

Jesuit missionaries who blazed a trail into sixteenth century Canada and the United States crowned their work with martyrdom at sites now marked by picturesque shrines.

One shrine is at Auriesville—a familiar site adjacent to the New York State Thruway between Albany and Utica and the other at Midland, Ontario.

Both shrines are currently preparing for the feast of the Jesuit martyrs, Tuesday, Sept. 26. Special rites will be held at the two shrines on the feast day and on the Sunday prior to the feast, Sept. 24.

The Midland shrine will be the focus this year for special pilgrimages, this year being the centenary of Canada's confederation.

Highlight of the centenary was Expo 67 at Montreal but the Midland shrine is far from just a second-fiddle celebration—its emphasis is on the spiritual and that has priority all its own for those who have faith.

The Midland shrine traces its history back to 1639, when it became the first mission in North America north of Mexico.

For 10 years it flourished, until it had to be burned to keep it from being desecrated by warring Iroquois Indians. Five of the Jesuit Fathers who were tortured to death here were declared martyrs and a silver-spired shrine to them stands on a hill overlooking the reconstruction of their mission.

For 24 modern Jesuits-in-training, this site was the starting point for a canoe pilgrimage back over the route followed by the early explorers and the missionaries who established the mission.

They set out from Sainte Marie

Among the Hurons August 13 and paddled the 540-mile canoe route back to the old headquarters at Montreal—only this year it will be the Christian Pavilion at EXPO. Their route involved 30 portages as they followed the French River, Lake Nipissing and La Vase portages to Trout Lake and from there some of the original portages which are still visible to the Mattawa and Ottawa Rivers.

To live this adventure, groups of Jesuits came from Toronto, Kingston in Ontario, Montreal in Quebec, and St. John's, Newfoundland. Two of them were students from New York State. They paddled four canoes specially created for the trip to approximate the historic "North" canoes used by the early explorers in North America. The canoes were 22 feet long, 39 inches wide, 17 inches deep, and weighed about 250 pounds.

Just as their ancestors in religion carried letters from one superior to another, so these 20th century Jesuits carried a letter, written on birch bark, from the major religious superiors, Protestant and Catholic, to their counterparts in the region of Montreal. Along the way, they participated in non-denominational 'preach-ins', in sing-songs and even competed in softball games during their stopovers in the various communities.

They are timing their project to coincide with Canada's cross-country Centennial Canoe Pageant which started in Alberta in May, and traveled down the Ottawa River as part of the overall cavalcade, and arrived in Montreal September 3.



Reconstructed Huron Indian home at Midland, Ontario.

For the walking pilgrimage, the reconstructed mission at Midland, and the Martyr's Shrine is the goal. This is the 11th annual walking pilgrimage, and anyone joined who was interested. It was a five-day hike, 85 miles long, and started Wednesday, August 30, from St. Benedict's Church, Kipling Avenue N., Rexdale, a western suburb of Toronto. The walking was mapped out through parks,

along gravel woodlots and paths.

These are two of the more spectacular pilgrimages being made this year. There are many more including the annual visit by descendants of those first Huron Indians who once inhabited this area, but now live on a reserve north of Quebec City—where their ancestors took refuge more than 300 years ago. A center for pilgrims since

the Martyr's Shrine was built in 1926, this historic site on the outskirts of Midland is becoming an increasingly popular mecca for tourists and for students. Official opening this year of the reconstructed mission adds impetus to this interest.

There is a trend among Ontario and New York State schools and youth organizations to make group tours of the de-

velopment, often staying overnight in the area in order to thoroughly study the site. It is hoped, at some future date, that Sainte Marie Among the Hurons can be kept open year-round so that students can have a better idea of the conditions under which those intrepid missionaries and explorers lived. At present, the site is open from May 20 to October 9.



Pilgrims from many localities are expected to come to the Martyr's Shrine at Auriesville to celebrate the annual Feast of the North American Martyrs Sunday, Sept. 24. Auriesville is located at the site of the old Indian Village of Ossernenon where the first

canonized martyrs of the U.S. died more than three centuries ago. The Pilgrimage Mass will begin at noon with Jesuit Father Cornelius J. Carr, Provincial of the Buffalo Province of the Society of Jesus, as celebrant.

Parents Are Still Tops In Teaching Religion

Dallas — (RNS) — Parents are the "best religious teachers" even though they are often unaware that they are teaching, a noted Catholic laywoman and author said at an Episcopal meeting here.

"Parents are teaching from morning to night although many of them believe religious education comes from the classroom," said Mrs. Mary Reed Newland of Monson, Mass.

She spoke at a seminar on religious education sponsored by St. Francis Episcopal church.

Mrs. Newland said Catholics particularly have been prone to believe that religious education should emanate from the classrooms. Most early Catholics were ethnic and national groups in need of additional education, she said, and a vast educational system including religious instruction developed.

Academic degrees are not required of parents to become good teachers, said Mrs. Newland in an interview. She said that basic knowledge of Christian truths and doctrines are essential.

And she added that virtues are best shown by the practice of them rather than definition.

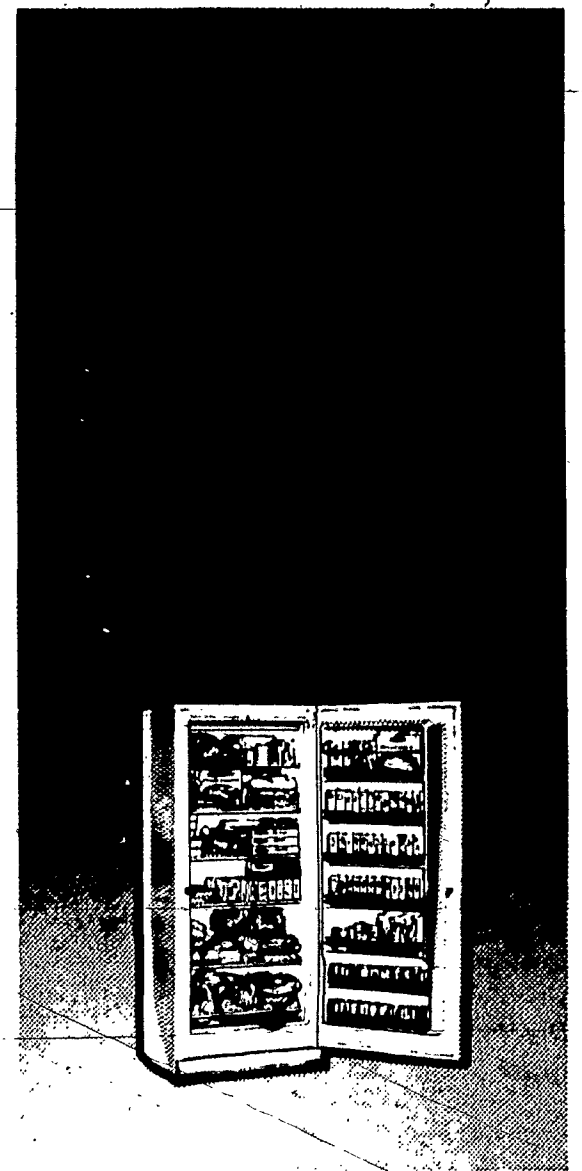
"Parents who know God and love Him and are good people are teaching their children the stuff of religion in their daily lives," she said.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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1. Strike	21. Parson	bird
4. Chafe	5. Greek	letter
9. Pine Tree	6. Miss	Gardner
State	7. Disembark	figure
10. Benefit	8. Parasitic	insects
12. Divination	9. Witty	saying
through	11. Lixivium	part
dreams	13. Malt kiln	32. Newt
14. Man's	17. Flat	33. English
nickname	18. Avoids	royal house
15. Rotating	19. River in	34. New York
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16. River in	22. Certain	35. Trudge
Scotland	meats	
17. Flat	26. Woo	
topped	27. Admission	
hills	ticket: sl.	
19. Engrossed	28. Indian red	
22. Certain	powder	
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26. Woo	on guard	
27. Admission	30. Barks	
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28. Indian red	of sight	
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29. Soldier	36. A size of	
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32. Organ	42. Enamel	
of sight	43. "Twelfth	
35. Ventilate	Night"	
36. A size of	heroin	
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