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SECOND SECTION

Holy Cross Becomes Separate Parish

Rev. Anselm Spacek Named New Pastor

Holy Cross R. C. Church, which has been a mission of St. Joseph's Church, Acton, will be established as a separate parish with a resident pastor on Sunday, May 6th.

The change was announced at Easter Sunday masses by Rev. Father Vincent Morgan, who will complete fifteen years' service to parishioners next month, and who will continue his duties in Acton.

The Capuchin Fathers will be in charge of the Georgetown parish and Rev. Anselm Spacek, O.F.M. Cap. will be coming to town from Blenheim as pastor.

The Capuchins are a branch of the Franciscan Fathers founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 1209. They have had other English spiritual charges in Ontario and western Canada since 1927.

Georgetown and district has grown so rapidly in the past few years, with new housing subdivisions increasing the population, and the Roman Catholic has increased in proportion.

His Excellency The Most Reverend J. R. Ryan, Bishop of Hamilton diocese, with the pastor, Father Morgan, after making a thorough survey of the rapid increase in the Roman Catholic population and the growth of the town foresaw the need of a resident pastor. As a result, property adjoining the church was procured a few years ago and recently the large red brick house, where the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Buck made their home for so many years at the John St.-Highway corner was purchased for a future priest's residence. The history of the parish dates back to the time when the Jesuit Fathers of Guelph served the district, over eighty years ago, by having mass in private residences.

The first church which was a frame structure, was under the patronage and title of St. Patrick, but when the present stone church was built about seventy years ago by the Jesuit Fathers, it was titled Holy Cross, since there were a number of parishes in the diocese which bore the other name.

For a number of years mass was celebrated in Georgetown once a

NEW HOLY CROSS PASTOR



Rev. Anselm Spacek will become pastor of Holy Cross church, Georgetown on May 6th when the local Roman Catholic population will have their own parish. Father Spacek is a member of the Capuchin Order and comes to town from Blenheim. He has given missions in various places in the diocese during the past few years.

month, later twice a month as a mission of Acton. When Rockwood was established as a parish, by His Excellency Bishop Ryan, Oustic became its mission, and Georgetown was given the privilege of mass every Sunday.

In 1955, with growth in numbers of parishioners at Holy Cross, Father Morgan saw need of two Sunday masses, and so procured the help of the Resurrectionist Fathers of Kitchener for the week-ends, and on July 1st last year began having two masses every Sunday.

The diocesan priests who cared for the spiritual needs of Georgetown Roman Catholics up to the present have been: Fathers Haley, Feeney, John Arnold, Walsh, John Traynor, Thomas Doyle, William Goodrow, Frank McTeavy, J. Leo McBride and

HOLY CROSS CHURCH



SEVENTY-YEAR-OLD Holy Cross Church, a familiar landmark on No. 7 Highway halfway up the hill, will soon become a separate Roman Catholic parish. On May 6th, it will cease to be a mission of St. Joseph's, Acton, and will have its own resident priest.

Vincent Morgan. In 1935 Holy Cross celebrated its golden jubilee.

Father Morgan has had the longest length of service in his fifteen years as priest. During this time the church has undergone many improvements. The interior has been redecorated and painted. The gallery was enlarged to give greatly increased seating capacity, new pews were installed, new marble floor, new Stations of the Cross, side altars and

electric fixtures.

An oil heating system and a Minshall electric organ were installed, and many other improvements made to the church proper, the vestry, hall and exterior.

The entrance of a new religious community into the diocese is witness of the great Roman Catholic growth of the diocese, especially in the past few years.

SUSPECT FIREBUG IN OIL TRUCK FIRE

Fr. Vincent Morgan



Father Vincent Morgan, has served as priest of Holy Cross for fifteen years, the longest term of office of any Roman Catholic priest in this church. He will continue to serve in St. Joseph's Church, Acton.

Inactive for several weeks, Georgetown firemen had a busy night Thursday, when they received two calls.

First alarm sounded at midnight, when Harold Bennett, driving on the highway past Scott Motors noticed smoke coming from a large Murfin Fuel Oil truck which was parked overnight near the roadway. Firemen arrived in time to extinguish a fire in the cab which did some damage to the seat cushions.

There was some evidence that the fire might have been incendiary, and Fire Chief William Hyde has contacted the Ontario Fire Marshal's office, which is investigating.

At 4:30 a.m. the siren sounded again, and this time firemen were called to the Berwick Hall apartments on lower Main Street.

Here they extinguished a fire which started in a locker under the basement stairs and burned out the stairway. The fire was confined to this area, and the good work of the department avoided what could have been a disastrous affair.

The alarm was sounded by an apartment tenant upstairs, W. Langebeck, who first detected smoke.

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MOTHER CHURCH IN ACTON



ST. JOSEPH'S, ACTON, where Father Vincent Morgan will continue his pastorate when Georgetown becomes a separate parish next month. St. Joseph's and Holy Cross have had close association for many years, sharing the same parish priest who has made his home in Acton.

PARISH PRIEST'S HOME



THE FORMER J. M. Buck house, an imposing red brick residence at the Highway-John St. corner was recently purchased by the Roman Catholic church and will be converted into a home for future priests of the Holy Cross parish.

NORVAL

Hear About United Nations At Institute Fiftieth Dinner

"It is too bad that press and radio tend to emphasize the way nations disagree rather than the work they accomplish at the United Nations Assembly. They are working to bring peace and goodwill throughout the world."

Speaking last Wednesday at the 50th anniversary banquet of Norval Women's Institute, Mrs. J. E. Houck, Brampton, who is a delegate to the UN general assembly gave her impressions of her job, describing the building and the system of translating by earphone for delegate of sixty countries who attend. She stressed the social and humanitarian aspect of the work, and said it is a great privilege to have a glimpse at the philosophies and problems of other peoples.

Mrs. Hamilton McLaughlin introduced Mrs. Houck, and she was thanked for her talk by Mrs. Keith Webb. An historical sketch, given by Mrs. Oliver Hunter, told of some of the institute's achievements since its formation in 1906, and spoke of the inspiration members today receive from reviewing the records. Mrs. Frances Hunter was the first president and Miss Annie Noble, who was

a guest at the dinner, the first secretary.

Miss Noble, Mrs. Jack Clark and Mrs. Hugh Clark, charter members who were present, were presented with pins by Mrs. E. Burke and Mrs. Don Murray. Four other charter members unable to attend are Mrs. Hugh Cunningham, Mrs. Alf Laird, Mrs. W. D. Turner and Mrs. A. Buie.

Ninety-eight attended the dinner in the memorial hall of St. John's United Church in town. The tables were decorated with yellow candles, golden daffodils and blue mums, the W.I. colours. The head table was centered with a white and gold 3-tiered birthday cake, with three golden candles, one for the past which was lighted by Miss Annie Noble, one for the present, lighted by Miss Prairie Maguire, and one for the future, lighted by Miss Marilyn Cleave, leader of the 4-H girls club.

Mrs. Hugh Clark cut the cake. Mrs. Lorne Cleave thanked the ladies of St. John's for a lovely turkey dinner. Mrs. Laurence May opened the program with a toast to the Queen, followed by greetings to all the older members from the present members.

Mrs. Graydon Chester read the roll call of all the old members, present members and those attending from other institutes, Georgetown, Ashgrove, Hornby, Stewarttown, Limehouse, Silverwood, Brampton West, Norval Juniors and the 4-H Club.

Mrs. George Somerville, acting president of the district, brought greetings from Halton district. Mrs. Joe Murray proposed a toast to the ACWW which was replied to by Mrs. M. Borgstrom of Streetsville, the home economist.

Mrs. H. Smellie and Mrs. Walter Fidler presented a life membership and pin to Mrs. W. H. Reid who has been a member of Norval W.I. for 43 years.

Mrs. Jack May entertained guests with two pleasing solos and Mrs. W. T. Cromar with two humorous readings.

Building Boom Now Spreads to Hillsburgh

Hillsburgh is sharing in the district building boom.

A Toronto construction firm is planning to build twenty new homes in the village. Construction will start early in the summer.

The company has purchased frontage on Hillsburgh's main street from M. C. Nodwell, on the east side of the 7th Line. The 80 rod property has a depth of approximately 185 feet.

MRS. ROBIN WINS EASTER JUMBO EGG

A jumbo Easter egg, offered as a lucky prize to a shopper at Cordora Candies, was won by Mrs. Sid Robin, 71 Guelph Street.

Mrs. Robin's winning ticket was drawn by Miss Jennifer Smith at the close of business on Easter Saturday.



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