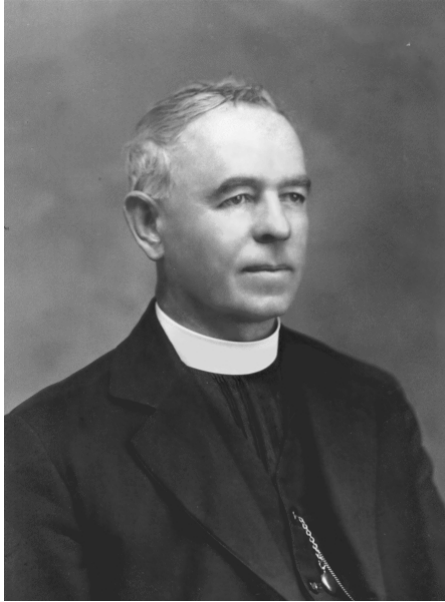


## ***Father Michael Hoess SDS***



**Birth: June 15, 1874**

**Profession: October 4, 1891**

**Ordination: March 13, 1897**

**Death: October 10, 1930**

**Buried in Shaw, Oregon**

Father Michael Hoess was born in Neu-Isenburg, Germany, in 1874. At the age of 15, he entered the Society in Rome, Italy, and at the end of his Novitiate year, he made his profession of vows on October 4, 1891. He studied for the priesthood at the Gregorian University and received his bachelor's degree in Canon Law and a licentiate in theology. He was ordained on March 13, 1897. He then taught at the Salvatorian Industrial School in Switzerland, where he served as Superior of the community. In 1903, he was sent to the United States, to the community in St. Nazianz, Wisconsin, where he did pastoral work in the neighboring parishes and taught in the seminary. He was pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in School Hill; and later, pastor of St. Gregory's Parish in St. Nazianz. He also held numerous positions in the seminary: director of studies, disciplinarian, teacher, and local and provincial consultor. Refined, scholarly, and reserved, Fr. Michael won the esteem and respect of all. These many duties and responsibilities, however, brought on failing health, and in 1926, he was sent to Immaculate Conception Parish in Shaw, Oregon, a smaller church with fewer responsibilities, to serve as pastor. While there, he developed cancer and died in the hospital in Salem on October 10, 1930. His body was buried in the parish cemetery in Shaw, near to the people who had come to love him dearly in his short time with them.

