

At a general chapter of the Congregation, held at Bruges, Belgium, in August, 1875, it was decided to erect the brotherhood in this country into a province, having its seat of government in Maryland. During the same council Bro. Alexius, Director of St. Mary's Industrial School, was chosen to be the Provincial.

The long cherished wish of having a Novitiate in the country wherein they could train young men as teachers, was at last brought to a happy realization in the purchase of ten-and-a-half acres of land with various buildings, about two miles from the City of Baltimore, and on the 30th of November, 1876, the Novitiate was opened with great ceremony—the Catholic Knights beneficial and temperance societies of Baltimore attending in a body. The Novitiate is located in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, with the most cordial approval of the late lamented Archbishop J. R. Bayley.

The Brothers now conduct Mt. St. Joseph's College, at Mt. St. Joseph, Carrollton, near Baltimore, Md., St. Mary's Industrial School, situated about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the College St. James' Home for Boys, St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's parochial schools in Baltimore city, St. Xavier's Institute, and the majority of the parochial schools of Louisville, Ky., St. Colman's Home of Industry, Watervliet, Albany Co., New York, and St. Patrick's parochial school, West Troy,