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from the **MARTYRS SHRINE** Auriesville, N.Y. 12016

85th ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST PILGRIMAGE — 1884 - 1969
75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPEN CHAPEL — 1894 - 1969



Second Chapel of the Martyrs built 75 years ago in 1894.

The Father of the Shrine — Rev. Joseph Loyzance, S.J. (1820-1897)

"Did Providence bring the Jesuit Fathers to Troy in 1848, and keep them there till now to determine the spot where Rene Goupil and Father Isaac Jogues shed their blood, to buy that spot, to build a shrine, to honor their memory and to send to Rome a *postulatum* for their beatification, and to inaugurate a pilgrimage to that holy place two hundred years after the Mission of the Martyrs had been suppressed? *Digitus Dei est hic*. This is the work of God."

The preceding paragraph was written in 1897 by Rev. Joseph Loyzance, S.J., in an article written for the *PILGRIM* of January, 1897, in which he presented the evidence in favor of Ossernenon as the birthplace of Kateri Tekakwitha. It is quoted here because the author of it, the subject of this brief gesture of appreciation of him, was himself the principal human agent in the accomplishment of all the works of God enumerated. From the time of his appointment as Pastor and Superior at St. Joseph's in Troy in 1860, his

constant interest was the Martyrs and their history in the Mohawk Valley. It was he who was principally instrumental in locating with accuracy the site of the martyrdom of Goupil, Jogues, and Lalande, working in close collaboration with John Gilmary Shea, General John S. Clark, Rev. C. A. Walworth of Albany, Rev. Joseph P. McIncrow of Amsterdam, and Fathers R. S. Dewey and Felix Martin of the Society of Jesus. It was he who in September 1884, in the name of the Fathers of the Society of Jesus, bought the ten acres whereon stood the Mohawk castle of Ossernenon from Victor H. Putman for the sum of \$2,040. It was he who was the principal spirit behind the erection of the small octagonal chapel which still graces the Shrine grounds, the forerunner of the Open Chapel and magnificent Coliseum. It was he who was in the center of all the preparations for the first pilgrimage on August 15, 1884, which began the long line of pilgrims which has followed the path of the Martyrs up the Hill of

THE FATHER OF THE SHRINE (continued)

Torture for eighty-five years to honor their memory. It was he and those closely associated with him in the cult of the Martyrs who sent a postulatam to Pope Leo XIII in Rome to introduce the Cause for the Beatification of the Martyrs. And finally, it was he who first published the PILGRIM, to keep the memory of the Martyrs fresh in the hearts of all the pilgrims and to help make their Shrine an ever-flourishing reality.

Like most Jesuits, Father Loyzance had a variety of assignments in his active apostolate, all of which he fulfilled with characteristic zeal and devotion. His two assignments to St. Joseph's of Troy, however, from 1860 to 1863, and 1876 to 1888, gave him the opportunity to follow very closely in the footsteps of his fellow Jesuits whom he followed here from his native France. After a lapse of more than 200 years he was able to vitalize with his own priestliness the shores of the Mohawk and its surrounding hills which had known the holiness and sacrifice of Jogues, of Goupil and Lalonde, and their successors.

In 1888 Father Loyzance left old St. Joseph's to become first Superior of the Manresa House of Retreats at Keyser Island, Connecticut. Three years later he returned to the classroom at St. Peter's College, Jersey City. In 1895, he became chaplain to the students of Holy Cross College in Worcester, a role he assumed most capably until a few days before his death on February 23, 1897 at the age of seventy-five.

Rightly can we call him the Father of the Shrine at Auriesville. Rightly can he lay claim to a share in the devotion of the pilgrims who pray to his fellow Frenchmen on this site so dear to him.



Three more little lovers of the Lily of the Mohawks.

KATERI IN SONG

Modelling his meter and his title on the famous poem of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, "The Song of Hiawatha," Rev. Robert E. Holland, S.J., published "The Song of Tekakwitha" in 1941. He was inspired to compose this life in rhyme of Kateri while engaged in preparing an English translation of the documents submitted to Rome in favor of the canonization of the Lily of the Mohawks.

Recently another inspiration concerning Kateri was brought to public notice. The Schenectady Gazette of January 31, 1969 carried the story originally written for the United Press International by Charles W. Bell. It told of the desire of Mrs. Virginia Gordoni, a professional opera singer presently appearing in Europe, to write an opera about the Lily of the Mohawks. This is a natural desire, for as Mrs. Gordoni tells, she is one-fourth Mohawk, born in Bridgeport and raised in Milford, Conn. During these childhood years the story of Kateri was frequently told in her home. Whether she ever visited the scene of the birth of Kateri at Ossernenon (Auriesville) is not known at this time.

Needless to say, we are most interested in her endeavor, and look forward to applauding her completed work. When it is ready for production, Mrs. Gordoni has the ambition of appearing herself in the role of Kateri. It will be a delight to hear her sing her "Song of Tekakwitha."



Sign at Auriesville commemorating the identification of the site of Indian Village, Ossernenon, and the memory of the men responsible, including Father Loyzance.

FRIENDS PAST -

The Shrine of the Martyrs has always had a host of friends, numbering among them the faithful pilgrims and members of the hierarchy. Included in a prominent place in the latter class have always been the Bishops of the Diocese of Albany, ever since the days when Bishop Francis McNeirny entrusted the Shrine to the Fathers of the Society of Jesus. Pre-eminent among these Bishops has been the recently deceased Most Reverend William A. Scully. His passing on January 5 of this year was a cause of bereavement to all the diocese of Albany as it was to the Shrine and its staff.

From the time of his arrival in Albany in 1945 as the Coadjutor Bishop to Bishop Edmund F. Gibbons until his death, Bishop Scully always showed in a significant way his devotion to the First Martyrs of America. Not only was this manifested in his personal attachment to them, but also in his generous willingness to officiate at numerous functions and celebrations conducted at the Shrine. His presence, both personally and officially, was a source of inspiration to the Jesuits and to the thousands gathered in this sacred spot.

During the long illness before his death, many a prayer in his behalf was directed to Jogues, Goupil and Lalande. With the assurance of faith and the power of the Martyrs, we feel sure that these prayers have helped gain for him the crown of a good and faithful servant. He has now been joined to the not unfamiliar company of the Saints of God who labored for the Kingdom of God in this same familiar area of God's world. May he rest in peace and may he continue to bring blessings on the Shrine and its pilgrims.



Bishop Scully mingling with the pilgrims at the Shrine.

AND PRESENT



Bishop Broderick at celebration of Martyrs' Feast, 1968. With him are Fr. James Fischer, Provincial, and Fr. Philip Hurley, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, New York City.

Most Rev. Edwin B. Broderick, Eighth Bishop of Albany

The Most Rev. Edwin B. Broderick, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, was appointed the eighth Bishop of Albany by Pope Paul VI on March 20, 1969. The announcement was made by the Most Rev. Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. The new Bishop is to be installed as the head of the diocese at a ceremony in Albany on May 10.

Although Bishop Broderick's entire life as a priest and a Bishop has been spent in his native New York, he is no stranger to the Diocese of Albany. As recently as September 22, 1968, he headed a large group of pilgrims from the New York Metropolitan area who came to the Auriesville Shrine for the celebration of the feast of the North American Martyrs. On this occasion he was the principal concelebrant at the pilgrimage Mass and delivered the homily. Besides this intimate connection with the Shrine and the Martyrs, Regis High School in New York City, conducted by the Jesuits, claims him as one of its distinguished alumni.

Bishop Edward J. Maginn, Administrator of the Diocese during Bishop Scully's illness, has officially welcomed the new Bishop. To this official welcome the Jesuit Fathers and Brothers at the Shrine add their own warm welcome to a dear friend and devoted pilgrim. For God's glory and the salvation of souls may the new Bishop enjoy a fruitful ministry in this area, nurtured by the blood of our martyrs.

DEAR FRIENDS AND PILGRIMS:



By the time this issue of the PILGRIM is in your hands the 1969 season at Martyrs' Shrine will already be underway. Thanks to our tireless maintenance team of Emory Newkirk, Alex Herodzinski, and Owen Smith, our precious woodland sanctuary is again resplendent with fresh greenery and budding flowers. Until leaving for the hospital Father

Schirmann was hard at work on items that would be needed before opening day. The elaborate schedule of events appearing on page five has been worked out by our new assistant director, Father Burns, who it might be added is chiefly responsible for the appearance of this spring issue. Our secretary, Mrs. Edward Carron, and Francis Coessens, Shrine accountant, have managed to cope with the steady stream of mail which has kept flowing in through the winter months from new friends and old. With a staff of this calibre to carry on operations, a shrine director can be confident that the new season will be a bright one in the annals of Auriesville.

I am grateful indeed to the priests and lay people who make things hum here at Martyrs' Shrine, grateful too for the help of my brother Jesuits on the retreat house staff, but I am also grateful to many friends like yourselves who support our efforts not only by financial assistance, but also by prayers and encouragement. No doubt there have been times when you have received something in the mail

from our office only to find yourselves asking: "How can I possibly send them something this time?" Aware of this predicament, I want to reassure all of our readers; I understand full well that sometimes when your resources are most limited, it seems that you are all but deluged by mission appeals, requests from charitable causes, and of course, the needs of your own parish. Please don't feel compelled to contribute each time a letter comes from Auriesville. I want to retain your name on the mailing list in order to keep you posted on Shrine activities. Even though you can't always send an offering, why not fill out each intention slip and return it to us so that you may continue to share in our prayers and masses. Remember that while we are always grateful for your donation, we appreciate even more the spiritual assistance you provide us with your prayers.

It is my sincere hope that you can pay us at least one visit this summer. Those within easy driving distance will no doubt come to see us with greater frequency. I would especially recommend that you join us at the Holy Hours which will be conducted every Thursday evening at 7:30, beginning on June 5. Devotions in honor of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and a pair of meditations will be followed by evening Mass. The congregation will then be invited to the cafeteria for a complimentary cup of coffee and a presentation of color slides or a discussion. Perhaps you know of some older person among your neighbors who no longer has a way of getting to the Shrine. Why not invite that person along, when your family comes to Auriesville? Father Schirmann, Father Burns and I will be waiting to chat with you when you return to our holy hill.

FR. EGAN, S. J.

THE MARTYRS' SHRINE
Auriesville, New York 12016

TAKE
TIME
TO LIVE
WHERE
MARTYRS
DIED



DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE?

We frequently receive requests for the whereabouts of former Directors and staff members of the Shrine. Here are the addresses of some Jesuits most recently attached to it.

Rev. Thomas J. Coffey, S.J.
St. Peter's Rectory
144 Grand Street
Jersey City, N.J. 07302

Rev. Louis A. Devaney, S.J.
Calle 16 No. 9-23, C-201,
Apartado Aereo 11929
Bogota, Colombia

Rev. Raymond R. Goggin, S.J.
St. Ignatius Retreat House
Searington Rd.
Manhasset, N.Y. 11030

Rev. William R. Messner, S.J.
Colegio San Ignacio
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 00927

Rev. James J. Rohan, S.J.
St. Ignatius Parish House
980 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10028

Rev. William J. Schlaerth, S.J.
St. Ignatius Retreat House
Strickler Road
Clarence Center, N.Y. 14032

Rev. James H. Thiry, S.J.
Coler Hospital
Welfare Island
New York, N.Y. 10017

Rev. Joseph F. X. Maxcy, S.J.
Loyola Seminary
Stoney Rd.
Shrub Oak, N.Y. 10588

CONCERNING MASS CARDS

1. Address all Mass requests to:
Rev. Thomas F. Egan, S.J., Shrine Director
Martyrs Shrine
Auriesville, N.Y. 12016
2. Write in lower left hand corner, "Attention Desk M."
3. Write or print your own name, address, city, state and zip code clearly on the ENVELOPE.
4. Enclose your offering for each Mass. (The usual offering is \$2.00, but larger stipends for the upkeep of the Shrine are gratefully received.) Check or Money Order are preferred.

The attached form will serve as a typical Mass request.

Date
Dear Father Director:
Enclosed find my offering for Mass(es) for M. (living) (deceased).
Send Card to:
Name
Address
City
State Zip Code
Before mailing sign card
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ENROLLMENT IN MARTYRS' MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION grants a sharing in a daily Mass offered for all Benefactors of the Shrine. The usual offering is one dollar for an individual, five for a family, living or deceased. A perpetual enrollment remembrance for a deceased person is twenty-five.

SEVEN-DAY VIGIL LIGHTS are lighted in the Coliseum upon request. The usual offering is one dollar.

Remember the Martyrs Shrine in Your Will. (The Legal Title: Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs of Auriesville, N.Y.)

AN APOLOGY AND AN ASSURANCE

The more recent editions of the "PILGRIM" have been prepared by Rev. Anthony G. Schirmann, S.J. This one has not. It reaches you later than usual, but that is not his fault. Toward the end of March Fr. Schirmann suffered a stroke, not very serious, but sufficient to incapacitate him from fulfilling the schedule he had set for himself and for the preparation of the PILGRIM for the printer. Others have therefore tried to fill in for him, in publishing the PILGRIM, and in all the multitudinous details which he habitually attended to here at the Shrine.

Have no fear. According to all the medical prognostications, when the Shrine season opens on May 4, Fr. Schirmann will be at the gate to welcome all pilgrims, as he has been for sixteen years. He may not be able to lead all groups from the gate to the Coliseum, as he has in the past, reciting the Rosary on the very ground where America's first canonized martyr was reciting it, even as he was tomahawked. He may not be able to offer the 11:30 Mass each day in the Coliseum or lead them in the Stations of the Cross, or guide the procession down into the Ravine, or bless them with the relics of the martyrs, but he will certainly be on hand. What he usually did, and what he cannot at present do, others will do in his place. This will be the easiest part of taking over for him. But his devotion to the Martyrs, his great interest in Kateri's beatification, his ability to translate to others the realization of the holiness of these grounds, will be hard to match. As we prepare this edition of the PILGRIM and care for all the other duties of beginning another Shrine season, we thank God, as you do, that he will be there.



Shrine Office at entrance gate is the information and enrollment center with a Jesuit priest in attendance.

Schedule of 1969 Pilgrimages and Events at Martyrs' Shrine

May 4, Sun.	Opening of the Shrine Season
May 11, Sun.	Mother's Day
May 15, Thurs.	Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola —
May 18, Sun.	Departure Ceremony for Jesuit Missionaries
May 25, Sun.	LEGION OF MARY ALBANY
May 30, Fri.	Memorial Day
June 1, Sun.	YOUTH SUNDAY, Trinity Sunday
June 5, Thurs.	Corpus Christi, First of the Weekly Holy Hours
June 6, Fri.	First Friday of June
June 8, Sun.	CATHOLIC CENTRAL UNION, Corpus Christi Procession
June 13, Fri.	Feast of the Sacred Heart
June 29, Sun.	SLOVAK DAY
July 4, Fri.	Independence Day, First Friday of July
July 13, Sun.	MARONITE DAY
July 20, Sun.	LEGION OF MARY BUFFALO
July 27, Sun.	OUR LADY OF VICTORY PILGRIMAGE (Brooklyn)
July 31, Thurs.	Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola — Concelebrated Mass at 8 p.m.
Aug. 1, Fri.	First Friday of August, First of Weekly 7 Dolors Devotions
Aug. 2, Sat.	UTICA PILGRIMAGE for HANDICAPPED
Aug. 3, Sun.	POLISH DAY
Aug. 9-10, Sat. to Sun.	REPARATION SOCIETY All Night Vigil
Aug. 10, Sun.	PILGRIMAGE OF MADONNA DELLA LIBERA
Aug. 15, Fri.	Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady
Aug. 17, Sun.	ITALIAN DAY
Aug. 24, Sun.	BOSTON PILGRIMAGE
Aug. 28, Thurs.	Last of the Weekly Holy Hours
Aug. 31, Sun.	INDIAN SUNDAY (Mohawks sing High Mass)
Sept. 1, Mon.	Labor Day
Sept. 5, Fri.	First Friday of September
Sept. 7, Sun.	ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS PILGRIMAGE
Sept. 12, Fri.	Last of Weekly 7 Dolors Devotions
Sept. 13, Sat.	CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA
Sept. 14, Sun.	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PILGRIMAGE
Sept. 19-21, Fri. to Sun.	ANNUAL BOY SCOUT RETREAT - ENCAMPMENT
Sept. 21, Sun.	PILGRIMAGE OF THE PARISHES OF HARLEM
Sept. 28, Sun.	Celebration of the North American Martyrs' Feast PILGRIMAGE sponsored by JESUIT PARISHES of BUFFALO and NEW YORK
Oct. 3, Fri.	First Friday of October
Oct. 5, Sun.	PILGRIMAGE OF KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN and LADIES' AUXILIARY
Oct. 19, Sun.	Mission Sunday
Oct. 26, Sun.	Closing of Shrine Season Feast of Christ the King

NOTE — The Shrine and all its facilities are open daily to pilgrims from May 4 to October 26. There is still time to arrange for pilgrimages by parish or school organizations.