Catholic Landmarks Dot Montreal Expo '67 City



Aeriel View

Montreal, site of Canada's spectacular Expo '67, is itself an exhibit of the staunch faith of the pioneer settlers of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Photos are from Comite des Fondateurs de l'Eglise du Canada.





Friday, Aug. 25, 1967

Old Seminary

On the west side of Notre Dame Church is the oldest building of Montreal which has survived in its entirety, the Old Seminary. This ancient stone building was put up by the Sulpician priests who were the first permanent pastors of Ville-Marie and its Seigneurs until the mid-nineteenth century. From its doors went forth those intrepid missionaries and explorers who helped bring Christianity to most of the North American continent.





Mother d'Youville Rooms

Once a part of the hospital on Normant Street in the heart of Historic Montreal, the rooms used by Mother d'Youville in her work for the needy were transported, piece by piece, to the new Centre, at 1185, Saint Matthew Street. The furniture, he woodwork and the very floor-boards are preserved there as silent witnesses to her dedication. At the same "Centre Marguerite d'Youville", one has the opportunity of visiting Blessed Mother -d'Youville in her-oratory, where her sacred remains are venerated daily byscores of pilgrims.

Place d'Armes

In the statue on Place d'Armes, the sculptor Philippe Hebert has caught the nobility and strengh of Montreal's founder and first Governor. The figures at the four corners of the base are of special significance: the Indian symbolizes the natives whom the "Montrealistes" hoped to convert to Christ; the French settler, one of those hardy pioneers who gave Ville-Marle its strength and its spiritual vitality; Major Closse, the first of Maisonneuve's lieutenants of equal courage and virtue; Jeanne Mance the co-foundress of the city who started its first hospital.

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History Lives

On Sherbrooke Street near Guy two stone towers rise up like sentinels in the grounds of the Grand Seminary. They flanked the walls of the Indian Mission Founded by the Sulpicians on the mountain side. Mother Bourgeoys opened a school for Indian girls as part of this project and her helpers later lived and taught in these towers. Near this spot on the slope of the mountain, de Maisonneuve raised a wooden cross in 1643 in thanksgiving for the

Indian Mission

This is an aerial view of Caughnawaga, an Indian Mission founded by the Jesuit Fathers and still under their direction. Four thousand of the five thousand Iroquois there are Christian. They hold in great honor Katert Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks, who won the admiration of all in the mission where she led a saintly life and died in 1680. Her heroic virtues have been officially recognized by the Catholic authorities and her relics

