

On November 26, 1871, the saintly founder died, deeply regretted by the Congregation. After twenty-seven years of unceasing labor for the establishment of his Congregation, he, at a ripe old age, went to his God to receive the reward he so justly merited.

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, then Director of St. Mary's Industrial School, was chosen to be 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.