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The Martyrs' Shrine Message, Midland, Ontario

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Prayer to the Martyrs

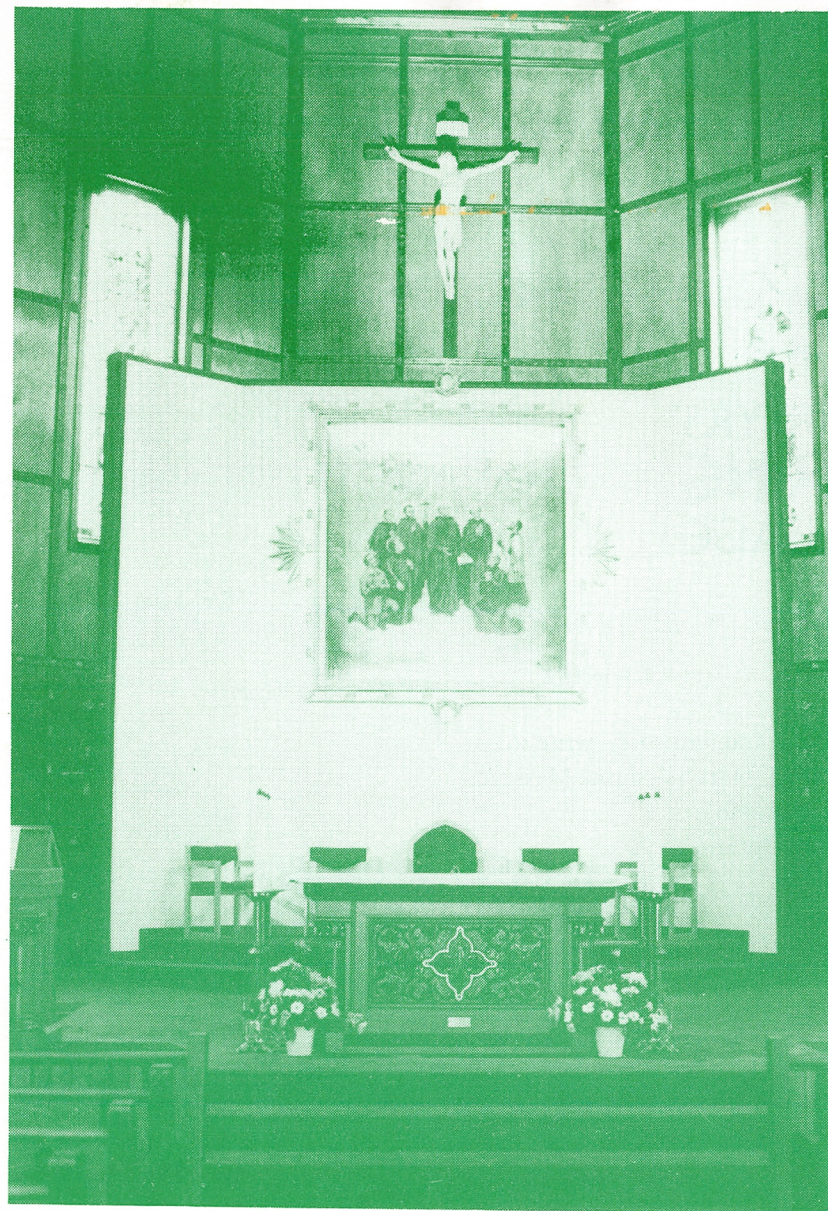
O God, who by the preaching and the blood of your blessed Martyrs, John and Isaac and their companions, consecrated the first fruits of the faith in the vast regions of North America, graciously grant that by their intercession the flourishing harvest of Christians may be everywhere and always increased. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer of Petition

O God, who inflamed the hearts of your blessed Martyrs with an admirable zeal for the salvation of souls, grant me, I beseech you, my petitions so that the favors obtained through their intercession may make manifest before men the power and the glory of your name.

Amen.



MARTYRS' SHRINE MESSAGE

THE 1982 SHRINE SEASON

The 1982 Shrine season opened with a Festival of Sacred Music in the renovated Church. The Festival was guided by our pastoral assistant, Mark Bell. It closed with Cardinal E. G. Carter leading a concelebrated Mass for the celebration of the feast of the Martyrs. Both were much appreciated by many people. The first pilgrimage was the Knights of Columbus, Archdiocese of Toronto, who dedicated a plaque marking the renovations of the Shrine Church as their centennial project. At the end, Bishop J. Doyle of Peterborough, led his diocese in a pilgrimage celebrating the 100th anniversary of the diocese. In between, the pilgrimages were many and varied, — Egyptologists meeting in Toronto, the Bavarian male choral group, who made the Church echo with song, busloads of school children, senior citizens by the bus, those who marched pro-life, twenty-some ethnic groups, parish groups, etc. A highlight was the Native Indian Prayer Days with celebrations on the hill and a candlelight procession.

The 1982 season saw renovations meant to enhance the Martyrs, devotion to the Martyrs and to facilitate the activities of pilgrims. The most noticeable was a basement under the Church called Filion Centre, honouring the founder of the Shrine and builder of the Church. It served many purposes. Others were, the picture of the Martyrs in the sanctuary, the sanctuary itself, the Blessed Sacrament Altar in right crypt, the Shrine to Blessed Kateri in left, the confessional area, plaques' display, choir loft and access, Shrine to Our Lady of Huronia, Indian Park, parking lots, new statuary on grounds, and Brebeuf's Prayer Garden.

The 1982 Shrine programs witnessed liturgies with visiting choirs (Catholic and non-Catholic), retreat days with special Mass of healing prayers each month, weekly Mass at St. Ignace, sight of martyrdom of Brebeuf and Lalement, monthly film/lecture series (this year honouring Father James McGivern, who died at the beginning of the season), regular slide shows on the Martyrs and the Shrine, two local T.V. presentations featuring members of the Shrine staff, novena to the Martyrs, the Mass of Thanksgiving for Midland's '82 Homecoming weekend.

1982 Shrine season saw more than a quarter of a million visitors of all faiths and degrees of faith come as pilgrims seeking peace.



Ground Rosary, Indian Park

Our Lady of Huronia Shrine





Celebration of Feast Day of the Martyrs 1982. J. Farrell, S.J., Director; Archbishop Tang S.J., China; Cardinal G. E. Carter, Archbishop of Toronto; W. Ryan S.J., Jesuit Provincial; R. Croken S.J.



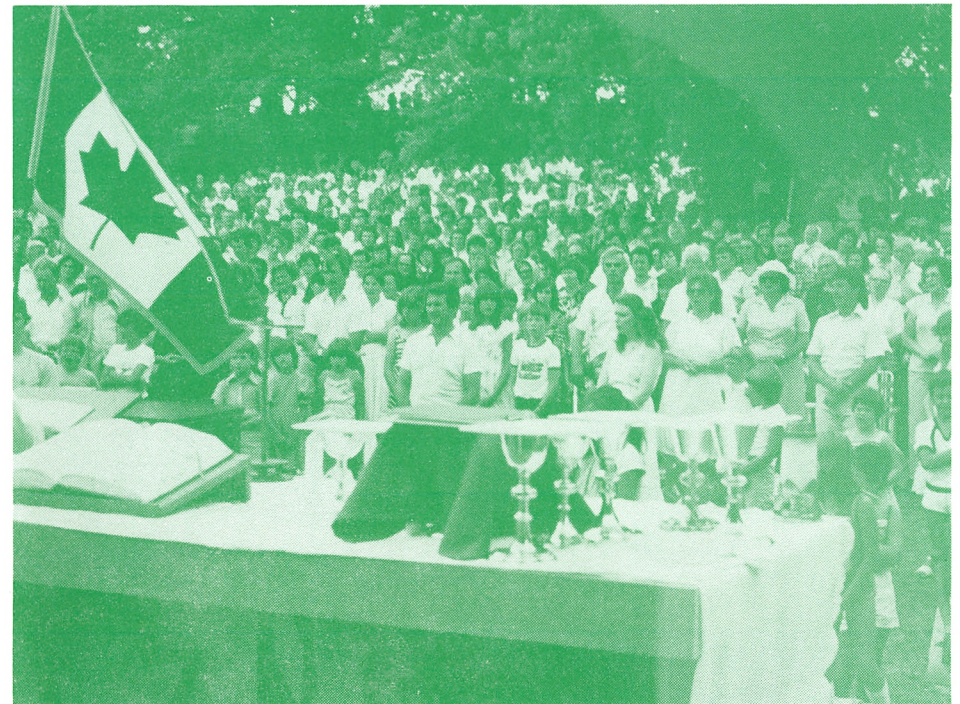
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha



Joseph Chiwatenhwa



Pilgrimages, small, large — Korean students — Polish people





Indian Prayer Days



Knights of Columbus, Archdiocese of Toronto – Dedication – Pilgrimage

