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*Slavery, History, Memory and Reconciliation Project*  
CONNECTING WITH DESCENDANTS - LEBANON, KENTUCKY

The Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project (SHMR) on behalf of the Jesuits of Canada and the United States, is researching the lives of people held in slavery by the Jesuits. Jesuits used enslaved labor at St. Mary's College from 1831 to 1846.

We endeavor to communicate what we have learned, and we invite you to join us in this effort. We also invite living descendants of the people the Jesuits held in slavery to work with the Jesuits to determine appropriate responses to this history.

Descendants of enslaved people who labored for the Jesuits in St. Mary's College may share the following commonalities in their family histories:

- African ancestry
- Family ties to Kentucky in the 1800s
- Possible family ties to Maryland in the late 1700s and early 1800s
- Ancestors were owned by the Jesuits or Catholic priests
- Ancestors were owned by people in Kentucky who loaned enslaved people to Catholic priests

### **Basil, his wife, and 5-6 unnamed children**

According to the recollections of a Jesuit posted at St. Mary's College, Basil, his wife, and their children were given to the Jesuits at St. Mary's by a Tennessee master, probably between 1840 and 1844. This account may not be fully accurate; we have not yet found Basil and his family in other records.

### **Rachel**

Rachel is labeled as the human property of Rev. Chazelle in two baptisms at which she was a godmother in 1834 and 1835.

### **Teresa**

In three baptisms at which Teresa was godmother in 1841 and 1845, Teresa is first listed as enslaved to Rev. Chazelle and then twice as enslaved to St. Mary's College.

We know that at least 17 enslaved people labored for the Jesuits at St. Mary's College in Lebanon, KY, but we do not yet know all of their names. The list to the left describes the few people we have identified.

## INVITATION

If you believe you have some of these commonalities in your family history, we invite you to contact us:

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Please describe the possible connection to the enslaved people, as well as your name and how we can contact you.