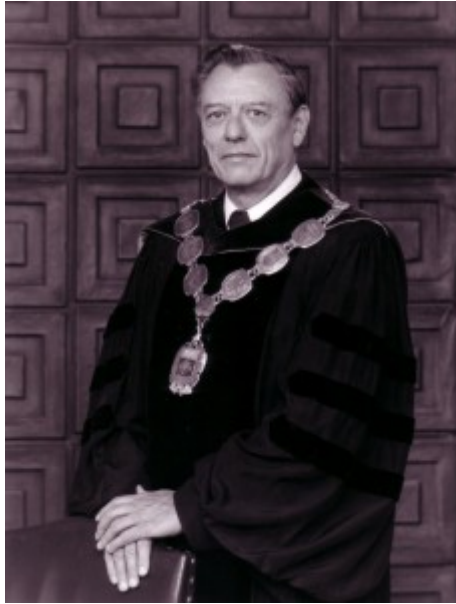


March 11, 1979 – Brother Raphael Wilson Inauguration

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This was the date of the inauguration of Brother Raphael Wilson, C.S.C., as the sixteenth president of the University of Portland. He had served as professor of biology prior to becoming president. In 1982 he left the University and in 1996 was ordained a priest for the diocese of Scranton in Pennsylvania.



Brother Raphael Wilson, C.S.C.,
Inauguration as President of University of
Portland, 1979 (University Archives)



Chain of Office 1979 (University Archives)

The presidential inauguration of Brother Raphael Wilson, C.S.C., marks several "firsts" in University of Portland's history. It is the first time (a) that a president has been selected by a Board of Regents and (b) that a Holy Cross brother has been named president of University of Portland.

It also marks the first time the University, founded in 1901, will be able to present to its president (and succeeding presidents) with an official chain of office.

(by Ann M. Rischiotto, The Beacon, March 8, 1979, p. 9)

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