

# St. Francis Xavier Mission

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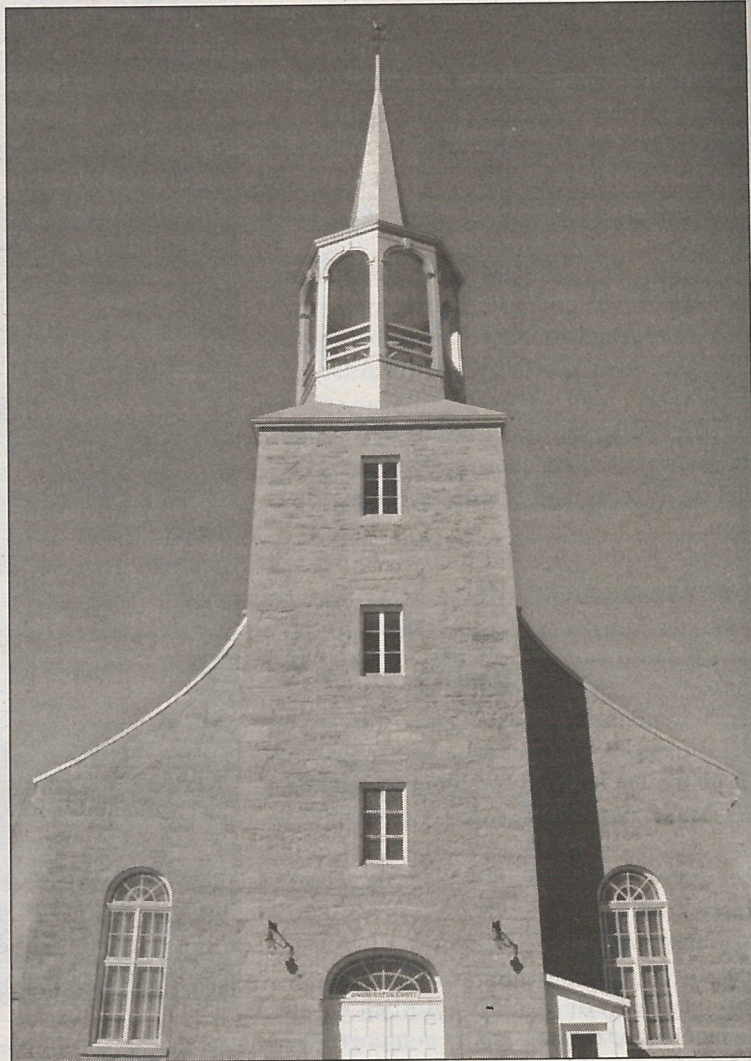
The St. Francis Xavier Mission was first established along the St. Lawrence River at what is now La Prarie in 1667, when the Mohawk people inhabited the area.

The Mohawk people moved around the area four times in 50 years before settling in Kahnawake's current location in 1716.

The original church was erected that same year and stood for over 100 years. Unfortunately, the church was too small for the population and was quickly falling apart.

In 1831, a new sacristy, as well as a new tower and steeple, were erected along the south side of the church.

Four years later, the church was torn down and a newer, bigger church was constructed in its place. The new church was designed by the Mission Pastor, Father Joseph Marcoux, with the assistance of Father Felix Martin. ■



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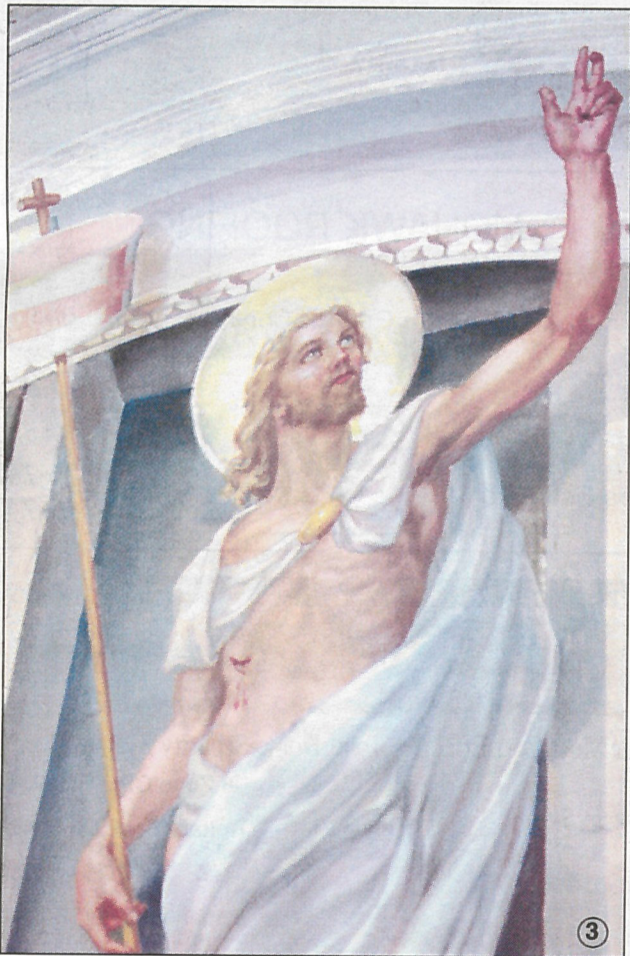
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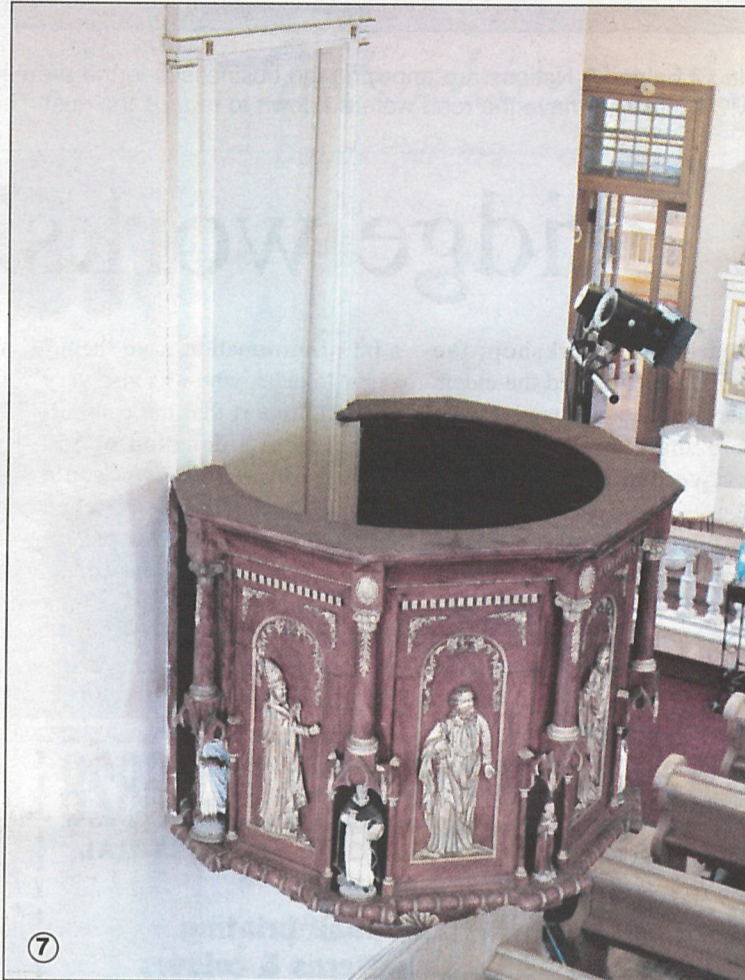
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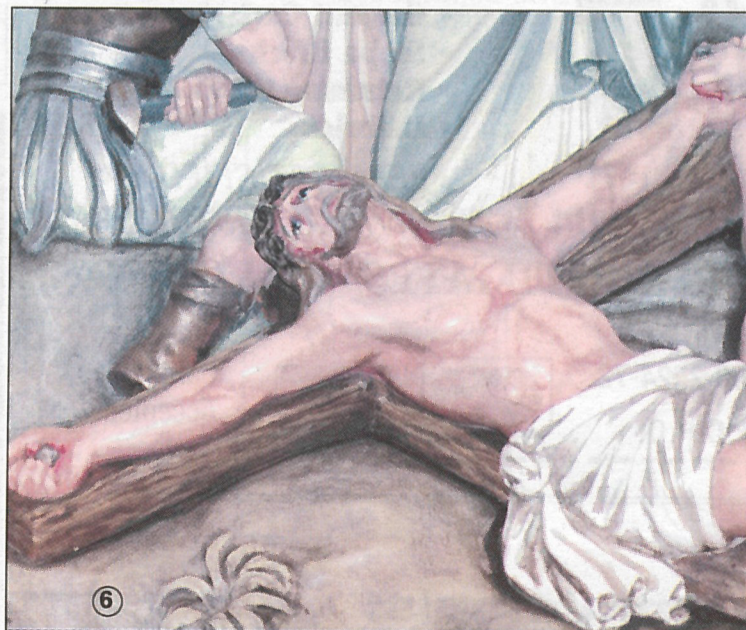
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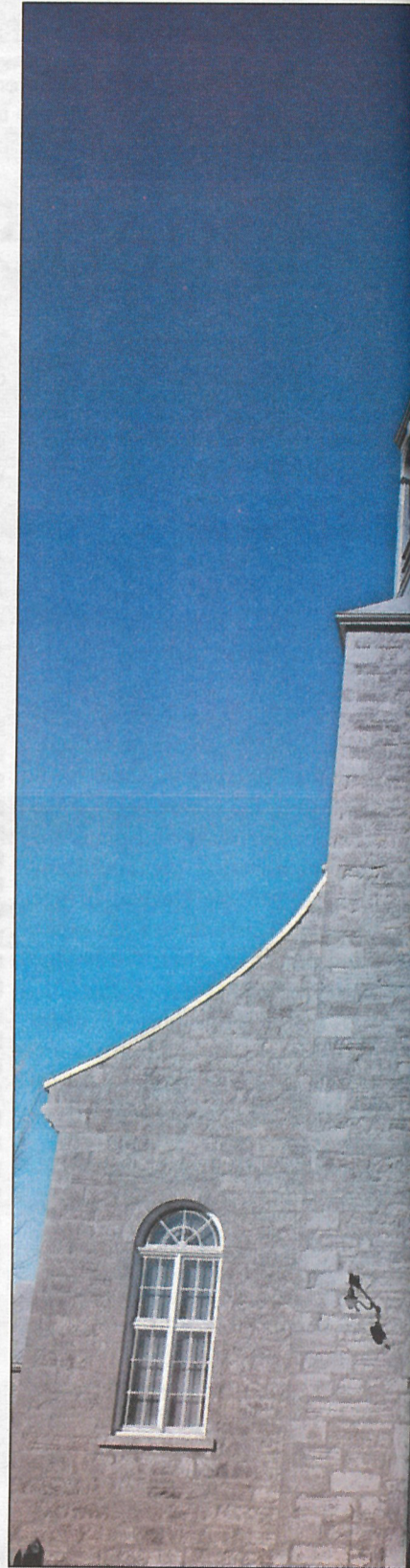
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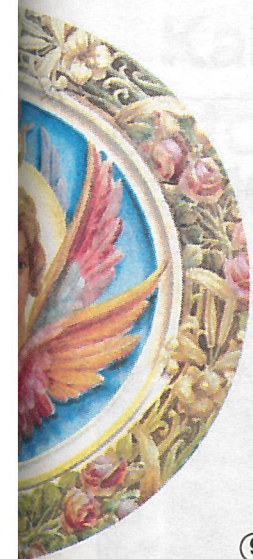


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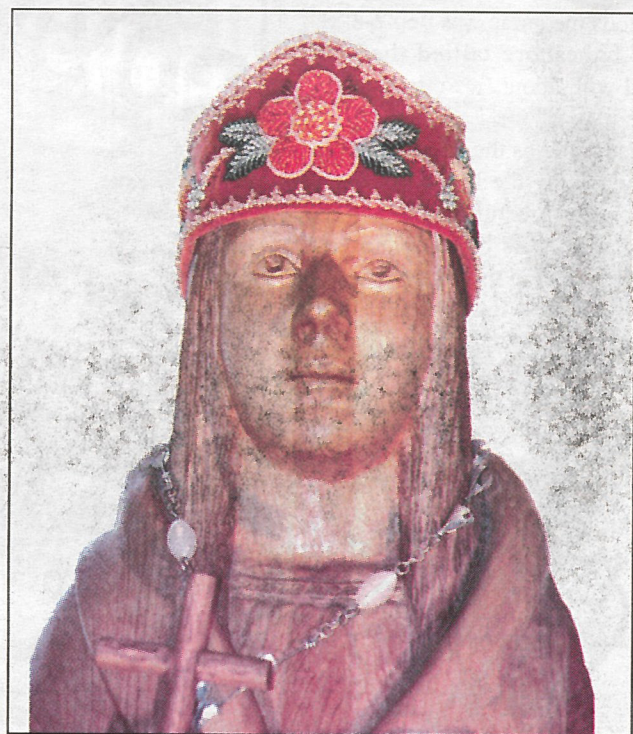
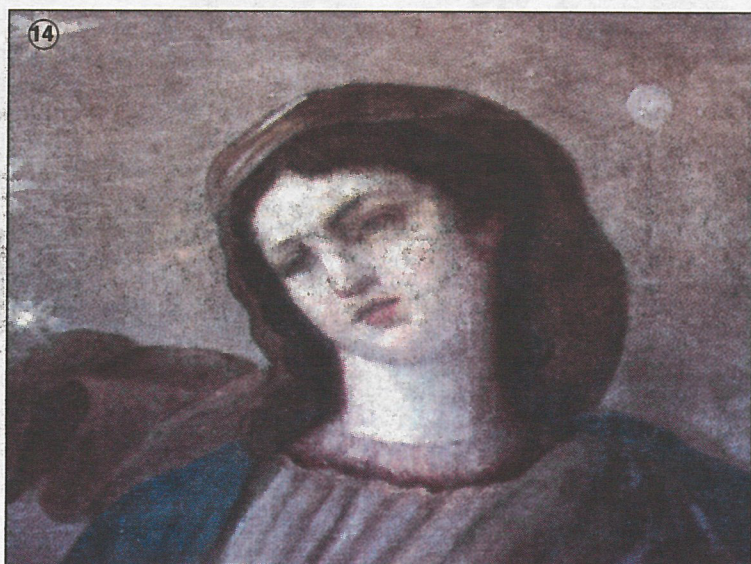
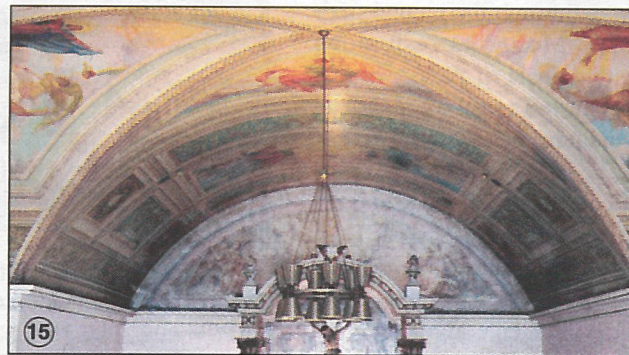
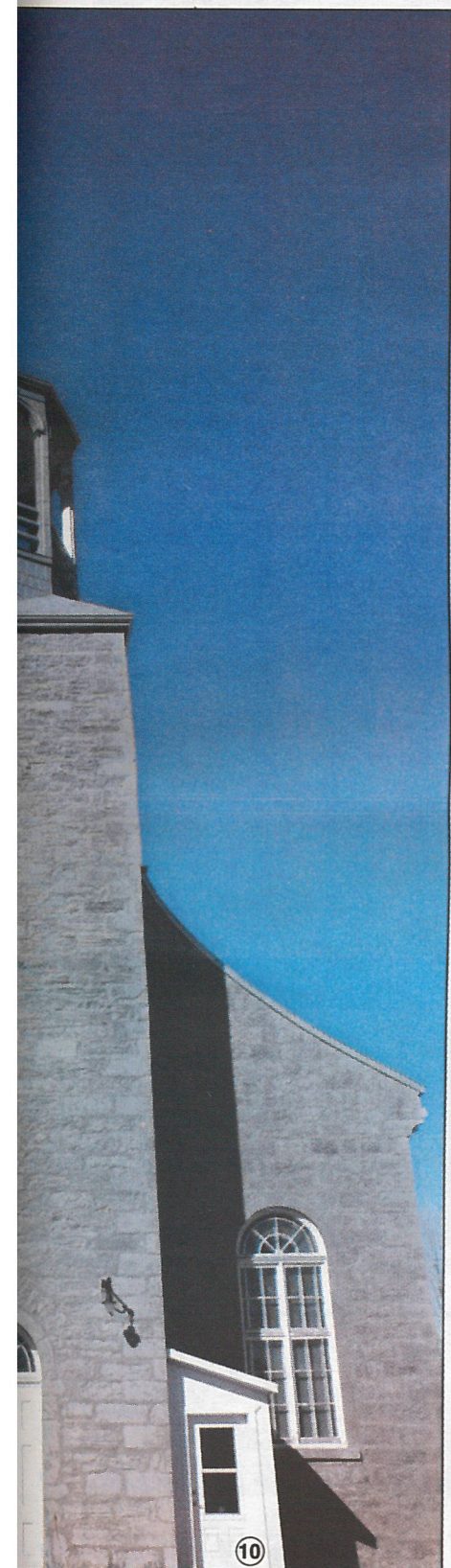
(1) One of two angels, located on the left hidden jewel, stained glass window located in the choir loft. (2) One of many paintings on the church walls (1924-1928). (3) One of four large statues in front of the altar. (4) One of four large statues in front of the altar. (5) Candles in front of the altar. (6) One of 14 Stations of the Cross on the wall. (7) The Pulpit is located on the left side of the choir loft. (8) One of the Stations of the Cross. (9) Two more paintings on the church walls.

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# Xavier Church



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Altar, are nearly 100 years old. (2) The east side of the church is only visible from the ceiling by artist Guido Ninecherie and by Father Salazar, which now sit in the Miraculous Medal statue sits on the left side of the altar and the church. Each resembles a piece of the Miraculous Medal. (7) The Miraculous Medal is located on the altar in the early 1900s. (8) The Miraculous Medal is by artist Guido Ninecherie (1924-1928). (10) Stone choir loft. (12) The Miraculous Medal is by famed organ makers Cassavants in the early 1970s. (14) A close-up of a painting of the Miraculous Medal statue. The painting was done by the artist Guido Ninecherie. The ceiling above the altar. (16) Relief sculpture of Kaiatanoron Kateri. Her relics are preserved. The remains are in the church museum; they were moved into the church museum.

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