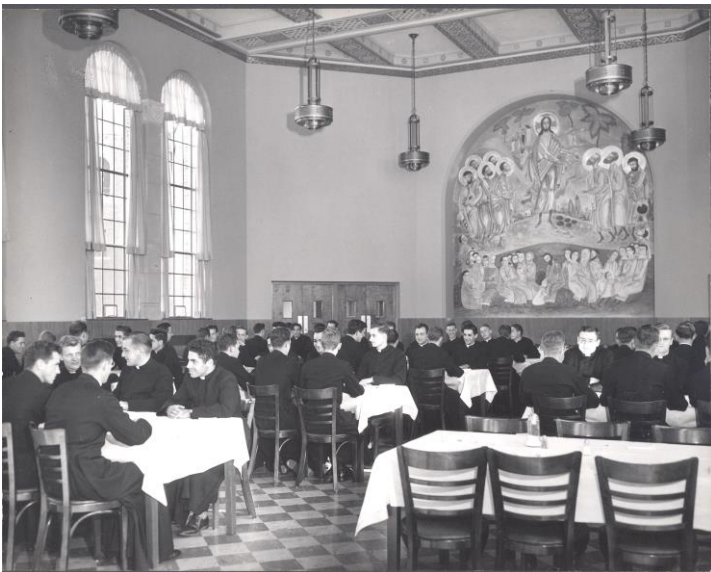


Tridentine Community News

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The St. John Resort Chapel Before Renovation

Our July 16 and 23, 2023 columns covered the relocation of the Plymouth Third Tuesday 6:00 PM Tridentine Mass to the St. John Resort Chapel. In preparing that column, we searched for a pre-renovation photo of that chapel. Alas, none was available on-line. An intrepid reader contacted Emily Berschback of the Archdiocese of Detroit, who in turn searched the Archdiocese's Archives and found one photo which depicts the original High Altar and the tester (overhang) above it, along with one of the refectory. The two statues to the sides of the High Altar are now located in the vestibule of the chapel. The artwork remains in the sanctuary, but the back wall is now partially covered by the pipe organ that was relocated from Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.



That reader posed an interesting question: Note that the Communion Rail only extends a short distance from the side walls. Was this an adaptation made right after Vatican II, or was there never a full rail there? It is possible that because St. John Provincial Seminary served only clerics, there was no need for a rail at which laypeople would kneel. If you know the answer to this historical question, please e-mail the address at the bottom of this page, and we'll update our readers with the answer.

Napa Institute Free Resort Stays for Priests

The June 24, 2018 edition of this column described the Napa Institute, a conference of influential and mostly wealthy Catholics, held every summer at one of the resort hotels in northern California owned by Catholic attorney, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and conference organizer Tim Busch. Originally from metro Detroit, Tim is best known locally for being the co-owner of Busch's Family Markets.



Priest readers of this column may be interested to learn that the Busch organization offers a free stay in three of their resort hotels to any priest who will commit to offering daily Mass in a hotel chapel for the other guests. The hotels are located in Kauai, Hawaii; Napa Valley, California; and Austin, Texas. [Our Lady of the Grapes Chapel at Meritage Resort, Napa pictured above]

The Napa Institute has long offered both the Extraordinary and Ordinary Forms of Holy Mass at its conferences. While the supporting documentation for this offer does not mention the Traditional Latin Mass specifically, it would not be surprising if offering the Tridentine Mass qualifies for the free lodging.

Full information on this offer is available at:

<https://www.clergyhospitality.org/>