

Addisonites Told Of Jesuits Role

Addison — The Jesuits and the founders of St. Catherine's Church played important roles in the history of Addison.

Kenneth Erwin of Painted Post, past president of Corning and Painted Post Historical Society and a native of this village, made mention of these facts in an official opening Addison's Siquel-Centennial as speaker at an open air historical church service in Wombough Park Erwin appropriately chose as his subject "From Forest Shores to Village Steeples," a history of the Addison churches.

Erwin said an observance of this scope, and of this nature, would be incomplete without recognizing the contribution of the earliest Christian group in the Canisteo Valley. Continuing he referred to the Jesuits who were very active in this part of the state 300 years ago. This vallant flock produced the best original historians of the American Indians, as in their quest for knowledge, they went with the Indian into his wilderness, paddled for him on his waterways, hunted with him for food, learned his languages and put

his unspelled words into grammars and dictionaries.

"DURING THE years of the 1600's the soldiers of France assumed control of Central and Western New York and incorporated this area with the province of Quebec. The eastern boundary of this huge district was the Valley of the Tioga River, extending from Northern Pennsylvania to what is now Painted Post, thence northeasterly along a line that would include the headwaters of the Finger Lakes, then on to the southern tip of Lake Champlain. This was truly border country which was subject to frequent patrols. Obviously the language was bilingual; religious services in Latin, secular communication in French and the Seneca dialect.

"WORSHIP was conducted at a woodland altar, with crude cross fashioned of logs. In addition to their priestly duties the Jesuits had to be carpenters, cooks, masons, apothecaries, and farmers.

"It was they who charted this land with its lakes, rivers, hills and plains. They spelled out the names which the Senecas gave to the Indian Villages that dotted Our Valleys. Rumaxa, where Big Falls is now located; Rapoto, the site of Painted Post; Nagoy, our own Addison; Kenistota, farther west of here. In fact the geography of the Southern Tier, became as well known to interested Europeans of the 1750's as parts of Europe itself. However this phase of our local history was not destined to endure. The decision gained by the English on the Plains of Abraham, extinguished the French claim to this area forever.

"FROM 1849 until the beginning of the parish, the Catholics of Addison had been visited by priests from Rexville, Hornell, Auburn and Geneva. Records indicate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered in the home of Frank Smith on East Front Street and of D. D. Hickey, Goodhue Street. In 1852 the Catholics rented the Jones Hall at corner of Main and Railroad Ave., where Father McGlue celebrated Mass and administered the Sacraments. In 1854 St. Mary's Church of Corning welcomed its first resident pastor, Father Thomas Cunningham and to his care were assigned the Catholics of Addison. The first church was a small frame erected just west of the present rectory. In 1855 the Addison group became a Mission Parish cared for from St. Mary's at Bath. By 1867 membership of the Catholic Society had increased to the point where plans were undertaken to enlarge the church. In 1865 the needs of the Parish demanded a new church structure, and the cornerstone was laid in the Fall of 1868 and on June 23, 1867, Bishop Ryan dedicated a new building. Michael Finlay of Maple Street, is one of the oldest living Parish members. St. Catherine's observed its Centennial in 1954."

Pilgrims Converge On Shrine Of Jesuit Martyrs

Midland, Ont. — Modern pilgrims have started their annual convergence on the Canadian Canterbury at the Shrine of the North American Martyrs near here. They are coming to honor, by praise and petitions, eight 17th Century Jesuit saints put to death while preaching the gospel to Huron and Iroquois tribes.

The shrine, on a hill overlooking Georgian Bay, a part of Lake Huron, is at the site of the old mission residence of St. Marie-Anne-of-the-Hurons where six of the eight martyrs lived and two of them were buried.

The weekend of June 23 saw bus loads of pilgrims from Rochester, N.Y., and Milwaukee, Wis., staying overnight at the Shrine hotel.

Numerically dominating the early pilgrim groups were, over 8,000 schoolchildren from 141 Ontario Public and Separate Schools.

After 3 P.M.

A burglar's wife was badgering him for more money. "O.K., O.K., stop nagging!" he grumbled. "I'll get you some just as soon as the bank closes."

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Owego Holy Name Fete Graduates

Holy Name Society of St. Patrick Church, Owego were hosts at a Communion breakfast for 1958 graduates of the Parochial School. Seated representatives of Holy Name are: (from left), Edmund A. Barber, committee member; Louis Pistolesse, chairman; Girard Gavin, president; Rev. William J. O'Brien, pastor; J. Edmund Morton, secretary; Frank McGovern, Committee member. The breakfast was served June 22 at Deep Well Motel. (Tabbs Photo)

Chaplain Named For Dansville KK

Dansville — The Rev. John G. O'Donnell, pastor of St. Patrick Church is the new chaplain of Dansville Council, Knights of Columbus.

Father O'Donnell succeeds the late Rev. Edward M. Scheld, who was pastor of St. Mary Church, Dansville. The new chaplain has been active in the order since coming to Dansville in 1945. He is a member of the Fourth Degree Assembly and is also chaplain of the K. of C. Auxiliary.

Victor Grossner of Wayland is again grand knight following the annual election. Also returned to office are: James Cox, deputy grand knight; Richard Nogle, financial secretary; George Roberts, recorder; Jack Vogt, Chancellor; Braxton Middleton, treasurer; Carl Siltou, Wayland, lecturer; Robert McAllister, Wayland, advocate; Euclid St. Pierre, Naples, warden; Ray Jacobs, inside guard; Frank Rodman, outside guard.

Hospital Addition
Lewiston, Maine — (NC) — Ground breaking ceremonies were held for a new \$2,500,000 addition to St. Mary's General Hospital here. The addition will include more than 82,000 square feet in two wings.

Montezuma Pastor

'Trappist On Thruway'

By FRANK KELLY
In a little village of some three to four hundred people about 69 miles from the heart of Rochester, just inside of the Cayuga County line, resides a priest who has been the shepherd of a country parish for the last 21 years. The priest, who just celebrated his 35th anniversary in the service of his Lord is the Rev. John A. Guy, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Montezuma, and St. John's Church, Port Byron.

Father Guy resides in a parish house that overlooks the thriving, bustling New York Thruway. The devout and scholarly priest, a virtual "Trappist on the Thruway," tends his flock of about 165 Catholic souls.

VISITORS to his parish usually find him with his prayer book or in his library. Tending to the needs of the parish property is his relaxation.

Father Guy was named Montezuma pastor in 1937. He is now baptizing the offspring of the children he baptized twenty years ago when he first came to this farmland community that now numbers about 70 Catholics in Montezuma and 95 in the mission hamlet of Port Byron.

As in most country parishes, the number of residents has changed very little since Father Guy was first assigned here, but the goodness and charity of the people has increased since this quiet, unassuming priest arrived.

When Father Guy first arrived — in the middle of the depression — the average collection on Sunday was \$7 in Montezuma and \$16 in Port Byron. Now it is \$35 and \$53 in the respective towns.

THE DEEP-SEALED faith of these people is reflected in the large attendance at the meetings of the Rosary and Holy Name Societies and the membership in the League of the Sacred Heart.

That these people have a true, deep root in the faith is also reflected in the overflow attendance at the Masses in both the main and mission churches each Sunday. The Mass time varies each Sunday, starting at 8:30 a.m. on one Sunday at one of the churches and at 9:45 a.m. at the other. The times are reversed on alternate Sundays.

Travelling the seven square miles in his parish has never been a problem to Father Guy. "There has never been a Sunday that I haven't been able to get to my mission in Port Byron," he said. "While we get snow during the winter, this area is in a relatively mild zone, where the snow seems to surround us but never really inundates us."

A NATIVE of Clyde, Father Guy believes his background for he does not take an active interest in fishing and hunting, which form a major part of the activity in the spare time of the men in the area.

His parish, founded over 100 years ago, but assigned to the

Rochester Diocese in 1902, is free and clear of mortgages. The present church edifice was dedicated by Rochester's first bishop, the late Bishop McQuaid in 1858, during the pastorate of Father John J. Cosgrove, the church's first pastor during its Rochester Diocesan history.

Father Cosgrove, an oratorical speaker during his day, was pastor from 1902 until his death in 1928, when Father Joseph Gullfohl succeeded him. Father Gullfohl remained pastor until he was replaced by Father John F. Neary in 1932. When Father Neary was made pastor of St. Michael's Church, Lyons in 1937, Father Guy was named to replace him.

When he isn't ministering to the needs of his parish Father Guy can usually be found working around his rectory, which overlooks the Thruway. The noise? "It doesn't bother me at all," Father Guy said.

Close on his heels at all times in his rectory is his companion, an Irish setter named "Rusty."

Liturgy Study Week Set For Cincinnati

Cincinnati — (NC) — Top authorities on the liturgy from across the world will gather here from August 18 through 21 for the 19th annual North American Liturgical Week.

Archbishop Karl J. Alter, of Cincinnati, host to the convention, will give the opening address of welcome and will offer pontifical Mass in the Cincinnati cathedral to bring the Week to a close.

The poignant, like the talks and discussions of the following three days, will follow the theme of the Liturgical Week, "The Church Year."

Father Benedict Elmann, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, N.Y., will speak on "The Background and Basis of the Liturgical Year."

Benedictine Father Dominicus Winnen Mouni Saviour Priory, near Elmira, N.Y., will speak on "The Liturgical Year in Fruitful."

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Friary To Become Faculty House

Auburn — Whitefriars on South Street, Auburn, since 1946 a scholasticate for students for the Carmelite priesthood, will soon become the faculty house for priests teaching at Mt. Carmel High School.

The students will move to newly constructed quarters at Williamstown, Mass.

At the triennial chapter held last week, the Rev. Brendan Hourihan, O. Carm. was elected prior of the Carmelite community at Whitefriars and Rev. Vincent McDonald was named sub-prior.

FATHER BRENDAN was also re-appointed principal of Mt. Carmel High School. Changes and assignments to the faculty will be announced later in the Summer.

The Rev. Francis Donohue, O. Carm., who has completed his term of office as Prior of Whitefriars was elected to the provincial council of the order. Father Francis has been named Master of Professed Students.

He will be stationed in Williamstown, Mass. Since Father Francis will assume his duties at the beginning of the school year, he expects to remain in Auburn for the Summer months.

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