

Martyrs' to be celebrated this Saturday

year by Pope Paul John Paul II gave many of us a chance to know a little

more about those who were martyred in the new world in the mid-

1600s.

In the decree of Canonization, they are

described according to the facts that are generally known about

them and they can be divided into two groups: The five who were martyred in Huronia and the three who were put to death in Iroquois territory.

But, chronologically, the first to die for Christ were the "donne" Rene Goupil, on Sept. 29, 1642, then Fr. Isaac Jogues and his second companion, the "donne" Jean de la Lande, on Oct. 18 and 19.

All three were martyred in the Iroquois village of Ossernenon, which is the present site of Auriesville, near Albany, N.Y., where they are held in special honour.

The next to die, in the county of the Hurons and the Petuns, about 90 miles from Toronto, were Fr. Antoine Daniel, on July 4, 1648, and Frs. Jean de

Brebeuf and Gabriel Lalemant, on the 16 and 17 of March, 1649, and finally Fathers Charles Garnier and Noel Chabanel, of the 7th and 8th of December of the same year.

The reform of the liturgical calendar has set the feasts of the Saints, as far as possible, on the anniversary date of their death. Since the death of Brebeuf and Lalemant comes in Lent, and that of Antoine Daniel during the summer holidays, and since the dates of Sept. 29 and Oct. 18 and the 7 and 8 of December were already taken, it seemed that the 19th of October, which was the date of Jean de la Lande's martyrdom, and the day after that of Isaac Jogues, would be the most acceptable in

both countries of North America.

However, the Martyrs' Shrine for practical reasons, obtained permission to retain the date of Sept. 26 for the celebration of their feast to coincide with the annual closing date of the Shrine's activity.

Oct. 5

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The Decree of Canonization of the HOLY CANADIAN MARTYRS promulgated ex cathedra by the Sovereign Pontiff Pius XI at Saint Peter's in Rome June 29th 1930

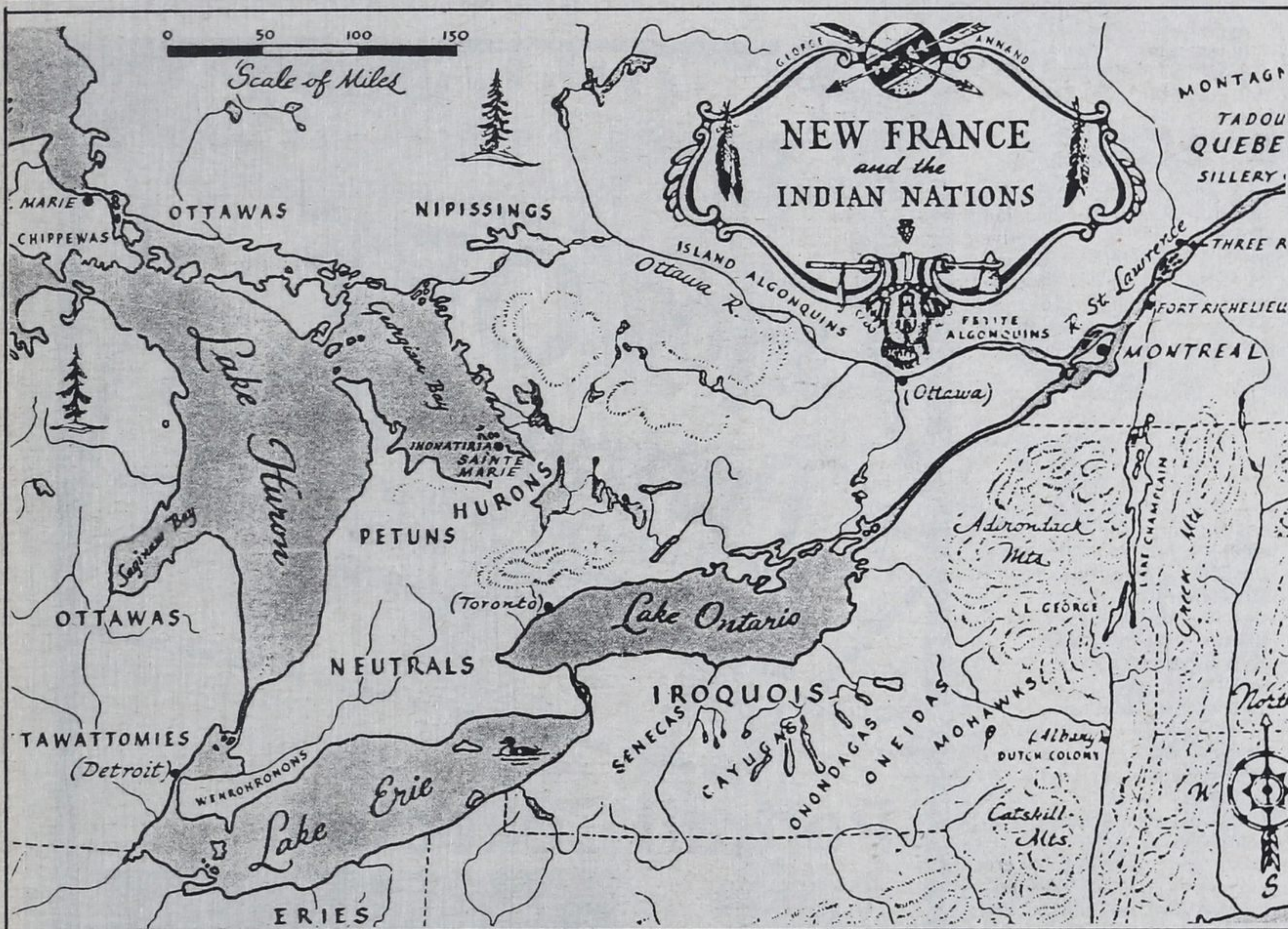
For the honor of the holy and indivisible Trinity, for the exaltation of the Catholic Faith and the increase of the Christian Religion;

by the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and Our Own;

after mature deliberation, frequent prayer for help, and consultation with the Cardinals, the Patriarchs, the Archbishops of the Holy Church who were present in Rome;

We declare and define that the Blessed Martyrs, Jean de Brébeuf, and his companions: Gabriel Lalemant, Antoine Daniel, Charles Garnier, Noel Chabanel, Isaac Jogues, René Goupil, Jean de la Lande, are Saints and we inscribe them in the catalogue of the Saints...

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.



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