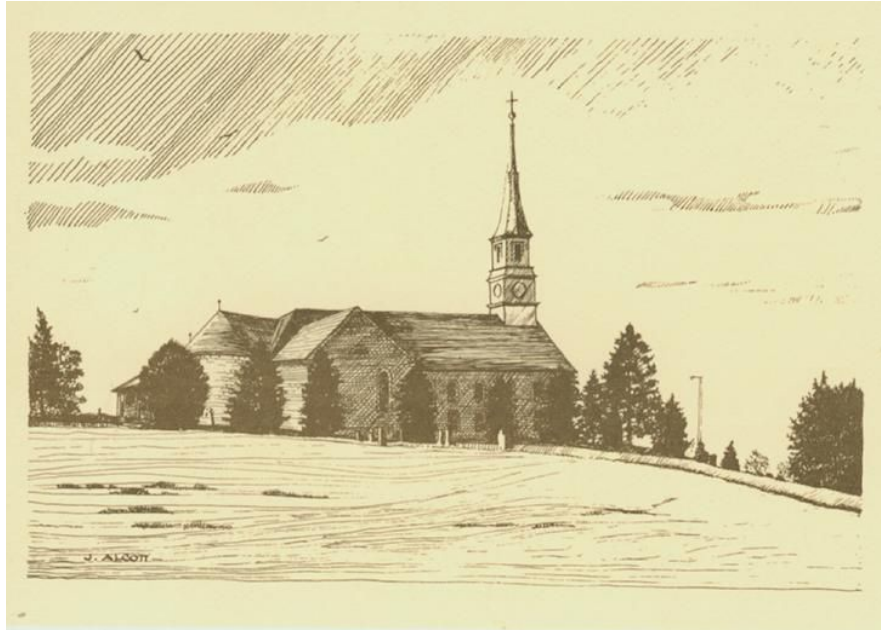


# Rev. William Wappeler

Pastor: 1741-1748

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*Father Wappeler was born January 22, 1711, in the diocese of Mainz, Germany. He entered the Society of Jesus, October 18, 1728. In 1740, he came to Pennsylvania, and is called the "Co-founder of Conewago." Bishop Carroll writes of him:—"He remained in America about eight years and converted and saved many to the faith in Christ; but was obliged to return to Europe on account of impaired health." He died in 1781, either at Ghent or Bruges, Belgium. Father Matthias Sittensperger, under the assumed name of Manners, continued, and gave definite organization to the work begun by Father Wappeler, for he made Conewago his permanent home.*

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