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MY CHURCH

I have a simple wooden cross— An ivory Christ hangs on the beam. And on the snow-white face A master light forever gleams.

The light that only shines my eyes. It seems to penetrate my heart. And in my groping, weary soul New strength and new warmth to impart.

Whenever I look on this face. Do steeps in deepest human woe. I feel the sadness of the One Who died for me so long ago.

The face reminds me of my sins And all my life's ingratitude. And yet it seems to bring to me A strangely peaceful happy mood.

It often makes me fold my hands. And forces me upon my knees. And pray to Him who understands My doubts and agonies.

O place, when this short life is done This crucifix upon my breast. And let my fingers round its stem. And only thus lay me to rest.

Father Lyle, S.V.D.



The Little Friends of Christ Receive Him

March, 1941

1	S	Albinus, Swidbert, Antonina, Leo, Donatus.	
2	S	Simplicius, Chad, Januaria, Lucius, Jovinus, Paul.	
3	M	Cunigunde, Marcia, Chelidonius, Marinus, Asterius.	
4	T	Casimir, Nestor, Arcadius, Basil, Cajus, Adrian.	
5	W	Ember Day, John Joseph of the Cross, Eusebius.	
6	T	Perpetua, Felicitas, Fridolin, Coleta, Victorin.	
7	F	Ember Day, Thomas Aquinas, Guadignus, Paul.	
8	S	Ember Day, John of God, Beata, Philemon.	
9	S	Transfiguration of Our Lord, Math. 17.	S.R. 624 S.S. 528
10	M	40 Martyrs of Sebaste, Victor, Attalus, Marcus.	
11	T	Sophronius, Constantine, Rosina, Eulogius, Firmus.	
12	W	Gregory the Great, Mamilian, Bernard, Egdunius.	
13	T	Rodetick, Euphrasia, Ansovinus, Nicephor.	
14	F	Mathilda, Maud, Aphrodisius, Eutychnus, Peter.	
15	S	Clement Hofbauer, Longinus, Menignus, Matrona.	
16	S	Herbert, Abraham, Papis, Agapitus, Finian.	
17	M	Patrick, Gertrude, Agricola, Alexander, Theodore.	
18	T	Cyril of Jerusalem, Anselmus, Edward, Narcissus.	
19	W	Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M., Landoald, Leontius.	
20	T	Alexandra, Cuthbert, Wolfram, Claudia, Archippus.	
21	F	Benedict, Birillus, Philemon, Lupicinus.	
22	S	Deogratias, Lea, Benvenutus, Basil, Callinca.	
23	S	Victorian, Theodosia, Aquila, Frumentius, Fidelis.	
24	M	Gabriel, Latinus, Simeon, Agapitus, Hildelita.	
25	T	Annunciation B.V.M., The Good Thief, Dula.	
26	W	Maxima, Ludger, Casian, Emmanuel, Braulius.	
27	T	John Damascene, Rupert, Thecla, Peter, Lydia.	
28	F	John Capistran, Dorotheus, Menclampus, Castor.	
29	S	Eustasius, Pastor, Barachisius, Satur, Jonas, Cyril.	
30	S	Regulus, Dominus, John Climacus, Clinus.	
31	M	Benjamin, Cornelia, Balbina, Amos, Anesius.	

live he was the only one spared from torture and death. In the other hand, there are stories which relate that his companions were spared. One of the Seneca Indians who had Joncaire in charge as his captive proceeded to put Joncaire's finger in a glowing tobacco pipe or otherwise to amuse himself by giving Joncaire preliminary tortures.

LICKS INDIAN CHIEF

The other terrified French captives had submitted in abject fear, but when Joncaire was touched, he moved like an explosion, and when the dust and confusion had cleared away, the Seneca chief was beaten and humbled, and Joncaire had shown the Senecas so much of the kind, rough and tumble valor which the Senecas loved that he won the admiration of the whole tribe. His life was spared, and after living with the Senecas long enough to become an interpreter of their language, he was released and returned to Montreal.

The scene of his captivity with the Senecas is not mentioned in the records. The Danis Farm on Spring Brook at home Cove Falls is the location of a very large Seneca village of the years just after 1687, and Joncaire could not have been an active resident among the Senecas without visiting or residing in this large village.

Graves of French persons have been found on the site (reported by Mr. Arthur LaForce) and the Seneca Indian relics in the State Museum at Albany were collected

on this site by Mr. Raymond Dana. An earlier collection of Seneca relics were destroyed in the fire in the Capitol at Albany in 1912 despite the heroic efforts of Mr. Arthur C. Parker to save them. The McClure-Snyder-Love Farm, 2 miles east of Canandaigua and 1/2 mile north of the state highway, must also have been visited by Joncaire.

NAME JONCAIRE "AMBASSADOR"

This Joncaire, the elder, comes out clearly in the official records on the eighteenth of July in 1700 when in Montreal they came, doubtless by the lake shore route, a committee of Seneca sachems who appeared before the French governor, Calliere. With them was Joncaire. One of their principal reasons for coming to Montreal was to confer upon Joncaire in the presence of the French governor the office of ambassador "plenipotentiary" for all business between the Senecas and the French. For the next forty years Joncaire held such influence over the Senecas as no other white man ever held before or since, with the possible exception of his two sons, Phillippe and Daniel who followed in the footsteps of their father. This election as ambassador to the Senecas brought the elder Joncaire many journeys along the south shore and much strenuous travel.

KEPT SENECAS FROM YIELDING. Joncaire was the active agent for the French Lawrence Claeson

was one of the leading agents for the English. There were several others. But Joncaire kept the Senecas from yielding to the persuasion of the English. During many intervals between councils in Montreal Joncaire was living with the Iroquois, chiefly with the Senecas, and often at Sea Breeze. In 1701 he was a guest in a council in Montreal for the exchange of Iroquois and Algonquin prisoners.

On one of his trips back to the Senecas in 1701 Father Julien Garnier went with him. Father Garnier had been pastor of the Senecas from 1669 to 1681, and one of the cruel breakages of war was that he had been separated from his parishioners.

In 1701 Joncaire was plowing many furrows with his canoes and paddlers in south shore waters of Lake Ontario.

PRESENTS "USED INDIGENOUSLY"

Joncaire went to the Onondagas well laden with presents which he used judiciously. Especially did he give presents to families who by the release of a prisoner had been deprived of a slave or a servant. At Onondaga, Joncaire encountered Captain Johannes Blocker and David Schuyler, agents of the English government at Albany who had made the trip thither as they said "to keep the French from debauching the Indians." But Joncaire had winning qualities with Indians and he succeeded in his diplomatic errand.

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