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A PILGRIM TO THE HOLY LAND

Pilgrimages have been popular from earliest times. They have often been arduous, and always devotional. One of the most famous pilgrims was St. Helen, mother of the first Roman emperor to become a Christian. She made the journey from Constantinople to the Holy Land in 325 A.D. and there promoted the excavations that unearthed the Cross on which Christ had died.

Another famous pilgrim who made the journey to the Holy Land twelve centuries after St. Helen left an account of his experiences which fill us with awe and admiration.

He began his pilgrimage from Barcelona in Spain during January 1523 and traveled alone. "He preferred to go alone" he says, "because he was set on having God only for his refuge." If he took a companion "he would expect succor from him when hungry and a helping hand should he collapse, whereas he wanted to love and rely on God alone."

This pilgrim began his travels without money, deliberately. At the port he persuaded a captain to take him aboard for Italy without payment, and was accepted on condition that he feed himself during the voyage. So the pilgrim begged from door to door in Barcelona for enough to

buy biscuits for the trip, which luckily lasted only five days.

At Gaeta in Italy the ship docked, and the pilgrim joined company with a young man, a mother and daughter, going on foot to Rome. The first evening they came upon a farm house on fire and helped the villagers extinguish the blaze, and so were invited to lodge that night at the farm. The mother and daughter, who was dressed as a boy, were given a separate room. During the night the pilgrim and the young man were awakened by screams from the mother and rescued the woman from soldiers who had broken in to assault her.

The next day the pilgrim continued on alone and reached Rome on Palm Sunday. Eight days later he arrived in Venice, the great port for all ships sailing eastward.

Venice also held adventures for the pilgrim. The ship fare to the Holy Land was 40 ducats and the pilgrim had none. Some Spaniards in Rome had given him eight ducats, but these he had given away as alms to beggars. At Venice the pilgrim begged his food in St. Mark's piazza and slept there on the pavement some nights until a wealthy man took him home to dinner and gave him a bed.

Even more, his patron arranged with the Doge, supreme ruler of Venice, to order free passage for the pilgrim on a ship to the island of Cyprus, the half-way port to Palestine.

Eight pilgrims sailed on the ship which had 32 sailors and 19 cannons. "He took



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nothing with him for sustenance except his trust in God," says the pilgrim. Three Swiss, on the other hand, came aboard well provided with three kegs of wine, a head of cheese, ham, pork, 150 eggs, plates, mattresses, blankets and books.

At Cyprus this party was joined by 13 pilgrims from another ship, and together they reached Jaffa near the Holy Land. On sighting land the pilgrims and crew together sang a *Te Deum* and the *Salve Regina* in thanksgiving for the safe journey. Between storms and pirates every safe arrival was a miracle.

At Jaffa the party mounted donkeys for the 35 miles and four days to Jerusalem, but only after paying extortion to the Turks who ruled the country. Two miles from Jerusalem, says the pilgrim, a Spanish nobleman, "suggested with much feeling that, as they would soon come to a place from which they could see the Holy City, it would be a good thing for them all to put their consciences in order and to proceed in silence", which they did.

"Seeing the city, the Pilgrim's mind was flooded with consolation, which, indeed, was shared by all, as they admitted. It seemed to be a joy exceeding the order of nature, and the Pilgrim experienced it every time he visited the holy places."

He describes the holy places in great detail, the place of Peter's denials, the house of Caiphas "where Our Blessed Lord was scorned", the ruins of a church "where the Virgin Mother, after the death of her Son, abode most devoutly for the space of 14 years unto the day of her Ascension. All these places thus visited, we entered into the place of Mount Sion, where is a right fair church, well vaulted, where at our entry the Friars sang a solemn Mass and one of them made a right holy sermon, and showed right devoutly the holiness of all the blessed places of the Holy Land, and exhorted every man to confession and repentance, and so visit the holy places in cleanness of life with such devotion as Almighty God would give unto them."

The pilgrims spent that night in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, praying and singing, with Mass at dawn. At three that afternoon they followed the traditional Via Dolorosa from station to station, and again spent the night in the Holy Sepulchre. Later there were short journeys to Mt. Olive, to Bethlehem, and to the river Jordan at Jericho "escorted by no less than thirty fierce Turks" to protect them from robbers.

So, after 20 days in the Holy Land the pilgrims returned on donkeys to Jaffa and sailed from there for Cyprus. Here the captain of a large ship refused him free passage, but a small ship took him aboard. The first was wrecked in a storm but the other arrived safely in Venice after ten weeks.



Sepulchre in the Ravine, Martyrs' Shrine.

This pilgrimage took one full year. The pilgrim was St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, who recounted these adventures.

SHRINE STAFFERS THIS YEAR

Fathers Thomas Egan, Timothy O'Dwyer and Robert Fleig are back on Martyrs' Hill welcoming pilgrims once more.

Also returning to assist for part of the season are Fathers James Shanahan, Canisius College, Buffalo; Donald Keefe, St. Louis University; and John Gormley, St. Peter's College, Jersey City. Father John Doolan, missionary from the Caroline Islands, will be here in August.

Finally, Father John Barrett has joined us after living 37 years in India engaged in journalism. We are indebted to him for putting together this issue of the PILGRIM.

DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends and Pilgrims:

Our ninetieth Shrine season is well underway as you will readily see from the chronicle of events just passed. True to our promise we dedicated all our activities of the coming months to the Sacred Heart on Opening Sunday, May 5.

Further focus on devotion to Christ's Sacred Heart will come on Friday, June 21, when on the feast of the Sacred Heart, we shall hold an outdoor candlelight procession at 7:30 and an evening mass at 8 p.m. Not only on the First Fridays, but also at the regular Thursday evening holy hours during June, July and August, we plan to explain the Sacred Heart devotion as a means of achieving the goals of the coming Holy Year — the intensification of our interior life and the promotion of the spirit of reconciliation. As the pilgrims pray here at these evening devotions — and we hope that our nearby friends may be with us often — they might recall that 300 years ago this summer St. Margaret Mary in her Visitation Convent at Paray le Monial was receiving the series of revelations about the Sacred Heart which were later to result in the approval by the Holy See of this means of deepening personal love for Christ Our Lord.

Also included in the ceremonies for Opening Sunday was the conferring of the Sacrament of the Sick in the Coliseum for the first time. We hope to make use of this newly approved rite on regular occasions this season for the benefit of many of our feeble and elderly friends.

A few months ago the Jesuits in our community here were not only surprised but gratified to learn that our American Catholic bishops in the pastoral letter on the Blessed Mother had accorded great prominence to Auriesville. In tracing the history of devotion to the Blessed Virgin in our land they pointed out how St. Isaac Jogues first brought veneration of Mary to the Indians of the Northeast during his stay among the Mohawks at Auriesville, where "the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs now stands." Mention was also made of Father Jogues' fellow Jesuit missionary of the next generation, Father Jacques Marquette, (described elsewhere in these pages), who first referred to the Mississippi as the "River of the Immaculate Conception."

Here on Martyrs' Hill we feel secure in interpreting this letter from our bishops as a strong recommendation of Auriesville as a place both to prepare for the Holy Year and to deepen awareness of the rich Catholic traditions of our country.

Devotedly in Christ, Mary and Martyrs,

*Rev. Thomas F. Egan, S.J.
Director, Martyrs Shrine*



Pentecost brought to the Shrine over 500 members of the Legion of Mary from communities throughout the Albany Diocese for their annual day of pilgrimage. Bishop Edward Maginn came to preside at the mass and encourage the Legionnaires just as he has done for many years, while their newly appointed spiritual director, Father Lawrence Pritchard used the homily at the mass to proclaim the month of prayer and fasting to which the members have agreed to catch the intimations of the Holy Spirit for their future apostolic work. Their fervor brought a solemnity to the holy hill reminiscent of the Shrine's early days.

Finally on June 9 just before this issue went to press Father Francis D'Alessandro, O.F.M. of Immaculate Conception Seminary in Troy brought an equally devout assembly of pilgrims from the Third Order Franciscans.



guests' mouths, Marquette and Joliet left this village of 300 huts and continued down the river.

Near present day Alton they discovered two mammoth monsters painted high up on the rocky cliff which Marquette claims no painter in France could have equalled. Further down they came upon the Missouri River which they called the Muddy River, and also the Wabash and Ohio rivers which were already named the St. Jerome.

From the peaceful Chaouanans the explorers learned to defeat noxious mosquitoes by sleeping on a log platform with a smudge fire beneath. They also learned that the Great Sea was only ten days journey to the south.

The next part of the trip brought them into hostile country and an attacking war party. The journey might have ended suddenly had not older chiefs accepted Marquette's calumet. Instead of death they were feasted on dog meat and assured that the Great Sea was a few days distant.

That information confirmed that the Mississippi did indeed lead to the Gulf of Mexico and not to California and the Pacific as they had hoped.

Since they were now nearing dangerous Spanish territory Marquette and Joliet prudently turned back on July 17th and arrived at present day Chicago via the Illinois River, to end their five-month travels.

Marquette died two years later near modern Ludington, Michigan, and his relics are kept at Marquette University, Milwaukee. Joliet, after other adventures, died at 55 in Quebec after the English invasion, in dire poverty. Both men achieved their goals, one for the glory of France, the other for the glory of God.

SHRINE PILGRIMAGES

In spite of rain and low temperature young people representing 40 Catholic schools in the Albany diocese made a six-mile Prayer Walk from Amsterdam to the Shrine on Sunday, May 12.

The project was organized by Robert Froelich, director of the House of Loreto Marian Center, Albany, and was endorsed by Bishop Edwin Broderick of that city. Marchers came from Albany, Schenectady, Glens Falls, Saratoga, Gloversville and Amsterdam.

The Walk demonstrated that youth has confidence in the Mother of God to restore peace and improve the moral climate of America, said Mr. Froelich.

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On Sunday, May 19, fourteen buses of pilgrims came from Syracuse, Oswego and Utica with exceptional children. This party of 500, including children, parents and teachers, was organized by Sister Madalene Pallotta, C.S.J., consultant in special education for the mentally retarded in the Syracuse diocese.

A special liturgy for the children was celebrated in the Coliseum by Monsignor Norbert Henry of Syracuse, and the Sacrament of the Sick was conferred by Fathers Egan and Shanahan.

After a visit to the Ravine where St. Rene Goupil was buried, lunch was served to the children in the cafeteria.

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Flags and a military band led the march of war veterans to the Coliseum on Sunday, May 26, for an ecumenical memorial service.

Rabbi Samuel Bloom of Amsterdam made the invocation in the Shrine service and Father Egan gave the benediction. Lutheran Pastor Donald Marxhausen of Amsterdam eulogized the sacrifices made by the war dead and the living veterans.

Veterans honored the memory of Gold Star Mother Mrs. Catherine Helwig who died earlier this month at Gloversville. She was the mother of Cpl. Gregory Harris, missing in Vietnam since 1966. Last year Mrs. Helwig had marched from Buffalo to Washington to induce the United Nations general secretary and President Nixon to demand information on 1,300 American soldiers missing in Vietnam.

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FIRST ON THE MISSISSIPPI

Heroes inspire heroism in others. St. Isaac Jogues was dead nineteen years and his story well known in France when Jacques Marquette, 29 years old and a Jesuit, arrived in Canada to continue the conversion of the Indians. In a brief missionary career of nine years he attained fame as discoverer of the Mississippi River.

Father Marquette was posted at a mission on Lake Superior when Frontenac, governor at Quebec, commissioned Louis Joliet to explore the "Great River" presumed to flow through California as a short route to China. Joliet was then 28, had been born in Quebec, educated by the Jesuits, and had been a seminarian.

Marquette was as keen to carry the Faith to the unknown tribes in the south as Joliet was to explore the river, and both set off with five Frenchmen and two canoes on May 15, 1673. "The joy we felt at being selected for this expedition animated our courage and made the labor of paddling from morn til night agreeable to us," reported Marquette.

From information gathered from Indians who had seen the Great River, the explorers made a map on which Marquette named the river Conception, known to us today as the Mississippi. Informants warned them not to make the journey because of hostile Indians who "break heads, that the river is very dangerous, full of

horrible monsters that devour men and canoes, even a demon who bars the way of travelers, and the terrible heat would cause our deaths."

Marquette replied that he thanked them for the advice but could not follow it "because the salvation of souls was at stake, for which I would give my life."

The party came down the Fox River to the Fire Nation, or Ottawa Indians, where they found a large cross set up in the center of the village. With two Miami Indians as guides they continued 120 miles and "arrived at the mouth of our river with a joy I cannot express," says Marquette.

This was the territory of the Illinois, a peaceful tribe, whose naked chief welcomed them: "How beautiful the sun when you come to visit us." Here they found turkeys and bison for the first time, and were initiated into the mysteries of the calumet or peace pipe which opened doors on further journeys.

Marquette gave the chief four presents and explained with each his first visit as a missionary to the tribes living along the Great River to make God known to them, news that the French had subdued the Iroquois, their enemy, and to get information about the Great River. The chief, in turn, gave them his small son as a present. After a great feast at which the hosts put food into the

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Dear Friends and Pilgrims:

Here are the pilgrimages and prayerful events we have scheduled for the 1974 season at Martyrs Shrine:

May 4-5		Opening Weekend at Auriesville
May 12	SUN	Mother's Day DIOCESAN YOUTH PRAYER WALK
May 18	SAT	GIRL SCOUT DAY OF RETREAT
May 19	SUN	EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN DAY
May 23	THURS	Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
May 26	SUN	ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL SERVICE: Veterans Living and Deceased
May 27	MON	Memorial Day
June 2	SUN	LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE
June 6	THURS	First of weekly Thursday Holy Hours
June 9	SUN	THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS
June 16	SUN	Feast of Corpus Christi
June 21	FRI	Feast of Sacred Heart - Candlelight Procession 7:30 p.m. Mass 8 p.m.
June 30	SUN	SLOVAK DAY
July 21	SUN	UKRAINIAN DAY
July 28	SUN	FILIPINO DAY
Aug. 2	FRI	First of weekly Seven Sorrows Devotions
Aug. 3	SAT	Shut-ins & Handicapped of Utica
Aug. 4	SUN	POLISH DAY
Aug. 11	SUN	LITHUANIAN DAY MADONNA DELLA LIBERA DAY

Aug. 6-14 Martyrs' Novena in Preparation for the Assumption

Aug. 10-11 NIGHT OF PRAYER: Reparation Societies, Blue Army, Vigilantes, Nocturnal Adoration Societies - Vigil in Coliseum from 8:30 p.m. Sat. to 6:30 a.m. Sun.

(National Statue of the Pilgrim Virgin, in Albany Diocese throughout August, will be at Auriesville on August 10 and 11.)

Aug. 15 WED Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

Aug. 18 SUN ITALIAN DAY

Aug. 26 SUN BOSTON DAY

Aug. 31-Sept. 1 KATERI WEEKEND: Mohawk Pilgrimage: Pageant Sat. 8:30 p.m., Caughnawaga Choir Sun. 12:30 p.m.

Sept. 8 SUN ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Sept. 15 SUN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DAY

Sept. 20-22 Annual Boy Scout Retreat Encampment

Sept. 22 SUN JESUIT PARISHES: N.Y. & BUFFALO

Sept. 29 SUN PARISHES OF HARLEM

Oct. 6 SUN KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF ST. JOHN

Oct. 7 MON Columbus Day - School Groups

Oct. 19 THURS Feast of St. Isaac Jogues & Companions

Oct. 20 SUN Mission Sunday

Oct. 27 SUN Closing Day of 1974 Season

Mary-Eunice will present dramatic characterizations August 10 and 31.

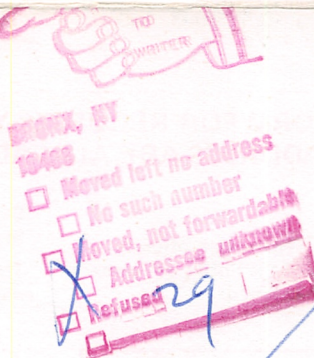
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