

Commemorative monument to mark Holy Father's visit

A commemorative monument is to be unveiled at Martyrs' Shrine on Sept. 15 by Pope John Paul II to mark the Holy Father's visit to Huronia.

Announcement of the three-piece memorial was made in Orillia on Monday at a news conference co-hosted by officials from the Shrine and from Sanderson Monument Company Limited.

The monument company, manufacturer of cemetery and civic memorials revealed this week:

❑ The site for the monument has been chosen at a heart-shaped piece of land near the highest point of land at the Shrine. The site symbolically overlooks the Martyrs' Shrine church, grounds, the field, and altar where the Pope will be making his address.

❑ From any angle the monument is viewed the significance of the visit and the heritage and significance of the Shrine will be evident.

❑ The monument features three individual granite pieces representing the symbolism and theme of the Papal visit. A symbolic wooden cross will rise from among the granite stones.

❑ The first granite piece represents the Historic Occasion of the Pope's visit and will have engraved a newly designed Papal symbol of keys and tiara. This stone will be at the head of the drive as one approaches the site. The shape of the stone is symbolic of the tiara.

❑ The second granite stone will show the symbols of martyrdom - the palm and crown - the ultimate sacrifice for faith delicately carved into the granite and will mark the Location of the visit - the Martyrs' Shrine - as one views the symbolism - and wording - they will overlook the church itself and grounds of the Shrine.

❑ The third granite stone will feature wording in French,

English and Huron - outlining an Explanation and also symbolizes the Heritage of the Area - as one turns from the other two stones to view this stone - they will overlook the Papal altar.

❑ The three piece memorial (and cross) represent the Trinity and will be hand sculpted and engraved to blend in with the natural and rustic theme of the Martyrs' Shrine heritage.

❑ A granite sidewalk and appropriate artistic landscaping will give the added touches to the monument.

❑ The granite is a pink Canadian granite from Quebec.

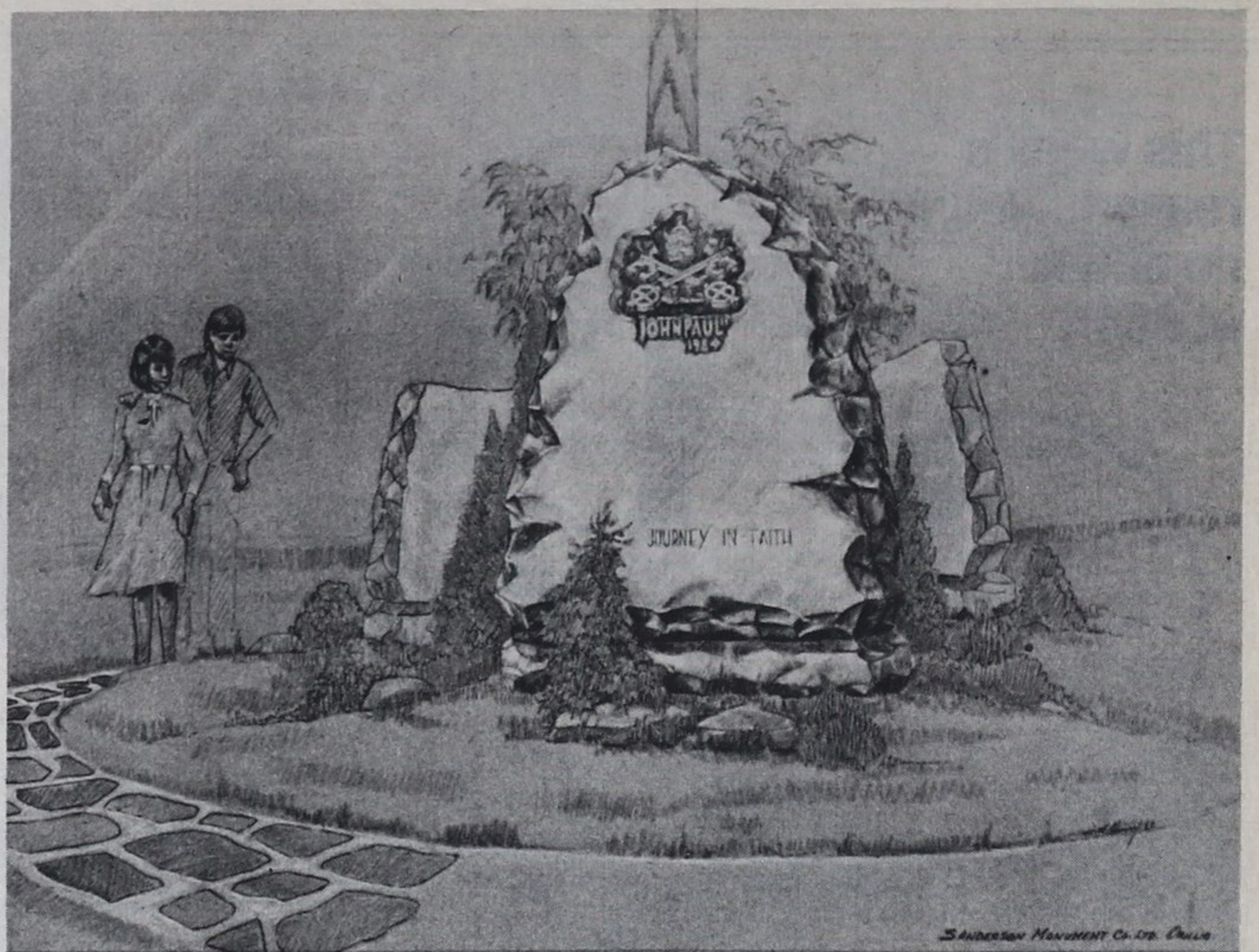
❑ The three granite memorials will weigh approximately 10,600 lbs.

❑ All the hand-sculpting and hand engraving of the monument will be done in the studio and shop of Sanderson Monument Co. Ltd., 33 Peter Street South, Orillia, Ontario.

❑ By theme, symbolism and design the three piece memorial will become a single unit.

The monument will be placed at the site in the spring, covered and unveiled at the time of the Papal visit.

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Methanol fuel demonstration gets support from top brass

A joint government-industry project to demonstrate the use of methanol as a transportation fuel will receive a contribution of \$103,312 through the Canada/Ontario Conservation and Renewable Energy Demonstration Agreement (CREDA), Ministers for the Governments of Canada and Ontario announced today.

Jean Chretien, Canada's Minister of Energy; Philip Andrewes, Ontario's Minister of Energy; and James Snow, Minister of Transportation and Communications for the province, announced support for the project, which will cost a total of \$224,000 and involve a fleet of 16 cars. The demonstration project involves Ford Canada and Shell Canada Limited.

The 16 factory-modified Ford Escort sedans will run on a methanol fuel formulation developed by

Shell Canada Limited. Methanol is an excellent clean-burning automotive fuel produced on a large scale in Western Canada from natural gas. It has the potential to be produced from indigenous Ontario feedstocks, such as lignite and peat, and from renewable resources, such as wood.

"Methanol is widely believed to be a viable alternative to gasoline in Canada," Chretien said. "Major efforts are underway in California and Europe to demonstrate and commercialize methanol in transportation. In Canada, interest is kindled by the need for long-term energy security."

The demonstration fleet will be divided between Ford Canada and Shell Canada Limited for a year and will be tested in their day-to-day operations.

Engine and oil analyses will be made on a regular basis and

detailed fuel consumption measurements will be taken during the testing period.

"I am very pleased by this co-operative venture. It is only through the active participation of industry and government together that we will find Canadian alternatives to imported oil", Andrewes said.

March 3

Dance in Lafontaine Hall, Marcel Maurice orchestra, \$8 per couple, lunch, refreshments, Sponsored by Laurier Council Knights of Columbus No. 2004, to aid PGH.

March 5

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