

Bishop to say mass

Feast of the Canadian

For the second time this month, a high ranking and widely known and respected Roman Catholic clergyman will be principal celebrant at a special mass to be conducted at Martyrs' Shrine. Saturday, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m., Bishop Robert

Clune will celebrate the liturgy marking the Feast of the Canadian Martyrs who were beatified in 1925 and canonized in 1930 at Saint Peter's in Rome by Pope Pius XI.

The observance is also intended to call attention to both the work of the Jesuit Brothers around the work and the need for more vocations.

Nearly all of the 30 Jesuit Brothers serving in Canada are expected

to both attend and take part in Saturday's liturgical service to which the general public is cordially invited to attend.

"Jesuit Brothers down through the ages have made a great contribution not only here but around the world," said Fr. James Farrell, director of the Shrine, this week.

It was on June 21, 1925 that the first Martyrs of North America were declared Blessed and

worthy of public veneration.

Five years later, the eight cornerstones of the North American Roman Catholic Church were publicly laid into the very foundation of the Universal Church with the canonization of all eight saints.

Very few people even today are able to name all eight.

The 50th anniversary of their canonization in 1980 and the historic visit to Huronia last



Jesuit Martyrs of Canada: there were eight in all...

John de Brebeuf, was ordained at 33. He was the first Jesuit Missionary in Huronia (1626), a master of the Indian language. He worked throughout all the district, founded Mission-outposts, converted thousands to the faith. He inspired many Jesuits to volunteer for the Missions of New France. Massive in body, strong yet gentle in character, his visions of the cross and of his future martyrdom were fulfilled when captured March 16, 1649, he was tortured for hours. He was martyred at St. Ignace, six miles from Ste. Marie at the age of 56. Brebeuf is said to have the heart of a giant. He was known as the apostle of the Hurons. The Indians called him Echon.

Gabriel Lalemant, a Jesuit at 19, ordained at 27, a scholar and professor and a College administrator, delicate in body had a strong desire for the Mission of Huronia. After two years in Canada he left for Huronia. After seven months in Huronia, he was able to speak the Native tongue. For one month he was assistant to Brebeuf and then his companion in Martyrdom for seventeen long hours. He died March 17, 1649 at St. Ignace. He summed up his own strength, "My strength is the strength of God. In Him, I can do all things."

Anthony Daniel, was ordained a priest at 29, was a missionary near Bias-d'or Lakes (1632), founded the first boys' college in North America (Quebec 1635), laboured in Huronia for twelve years. In 1648 he made his retreat at Ste. Marie and returned to his mission 12 miles away. On July 4, he just finished Mass when the Mission was attacked. In Mass vestments he faced the enemy, encouraging the Christian converts to live their faith and thus giving time for some to escape. His martyred body was thrown in the flames of the burning Church. This was at Mount St. Louis. He was 48.

Charles Garnier, was a Jesuit Missionary in Huronia at age of 31. For 14 years he was pastor and missionary to the Hurons and Petuns. Gentle, innocent, fearless, a person of faith he drew converts to the faith. Even when the Mission of E'harita was attacked and he himself wounded, he continued to baptize neophytes and to assist a wounded Huron. In this act he died at age of 44 about thirty 30 miles from Ste. Marie.

Noel Chabanel, a Jesuit priest at 28, a successful

professor and humanist in France, had a strong desire to come to the Canadian Missions. Here he was unable to learn the native language and felt useless in the ministry. He took a vow to remain in the missions, on the cross of seeming failure, always in the shadow of martyrdom. Even his martyrdom came secretly at the hands of an apostate on December 8, 1649 on the Nottawasaga, 25 miles from Ste. Marie.

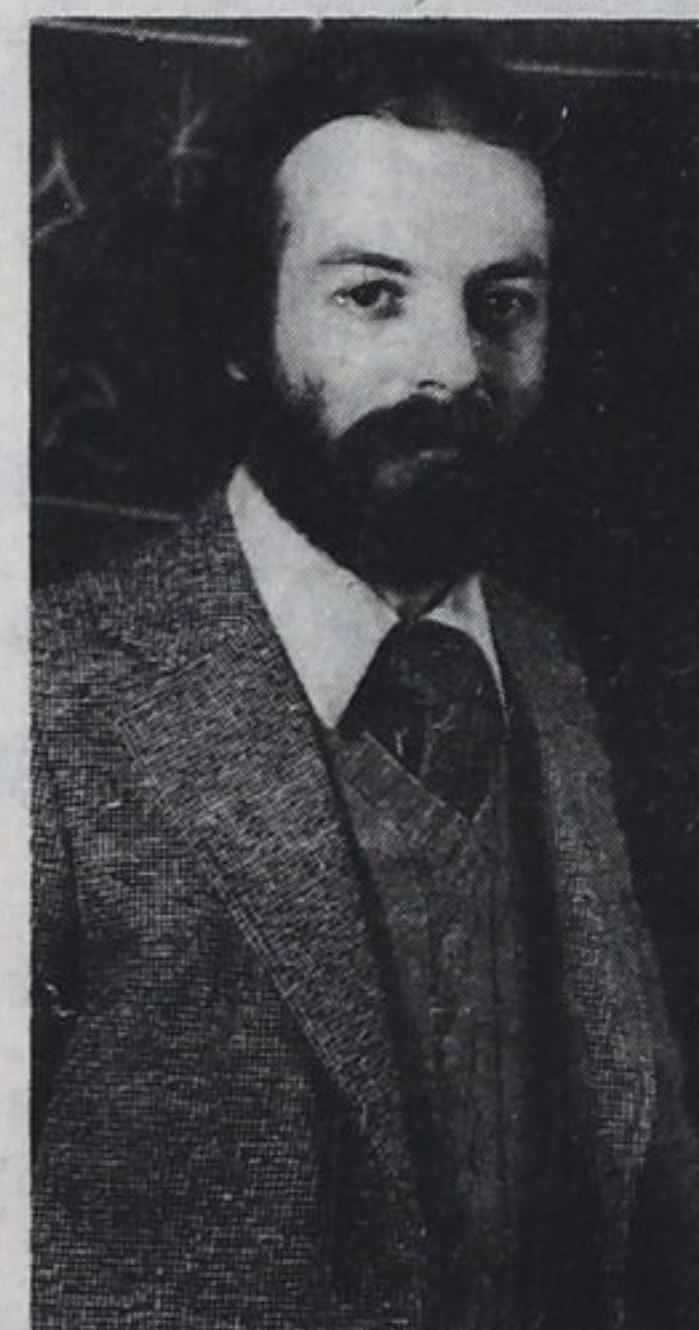
Isaac Jogues, came to Huronia in 1636, supplied at mission outposts for three years, helped to build Ste. Marie (1639), explored as far west as Sault Ste. Marie. Captured by the Iroquois when returning to Ste. Marie from Quebec (1642), he was tortured, lost his fingers, made a slave. He escaped to France, but returned the same year to again be an emissary and missionary to the Iroquois. He was martyred at Auriesville, N.Y. at age of 39.

Rene Goupil had to leave the Jesuit novitiate because of ill health. He studied medicine and offered his services to the Jesuit missions in Canada. On his way to Ste. Marie, he and Isaac Jogues were captured and tortured. Isaac Jogues received his vows into the Society of Jesus. A month later, he was martyred while making the sign of the Cross on a child. It took place at Auriesville, N.Y. He was 35. He was the first of the eight Martyrs to receive the palm of Martyrdom.

John de Lalonde, at 19 offered his services as a layman to the Jesuits in New France. He accompanied Jogues to the Mohawk Mission (1646), was captured with him and tortured. He saw Jogues martyred. On the following day (October 19, 1646), he himself was killed, a martyr, at Auriesville, N.Y.



(Pius XI) The Pope of the beatification and of the canonization.



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Martyrs' Shrine

Sept. 19-27

7:30 p.m., Homily, Novena prayers. Mass

Sept. 28

2 p.m. Celebration of feast of the Martyrs

Celebrant: Bishop R. Clune

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