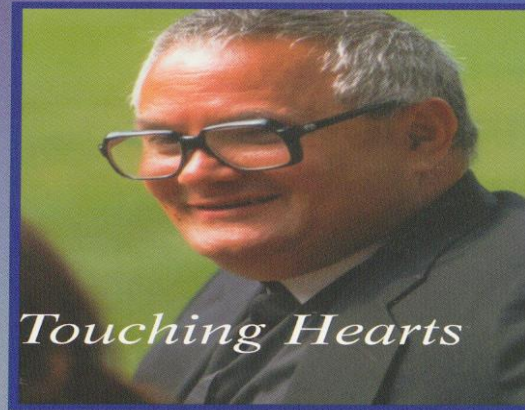
The ministry of the Brothers goes beyond the school day. Brothers develop strong, fraternal connections with their students and colleagues. De La Salle told the Brothers that their "greatest miracle" is to touch hearts. Often that "miracle" happens outside of the classroom, by a few words of support, counsel or encouragement.



The BROTHERS

... Faith and Zeal

St. John Baptist de La Salle recognized that providing education was a means of both spreading the Gospel and improving the lives and opportunities of young people. His spirit of Faith and Zeal is still the spirit of the religious community he founded. The Brothers work to develop new and creative ways of meeting the changing needs of the poor and marginalized in society.



Brother Ed has made a difference for me because he set me on a straight path.

— Edward, Hudson Catholic High School

The BROTHERS

... A Community

The Brothers live together, enjoying the benefits of working, praying and recreating with one another. Each community is made up of a diverse group of men dedicated to education. Community life is not a substitute for marriage or family, but it is a source of strength and support for each Brother. Family, friends, students, colleagues and those seeking to learn more about their vocation are welcomed into the Brothers community.