



Fr. John Mary was born in St. Malo (Brittany, France) on Sept. 8, 1780. As a young priest after the French Revolution, he was very concerned about the plight of the young people and so he founded two religious orders of teachers: The Daughters of Providence and the Brothers of Christian Instruction to make Jesus Christ more known and loved.

When he died in 1860 there were some 900 Brothers working in France and in the French colonies. He was declared Venerable by the Church in 1911 and in 1966 he was found to have practiced virtue to a heroic degree.

Today there are 850 Brothers working in 24 countries. The 20 Brothers of the Notre Dame Province (USA) are found in Alfred, ME and North Canton, OH.

Deo Soli "For God Alone"



Brother Jerome Lessard, USA Provincial Superior with the Ugandan Brothers gathered in Alfred on the occasion of the visit of the Ugandan Provincial Brother Gerard Mwebe on July 22, 2012.

Women and men who become Associates share the spiritual, communal and /or ministerial life of the community of the Brothers. Based on their own commitment and life circumstances, they develop, maintain, and deepen their relationships with the community members and participate in activities that further the goals and mission of the Brothers.

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Notre Dame Chapel, Alfred, Maine
Saturday Mass 7.30 a.m. followed by the Rosary



Lay Associates

of the

Brothers of

Christian Instruction

Are you searching for a more spiritual way of life?

Do you want to exercise a more active role in advancing the mission of JESUS in the world?

Would you like to be inspired by the Mennaisian Spirituality of the Brothers of Christian Instruction?

We invite you to become an ..

**Associate of
the Brothers of
Christian
Instruction.**



The Mennaisian Family



Walsh University is sponsored by the Brothers of Christian Instruction.

"In your class, you must often raise up your spirit to the Lord, and pray to Him to bless your works. Make a concerted effort to inspire in your children a true and tender piety. Do not consider yourself as a secular teacher, but as a missionary entrusted with the establishment of the kingdom of God in their souls. That is your true vocation, and it will be in making saints of them that you will sanctify yourself."

- Fr. John-Mary de la Mennais



Statue of the Co-founder of the Brothers of Christian Instruction



Brother Walter with students in Fall River, MA



Brother Albert Heinrich with guests at the 2012 Jubilee celebration in Alfred.



Most Brothers are involved in secondary education.



Notre Dame Chapel in Alfred



Bro. Ted Letendre, FIC

Director of the ND Spiritual Center.

"Sublime vocation! It is the vocation of Jesus himself. He left the bosom of his Father to fulfill the mission that yourself are asked to achieve at His example... You must teach the true doctrines to those who are still ignorant of them, and you will perform miracles in the spiritual order..."

Fr. John Mary



Mennaisian Associates gathered at the Brothers' Motherhouse in Ploermel, France.



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"When God says He wants our sanctification, it is as if He said that He would like to find in us the perfections of His son. He wants us to be, in some way, as much as human weakness can permit, clothed with Jesus Christ, [...] and that we be His living image!"

-Fr. John-Mary