

Fr. Henry Hogeback, SCJ

1890-1941

Fr. Henry Hogeback, SCJ, was born in Oldenburg, Germany, in 1890 and joined the Priests of the Sacred Heart in 1912.

Arriving in the United States in 1923, only months after his ordination, Fr. Hogeback went to Washington, D.C., to study English at Catholic University. While he was brushing up on his new language, SCJ Frs. Keilman, Emonts and Prantaver were also coming to the States to help Fr. Matthias Fohrman, SCJ, develop the missions in South Dakota. Fr. Hogeback soon joined them after his studies in Washington.

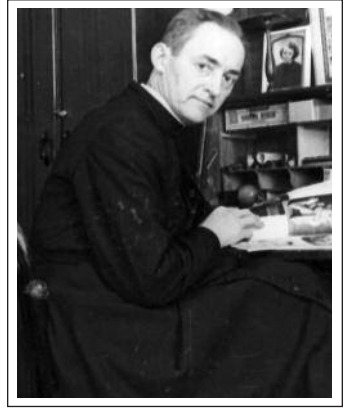
In October, 1924, Fr. Hogeback was appointed regional superior of the congregation in the United States. Soon after assuming the position, he called the SCJs together to plan for future ministry. Those gathered realized that the work they were doing on the reservation would be futile without a Catholic school for Native American children.

In 1928, Fr. Hogeback acquired the buildings which formerly housed Columbus College in Chamberlain. St. Joseph's Indian School opened in the fall of the same year with 53 students. Fr. Hogeback was the school's first superior.

After ten years worth of missionary work among the Lakota Sioux, Fr. Hogeback transferred to the community house in Ste. Marie, Ill., where he replaced Fr. Rotermann as superior. There he taught German and continued to raise funds for the province.

When a new seminary was established two years later in Donaldson, Ind., Fr. Hogeback became its superior. He also taught Latin and Greek to the students and continued to raise funds for the province, working in close collaboration with Br. Fidelis Mueller, SCJ.

On January 7, 1941, Fr. Hogeback, along with Br. Fidelis, died in an auto accident on the way to a benefactor event in Chicago.



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