

### **Irish Christian Brothers**

Inducted into the NLBA Hall of Fame in 1985 as a “Builder”

The Irish Christian Brothers first arrived in Newfoundland on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1875, and it was primary regarded for its role in the field of education.

Organizational work in the mid 1940's by Brother F. Brennan and Brother Warren led to the establishment of a Grammar School Basketball League in 1946 and the addition of a High School setup in 1947. The original schools involved were St. Bon's, St. Pat's, and Holy Cross but, with the addition of new schools, have considerably expanded since that time.

The Irish Christian Brothers did not confine their activities to St. John's area and had introduced the game of basketball to many other areas of the province, including Harbour Grace, Avondale, Placentia, Grand Falls and Corner Brook.

The training, which many of the brothers have undertaken in the United States, has led to a good understanding of the game. Their greatest asset, however, is the ability to train and develop young players in the fundamentals of the game. Many of the top players involved in basketball in the province have been associated with the Irish Christian Brothers.