Saint John Nepomucene Neumann was born in Bohemia in 1811. He was the first Redemptorist choir novice in America. He was invested in the Redemptorist habit at St. Philomena in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania on November 30, 1840. John Neumann had two novice masters in the course of his novitiate: first Peter Czackert, followed by Francis Tschenhens. He professed his first vows at Saint James in Baltimore, Maryland on January 16, 1842, ten years after the Redemptorists came to America. John was ordained to the priesthood on June 25, 1836, ordained Bishop of Philadelphia in 1852, died January 5, 1860 and was canonized by Pope Paul VI on June 19, 1977.

1843 1845 Baltimore, Maryland + Ernest Glaunach
1845 1847 Baltimore, Maryland + Aegidius Smulders
1847 1848 Pittsburg, Pennsylvania + Blessed Francis X. Seelos
1848 1853 Baltimore, Maryland + Gabriel Rumpler
1853 1855 Annapolis, Maryland + Gabriel Rumpler
1855 1857 Annapolis, Maryland + Maximus Leimgruber
1857 1862 Annapolis, Maryland + Michael Mueller
1862 1865 Cumberland, Maryland + Michael Mueller
1865 1866 Cumberland, Maryland + Henry Dauenhauer
1866 1877 Annapolis, Maryland + Henry Dauenhauer
1873 1878 Chatawa, Mississippi + Alexander Czvitkovicz (Brothers)

CHATAWA, MISSISSIPPI was purchased on January 20, 1868 as a summer home for the New Orleans Community; became a mission house in 1872, a juvenate and novitiate in 1873. No chorists made their novitiate there; four Coadjutor Brothers received the habit there in 1873 and were professed on June 28, 1878. All four died in the Congregation. Numbers 42, 46, 96 and 118 in the death listings. Foundation was abandoned in 1879 and sold to the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1880.

1877 1879 Annapolis, Maryland + Nicholas Firle
1879 St. Louis, Missouri + Aegidius Smulders
1879 1890 Kansas City, Missouri + Joseph Firle

No Novitiate Classes in 1882, 1884 and 1885.

1889 Kirkwood, Missouri + John Van Luytelaar
1890 1893 Kirkwood, Missouri + Joseph Firle
1893 1896 Kirkwood, Missouri + August Ahlert
1896 1897 St. Louis, Missouri + August Ahlert
1897 1898 De Soto, Missouri + August Ahlert
1898 De Soto, Missouri + Adam Herz
1898 1900 Kirkwood, Missouri + Adam Herz
1900 1909 Kansas City, Missouri + Adam Herz
1909 1911 Kansas City, Missouri + John McGinn
1911 1912 De Soto, Missouri + John McGinn
1912 1918 De Soto, Missouri + John Hecker
1918 1924 De Soto, Missouri + August Ahlert
1924 1933 De Soto, Missouri + George Breffeil
1933 1945 De Soto, Missouri + John Zeller
1940 1945 Glenview, Illinois + James Vance (Brothers)
1945 1950 De Soto, Missouri + James Vance
1950 1953 De Soto, Missouri + Arthur Klyber
1953  1955   De Soto, Missouri        + Joseph Powers
1955  1962   De Soto, Missouri        + Peter Forbes
1959  1960   Nongkhai, Thailand       Charles Cotant (Brothers)
1962  1964   De Soto, Missouri        + Joseph Powers
1964  1965   Nongkhai, Thailand       Charles Cotant (Brothers)

Edward Kartheiser was the Novice Master for the Brothers' Second Novitiate.

1964  1966   De Soto, Missouri        + Thomas Landers

The main novitiate building was destroyed by fire on July 28, 1966; shortly
after the fire the chorist novices were transferred to Glenview, Illinois;
later to Clinton, Iowa. The brother novices remained in De Soto, Missouri with
James Martin as their novice master. On February 15, 1967 the brother novices
along with James Martin moved to Clinton, Iowa to join the chorists.

1966  1967   De Soto, Missouri        + James Martin (Brothers)
1966      Glenview, Illinois        + Thomas Landers (Chorists)
1966  1967   Clinton, Iowa            + Thomas Landers (Chorists)
1967  1968   Clinton, Iowa            Albert Babin (Chorists)
1967  1968   Clinton, Iowa            + James Martin (Brothers)

Louis Miller was the Novice Master for the Brothers' Second Novitiate.

1968  1972   Oconomowoc, Wisconsin   Albert Babin
1972  1974   Oconomowoc, Wisconsin   + Richard Hoffmann
1973  1978   Oconomowoc, Wisconsin   Carl Hoegerl (Balt.)
1973  1985   Baltimore & St. Louis Provinces merged at Oconomowoc, WI.
1974  1984   Oconomowoc, Wisconsin   Walter Karrer
1976  1981   Nongkhai, Thailand      Richard Thiele / Oakland
1978  1984   Oconomowoc, Wisconsin   Joseph Adamec (Balt.)
1981  1984   Nongkhai, Thailand      Lawrence Chai Khanttham
1984  1987   Oconomowoc, Wisconsin   Gilbert Enderle
1984  1985   Oconomowoc, Wisconsin   Andrew Costello (Balt.)
1984  1990   Nongkhai, Thailand      Lawrence Patin (Thailand)
1987  1989   Ferguson, Missouri      Gilbert Enderle
1989  1990   Edmonton, Canada         David Cottingham
1989  1990   Saint Louis, Missouri    Richard Mevissen

Richard Mevissen was the Novice Master at St. John Neumann House for Wade Ek who
repeated his novitiate because he left a month before vows in 1987.

1990  1991   No Novices for St. Louis Province/New Orleans ViceProvince.
1990      Nongkhai, Thailand         Peter Prasit Trongsaahapon (Thailand)
1991      Ferguson, Missouri         * David Werthmann CoDirector
                     Robert Wirth CoDirector
1992      Ibadan, Nigeria            Richard Thiele (OAK)

* Listed among former members.