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Since the establishment of the English Inns of Court (common law in its earliest schools and forms), law schools have attempted to satisfy a three-fold responsibility to their students, to the future clients of their graduates, and to the society which these graduates must help to guide.

Villanova University's Law School has followed these principles in their policy of "not merely to produce lawyers, but lawyers who will be a credit to themselves, their profession, and their country." This was stated by Dean Reuschlein at Villanova's 1952 inauguration of the first class in the study of law.

Since its infancy, it has grown to great height, gained respect, and received outstanding recognition. Success can be attributed to the combined efforts of the administration, the faculty, and the student body.



First Row: J. Cleary, J. Stephenson, D. Giannella, W. Painter, J. Hammond, D. Dowd. Second Row: H. Reuschlein, T. Hogan, Visiting Professor of Law, (University of Nottingham, England), G. Abraham, J. Collins.

The *Law Review* is a quarterly magazine which inculcates in the students a better understanding of law and the tools of legal research.

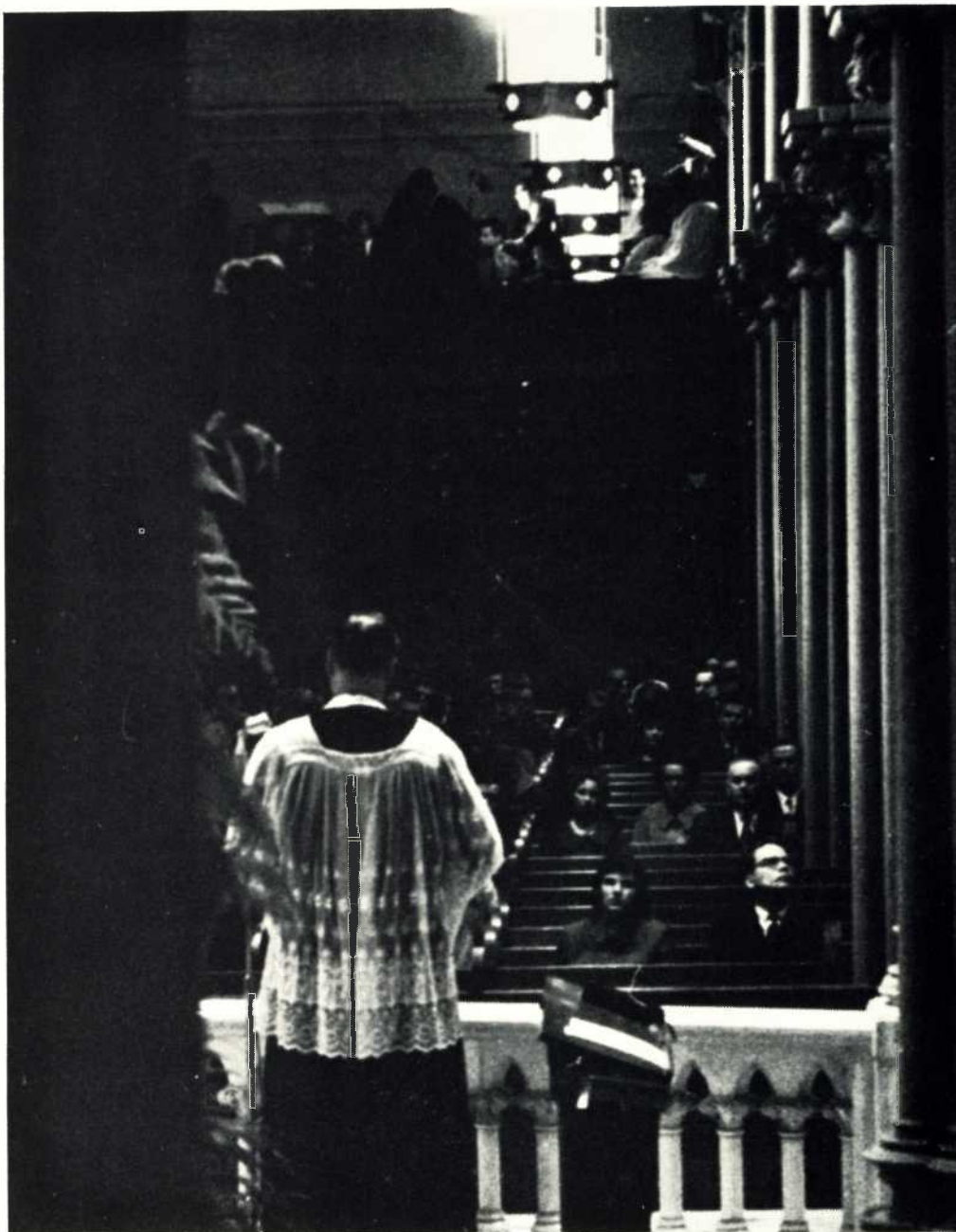




Law briefs are the private melee of all law students.



Law students spend long hours of study before they are prepared to take bar exams.



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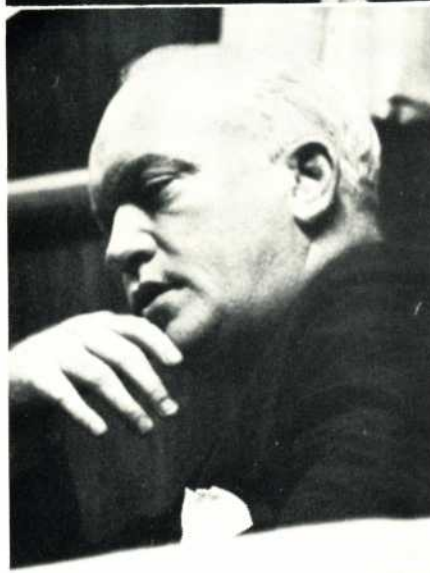
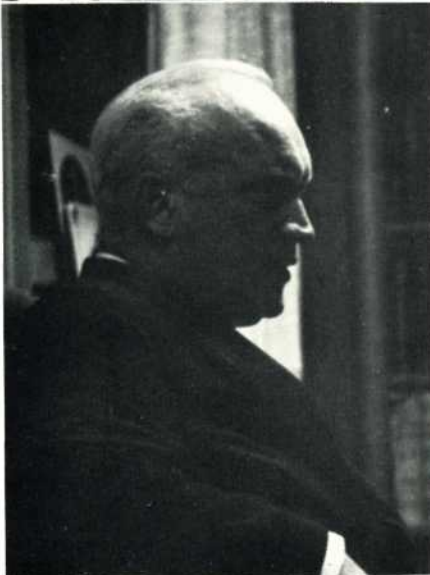
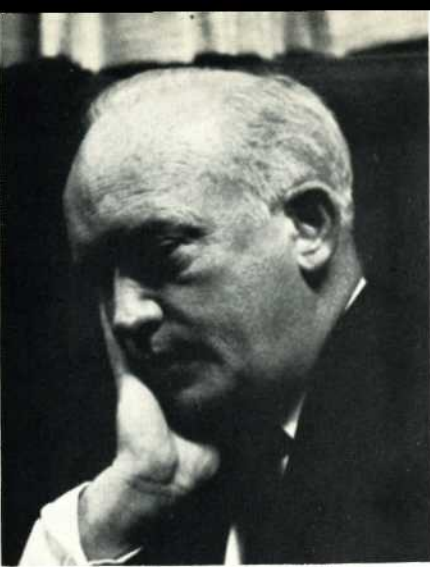


RED MASS

Incantation of blessings . . . crimson vestments . . . Law School . . . Red Mass.

Originated in the thirteenth century, this Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost has been an occasion of importance since the Law School's existence. This year, as in previous years, the Red Mass was solemnized in the Villanova Chapel by the University's president, Rev. John A. Klekotka. The principal significance of its celebration is the invocation of divine blessings upon the Law School—its intentions, faculty and student body.

ORDER OF THE COIF



The Order of the Coif is a national honor society having chapters at virtually all of the leading law schools in the United States. Election to the Order is comparable to election to Phi Beta Kappa in general collegiate studies, and is limited to the top ten per cent of the graduating class. The School of Law at Villanova is the first law school connected with a Catholic institution of higher learning to receive a charter.

The society takes its name from the English Order of the Coif which was the most ancient and one of the most honored institutions of the common law. It is thought by some that it probably antedated the Norman Conquest; in any event it was more ancient than Westminster Hall or the oldest of the English courts in which the common law of England, as we know it, was fashioned. It was an association of lawyers, never large in number, from whose members exclusively the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas were appointed, and who for centuries had the sole right to appear as barristers in that Court. Later, the judges of the King's Bench and of the Exchequer were also appointed from among the Sergeants of the Coif.

The charter in the American Order of the Coif was granted to the School of Law at Villanova after an inspection conducted for the Executive Committee of the Order by Professors Clark Byse of Harvard University and Sheldon D. Elliott of New York University. Following their favorable report, each of the country's forty-seven chapters balloted upon the question of establishing a chapter at Villanova. Thus in 1961 Villanova's School of Law acquired a chapter in the Order of the Coif.

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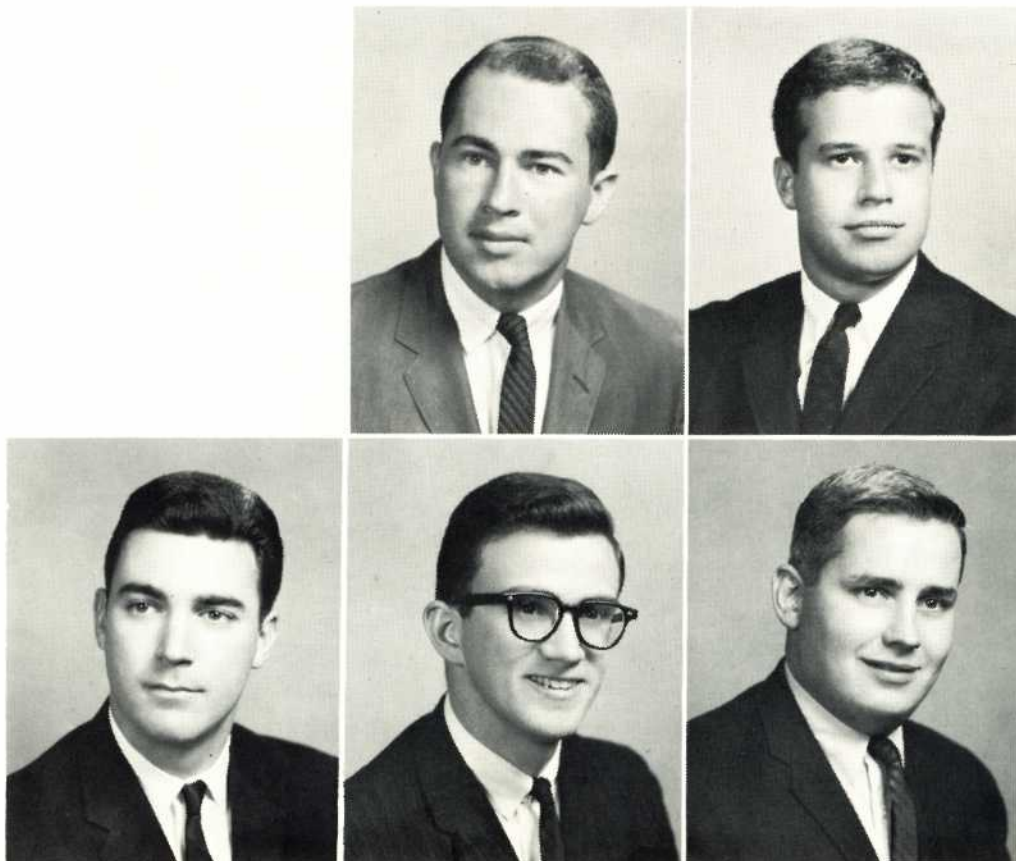


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