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Auriesville, N.Y. 12016

AURIESVILLE PREPARES FOR HOLY YEAR

Almost a year ago on May 9 His Holiness Pope Paul VI at one of His weekly General Audiences in Rome officially designated 1975 as a Holy Year and called upon the faithful to make use of the ensuing 18 months to prepare for their own intelligent and fruitful participation in the observance.

The announcement by the Holy Father has provided the Martyrs' Shrine no less than the other national and regional shrines throughout the world with a clear-cut spiritual program for 1974. Interior renewal and reconciliation are the two objectives recommended by Pope Paul. What better way then could the Fathers on the Shrine staff serve the pilgrims who come to Auriesville to walk where martyrs died than by telling them the meaning of the Holy Year and by assisting them to begin their renewal and consider how they can personally contribute to the work of reconciliation?

The 1975 Holy Year will be the 25th in a long line of regularly scheduled observances begun by Pope Boniface VIII when he proclaimed 1300 as the first Holy Year. It will actually be the fifth Holy Year of this century, since in addition to the observances of 1900, 1925, and 1950 at the prescribed intervals Pope Pius XI called for an extraordinary Holy Year in 1933 to commemorate the 1900th anniversary of the Redemption.

Jesuits the world over find special significance in the 1975 Holy Year because during the Holy Year of 1675 the Holy See gave approval of the devotion to the Sacred Heart. Members of the Society of Jesus have played a vital role in propagating this devotion ever since Blessed Claude de la Colombiere served as spiritual director to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

The Jesuits of Auriesville, moreover, find still another link with the Holy Year of three centuries ago, for it was in 1675 that the missionaries of their order who ministered to the first generation of Mohawk Catholics brought a replica of the statue of Our Lady of Foye from the shrine near Dinant, Belgium to the chapel of St. Peter at Caughnawaga near present-day Fonda. It was the first statue of the Blessed Mother to be publicly venerated within the confines of New York State. In the *Jesuit Relations* for that year Father Jacques Bruyas wrote that the presence of the statue "reenkindled the piety of the older Christians and increased the number of new ones day by day." Among those received for baptism the following year was Venerable Kateri Tekakwitha.

Conscious of these links with history, the Shrine staff will begin the 1974 season by consecrating to the Sacred Heart their efforts to promote the Holy Year and by asking the patronage of Our Lady of Foye for all the pilgrims who visit them.



This replica of the centuries-old statue of Our Lady of Foye in Belgium was a gift to the Martyrs' Shrine in 1948 by the late Father Thomas Grassman, O.F.M. Conv., for over three decades the director of the Kateri Shrine near Fonda.

EASTER NOVENA OF MASSES AT MARTYRS SHRINE
INTENTION SLIP WITHIN IS FOR YOUR USE

EARLY JESUITS IN MICRONESIA

By Rev. Richard J. Roszel, S.J.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Father Roszel was born and raised in Flushing, Long Island. He first met the Jesuits at Xavier High School in New York City. After graduation in 1940 he entered the former Jesuit novitiate of St. Andrew-on-Hudson, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Following ordination in 1953 and special studies in Spain, he began 18 years as a missionary in the Caroline Islands where today 50 American Jesuits are at work in schools and parishes. Many pilgrims met Father Roszel at Auriesville last summer when he served on the Shrine staff.*

In the vast expanse of water between the Philippines and Hawaii lie the many islands of Micronesia with a total land mass no greater than half the size of the state of Rhode Island, yet spread over a global area slightly larger than that of the original 48 states. The region is aptly named, for Micronesia literally means "little islands."

These islands of the Pacific should be of interest to the pilgrims who come to Auriesville not only because Jesuits from the same New York Province that staffs the Martyrs Shrine work in parishes and schools there, but also because the first missionaries arrived in Micronesia less than a generation after the martyrdoms at Auriesville. Like Father Jogues and his companions, they were Jesuit missionaries. Their labors moreover were also crowned with martyrdom. They will doubtless never be acclaimed as canonized saints, so little is known of them, yet they were a part of the same gigantic missionary effort of the Church which produced the martyrs of the Mohawk, and the hardships they endured were no less severe.

The Spanish Jesuit Diego Luis de San Vitores paid a short visit to Guam in 1662 en route to his new mission assignment in the Philippines and was so impressed with the opportunities for evangelization there that he secured approval six years later to return with eight other Jesuits to begin a mission there. It was actually this missionary who named the islands around Guam as the Marianas in honor of Queen Maria Anna, wife of Philip IV of Spain.

There was hardly a day on which these remarkable pioneers did not find themselves in danger of floundering in a furious sea, and even to this day tropical storms have been a hazard to the missionaries. As recently as 1958 a modern Spanish Jesuit Father Fernandez, who stayed on at Ponape after the Jesuits of his province had transferred the mission to the New York Jesuits, was drowned when caught just off the reef in his small motor boat during a sudden squall.



The author stands in the cemetery of the Catholic Mission on Koror in the Palauan group where he served as pastor and Jesuit superior. The tombstones are symbolic of the missionaries and native laity who sacrificed their lives to establish the Church in the Pacific Islands.

There were far greater dangers in store for these Jesuit trailblazers of the Pacific. While at first warmly received, they soon faced organized opposition led by one of their own new Christians turned apostate. In 1672 Father de San Vitores met death on Saipan when only 44. Like Father Jogues he was martyred just four years after he had come to the people for whom he would give his life. His life was just five years longer than that of St. Isaac. In a general uprising of the inhabitants three more missionaries were put to death in 1675. While this did not dissuade other Jesuits from taking up the work, another bloodbath ten years later would claim six more Jesuit lives.

To the southwest of the Marianas lies the archipelago of the Carolines. Several tragic attempts to begin a second mission area there ended in shipwreck before two French Jesuits succeeded in going ashore on an atoll of the Palauan group in 1710. During the night the ship which had brought Fathers Jacques Du Beron and Joseph Cortyl to the Carolines was swept back to sea by a storm, leaving the two Jesuits stranded. Brother Stephen Baudin, who had been left aboard ship, wrote to his superior upon arriving back in the Philippines of the plight of the two priests. The following year he set out with the superior and another Jesuit from Guam on a rescue expedition only to perish with them in a shipwreck. A full decade would pass before scant details would be pieced together indicating that Fathers Du Beron and Cortyl had been disposed of by cannibals. As

a result of the entire episode the Palauan Islands are sometimes called even to this day “Las Islas Encantadas” – “The Enclanted Islands.” (Author’s note: Many times I sailed from Koror to Sonsorol, the island where the French priests were stranded, to offer mass and bring the sacraments to the people who now live there. It was very much like treading the sacred soil of Auriesville, walking where the blood of martyrs had brought about a harvest of Christians.)

Back in the Marianas two natives from the south were driven off course and landed in Guam in 1722. Father Antonio Cantova cared for them, managed to learn their language and instructed them in the faith. From the information they supplied he was able to draw what proved later to be a surprisingly accurate map of the islands around Ulithi. In 1731 this missionary set out for Ulithi in a small ship with Father Victor Walter for companion. A letter by Father Walter shortly after their landing has been preserved and can be considered the first letter written by a European from the Caroline Islands. After a promising beginning, the attitude of the natives began to change when reports filtered down from Guam of Spanish cruelty. Father Walter was sent back to the Marianas for provisions, but upon his return to Ulithi a year later he found that Fr. Cantova had been murdered. Two more Jesuits were killed before the mission became firmly established. Interestingly enough, the name of the present pastor of Ulithi is a New York Province Jesuit, a native of Buffalo, by the name of Father William Walter.

The Church in the Marianas and the Carolines suffered a severe blow when by order of Charles III of Spain the Society of Jesus was banned from all Spanish dominions. In 1769 the governor of the Philippines sent a ship to Guam to deport the Jesuits working throughout the islands. Though the Augustinian Fathers were dispatched as replacements, that order was allowed to supply only a few missionaries. By 1802 there were only four friars in the entire mission. Their efforts were necessarily limited to the islands near Guam and all mission activity in Carolines ceased.

In 1838 there was a brief attempt by two French priests of the Sacred Heart Fathers to evangelize the island of Ponape, but it was not until 1886 that a true restoration began. By direction of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome the mission area of the Carolines and the Marianas was entrusted to the Spanish Capuchins. Old mission stations were reestablished and new missions multiplied under the direction of these zealous priests. In 1898, however, when with the exception of Guam which went to the United States, Spain ceded the islands to Germany, the Rhein-Westphalian Province took over the Mariana and Caroline missions from their Spanish brethren.

Unfortunately for the development of the Church and for the political life of the people as well, there were yet more changes to be made. During the first World War Japan took over all the islands formerly ruled by Germany and insisted that all German missionaries de-

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SEND IN YOUR INTENTIONS TO BE REMEMBERED IN THE OCTAVE OF MASSES DURING EASTER WEEK AT AURIESVILLE

Dear Father,

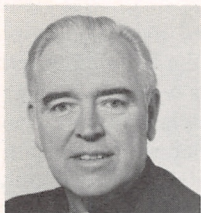
Please place this list of my intentions beside the tabernacle in the Retreat House Chapel in order that they may be included in the Shrine’s Easter Masses:

Your name and address can already be found on the underside of this intention slip. Please correct any misspelling or inaccurate address. Then cut out and mail to:

REV. FR. DIRECTOR, MARTYRS SHRINE, AURIESVILLE, N.Y. 12016



**THE JOYS OF EASTER
TO ALL OUR PILGRIMS**



DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends and Pilgrims,

There is still snow in the Mohawk Valley, and as we send out another PILGRIM we still have to work our way through Lent, an excellent occasion by the way to begin the renewal recommended by the Holy Father as preparation for the Holy Year. My thoughts have already begun to race ahead two months to those first days in

May when the pilgrims will again start visiting us.

Two events have been planned for the early 1974 season which merit being called to your attention. They were planned independently by zealous friends of the Shrine and should help us all in our efforts to acquire the proper dispositions for the Holy Year.

On Mother's Day there will be a walking pilgrimage by the youth of the Albany Diocese. Robert Froehlich, director of the House of Loreto Marian Center already has the blessing of Bishop Broderick on his plans to lead hundreds of young people from the schools and parishes of the diocese to Auriesville on May 11. Starting at 10:30 a.m. near Mt. Carmel Church in Amsterdam, close by Exit 27 of the Thruway, they will literally pray their way the six miles along Route 5-S to the Shrine and there participate in a 12:30 pilgrimage mass.

The following Sunday, May 19, will bring us an equally impressive group of young people. Sister Madalene Pallotta, C.S.J. of the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Syracuse, is consultant for 14 centers in Central New York where children needing special assistance are guided and instructed. She will gather these groups of exceptional children

— "the special people of God" as she calls them — for a day of their own pilgrimage exercises on Martyrs' Hill. Our regular pilgrims are of course welcome, particularly so if they have a child of their own with special requirements.

Sister Madalene's project is very much in the tradition of Walter and Henrietta Heenan, who for the past 14 years on the first Saturday of August have brought carloads of the handicapped of Utica for a day at the Shrine. Inspired by their efforts, Lucille Christy now does the same for the Syracuse handicapped and Arlene Roth brings a group from the Rome State School. Hopefully there will be other generous souls with time to spare who will find a way to bring the shut-ins and the handicapped of their communities to Auriesville, for of all the people in God's family these are the ones who can best appreciate the struggles and sufferings of the martyrs.

With the conflicting predictions about the length of the gasoline shortage, it is hard to say what our "high season" will be like. If long trips are discouraged, you might consider two possibilities. Why not come by train or bus (AMTRAK to Amsterdam, Greyhound or Trailways to Fultonville) and then stay over at Jogues Manor on the grounds? The organizers among you may be able to round up enough for a charter bus so that an entire parish group may spend a day praying together on our holy hill. Your parish priest, if he comes with you, can structure the day as he judges best.

No matter what means you use to get here, we shall be looking forward to your arrival so that we may help you this summer prepare for the coming Year of Grace.

Devotedly in the Risen Savior,

Thomas F. Egan

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Director, Martyrs Shrine

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**PREPARE
FOR THE
HOLY YEAR
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Plan now for your trip to Auriesville by bus in 1974!

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Remember the Martyrs Shrine in your will.

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One of the future citizens of Ulithi shares his pet with Father William J. Walter, S.J. of Buffalo, the pastor of the Catholic church on that island. By coincidence one of the first two priests to bring the message of Christ in 1731 to Ulithi was a Spanish Jesuit named Father Walter.

OSSERNENON – THE LAND OF CROSSES

QUIET – PEACE – and PROFOUND SILENCE
 permeated the very air we breathed
 and the ground on which we stood
 words could not be spoken
 because they were held fast
 by a communion unknown
 except to those present.

As we walked in meditation through the Ravine
 as had Rene and John
 encouraged as they were by Isaac to
 win souls for Christ from among their
 Mohawk fellowmen
 my thoughts and prayers were of
 their brother Jesuits
 who have helped me to
 walk with courage – without fear
 but only with LOVE
 in Ossernenon – the Land of Crosses – our way to
 God!

Sister Mary Mark, C.S.J. of the staff of St. Mary's Hospital, Amsterdam, penned this free verse in 1964 and gives us permission to reprint it for our readers.

MICRONESIA continued

part. The Spanish Jesuits were then brought back to the Carolines and Marianas for the first time since the suppression. They also assumed the responsibility for the missions in the Marshall Islands to the east, for the Sacred Heart Fathers who had labored there since 1891 had also been expelled. However, the return of the Spaniards was not to be a permanent one. Six of the Spanish Jesuits met death at the hands of the Japanese, during World War II, and when peace was restored the New York Jesuits were put in charge of the missions in both the Caroline and Marshalls, while the Mariana missions went to the Eastern Province of the American Capuchins.

For nearly three decades now Micronesia has enjoyed a long-sought-for era of peace, very much a necessity for the development of its peoples and the growth of the Church. In addition to Jesuits and Capuchins there are Maryknoll and Mercedarians Sisters there and both groups number native sisters in their communities. The Diocese of Agana, which includes Guam and the Marianas, is now headed by a native son, Bishop Felixberto Flores, while the Vicariate of the Carolines and the Marshalls still has an American, the Jesuit Bishop Martin J. Neylon, as its Ordinary. His predecessor, the Most Rev. Vincent I. Kennally, S.J., may have retired as bishop, but he is still very active as a missionary. Two members of the clergy in the Vicariate are native vocations, Father Paulino Canterro of Ponape and Father Felix Yauch of the Island of Yap. American missionaries now stationed on the widely separated atolls are only too aware that their work was made possible by the hardships, sufferings and martyrdoms of their predecessors over the past three centuries.

In your prayers remember our two Shrine secretaries, Mrs. Ferne Carron and Miss Eloise Etzkorn, both of whom have had to undergo operations this winter.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

Last year marked the 300th anniversary of the discovery of the Mississippi by Father Jacques Marquette and his companion Louis Joliet as well as the 100th anniversary of the death of Father Peter DeSmet. Next quarter in these columns we plan to write of these Jesuit missionaries to the American Indians and tell of their links with our Auriesville martyrs and the Mohawk people whom they served.

FATHER JOGUES' FAMILY

The father of St. Isaac Jogues, Laurent, was born in 1568, the oldest of the five children of Pierre Jogues and Claudine Javary. In the year of his birth his father was named as deputy from Orleans to the States General in Tours. In 1595 Laurent married Marthe Seurat who bore him two daughters, Marthe and Marie, but did not survive the birth of her second child. The first daughter married Arnaud Houdebine and is mentioned as having taken great consolation in preparing a mass kit for Father Jogues to take to the missions.

In 1602 Laurent Jogues took as his second wife, Francoise de Saint Mesmim, daughter of Francois de Saint Mesmim, Sieur de la Bressiere, and Michelle de Comte. The seven children born from this union were: Francois (1604), Jacques (1605), Isaac, our saint, (1607), Francoise, the only daughter, (1608), Philippe (1609), Laurent (1612), and Samuel (1614). The youngest son became a Capuchin and was the recipient of several letters from his brother Isaac during his first years in the missions. He lived on almost into the next century.

Francoise, Father Isaac's younger sister, married Nicholas d'Herves and their descendants have been found in the Loire Valley to this day. One of these, Father Jacques Amelot, was the pastor of St. Jean de la Ruelle in the diocese of Orleans late in the last century. Our Shrine archives possess a letter which he wrote to Father John J. Wynne, S.J. in 1893 concerning the recently inaugurated process for the beatification of Father Jogues and his companions.

The descendants of Philippe, next younger son after the saint, have been traced with greater detail than any other members of the family. Philippe and his wife, Elisabeth Caillard, who married in 1635, had at least two children, Pierre and Francoise, both of whom began lines of descendants who can be traced to the present. A great, great grandson of Francoise, Paulin Coste de Bagneaux (1798-1877) produced two descendants who became Jesuits. Father Robert Coste de Bagneaux, S.J., a grandson, and Father Remi de Beaucorps, S.J., a great grandson, were both present in Rome for the canonization of St. Isaac, brother of their distant ancestor, as was another great grandson, Monsignor Maxime de Beauregard, of the diocese of Orleans.

A nephew of Father de Bagneaux, Jacques Coste de Bagneaux, born in 1903, had five children, one of whom is now a diocesan priest in France, Father Michel de Bagneaux. Louise, his only sister, came to the United States as a nurse ten years ago and now lives with her American husband in El Paso, Texas. It was the mother of Louise and Father Michel, Jacques' widow, the former Suzanne Gautier de Charnace, who last year became the first member of the Jogues clan to visit Auriesville where their distinguished relative was martyred. After the death of her husband she entered the religious life and now resides in Vue, Departement de Loire Atlantique.

PARTIAL LIST OF PILGRIMAGES & SPECIAL EVENTS

MARTYRS' SHRINE 1974

May 4-5		Opening Weekend at Auriesville
May 12	SUN	Mother's Day DIOCESAN YOUTH PRAYER WALK (Sponsored by House of Loreto Marian Center of Albany)
May 18	SAT	GIRL SCOUT DAY OF RETREAT
May 19	SUN	EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN DAY (Sponsored by Dept. of Special Education, Diocese of Syracuse)
May 23	THURS	Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
May 26	SUN	ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL SERVICE: Armed Forces Past and Present, Living and Deceased
June 2	SUN	LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE
June 9	SUN	THIRD ORDER OF ST. FRANCIS
June 30	SUN	SLOVAK DAY
Aug. 4	SUN	POLISH DAY
Aug. 11	SUN	LITHUANIAN DAY MADONNA DELLA LIBERA DAY
Aug. 6-14		Novena in honor of Our Lady of Martyrs and the North American Martyrs
Aug. 10-11		NIGHT OF PRAYER: Reparation Societies, Blue Army, Vigilantes, Nocturnal Adoration, Block Rosary - 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 - Pageant Sat. 8:30 p.m., MOHAWK PILGRIMAGE MASS 12:30 p.m. Caughnawaga Choir
Sept. 15	SUN	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DAY
Sept. 22	SUN	JESUIT PARISHES: N.Y. & BUFFALO
Oct. 6	SUN	KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF ST. JOHN
Oct. 27	SUN	Closing Day of 1974 Season

The list is by no means complete. We encourage all our regular pilgrims to think of organizing a group from their parish or church society.

Date _____

Dear Father Director:

Enclosed find my offering for enrollment of

_____ (living) (deceased)

in the Martyrs Memorial Association for this year.

Send card to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State & Zip _____

Before mailing sign card _____
