

Chapter 336.**AN ACT to incorporate the Benedictine Society of Baltimore city.**

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Rev. Meinrad Jeggle, O. S. B.; Rev. Benne Hegele, O. S. B.; Rev. Carbinian Gastbriehl, O. S. B.; Rev. Otto Kopf, O. S. B.; Rev. Willibald Baumgaertner, O. S. B., duly naturalized citizens of the United States, have formed themselves into a society by the name of the Benedictine Society of Baltimore city, for religious, charitable and educational purposes, and have contracted for the purchase of a church and other buildings for the residence of themselves and their assistants, and for a school, and propose when their means will permit to extend the operations of their society by the purchase or erection of similar improvements in the said city and the State of Maryland, and to apply their means to gratuitous, religious as well as general education; and whereas for the better attainment of said purposes, they have prayed an act of incorporation, therefore—

Created a body politic.

Make necessary laws.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Meinrad Jeggle, Carbinian Gastbriehl, Otto Kopf and Willibald Baumgaertner and Benne Heigle, and their successors, be and they are hereby created and made a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Benedictine Society of Baltimore city," and by that name shall have succession, with full power and authority to provide for the admission and rejection of members, and to make all by-laws necessary for the government of said society, and to have and use a common seal, and the same to make, break and alter at pleasure; and shall be capable in law and have full authority and power to take, receive and hold by purchase, sale, gift, lease, devise, bequest or legacy any real or personal property, and the same to alien, sell and transfer absolutely or conditionally at pleasure; and to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded.

Limit to estate held.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said corporation shall not be authorized to hold any estate or property, the net annual income of which shall exceed at any time the sum of fifteen thousand dollars;