



# MARTYRS' SHRINE

Weekly Church Bulletin | *September 21st 2019* | 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## **My mission to Martyrs' Shrine by Fr. Michel Lessard, SJ**

"The Kingdom of God is like a man who threw grain into a field ..." (Mark 4: 26-27)

Here we are moving slowly towards the end of the "active season" of the Sanctuary. It seemed to me opportune to share, in a few lines, the beautiful ministry which was given to me to exercise at the Sanctuary this year.

When my father Superior Jesuit appointed me to Martyrs' Shrine in July 2018, I did not expect to exercise a ministry as fruitful, and filled with consolation, as this one. Over the months, I discovered what to expect a Jesuit to do in a "Jesuit work" of today. And this "revelation" came to me from those I work with: my fellow Jesuits, our collaborators and employees, and the pilgrims and visitors who come to the Shrine.

At first, they made me discover the importance of identifying with what we believe and what we are. Not only by external identification or by any religious symbol, but imperatively by externalizing the values and attitudes that cement our commitment as Companions of Jesus. These values and attitudes will take on these different aspects: to be people who are sensitive to justice and equity; to be people who agree to share, to welcome and to listen to others. It will also mean being people who encourage forgiveness and reconciliation ... because, as the Evangelist Saint John says, "By this we will recognize that you are my disciples: to the love you will have. for one another" (John 13:35).

Without the daily practice of these Christian attitudes in our workplace, our life (and our apostolate) may sound wrong for the people with whom we are called to live and work.

Furthermore, I understood that we have to be attentive to the spiritual and religious demands of those for whom we work. And when we make ourselves available and accessible, the requests are not waiting! The service that I was able to offer as a Jesuit priest at the Sanctuary, in the parishes around Midland, as well as in the Ojibwe Nation of Christian Island, has allowed me to minister fruitfully. I had the honor of celebrating the Eucharist, baptisms and first communion celebrations; reconciliation celebrations, weddings, anointing celebrations, and funerals.

In all these dimensions of the priestly ministry that I have been given for more than a year at Martyrs' Shrine and the surrounding area, I am very grateful for the welcome and sharing I have had with the people from here.

Finally, it seems to me that we, the Jesuits here, are sowers sent into an apostolic field, where we need: "... to pray to God as if everything depended on Him and to act as if everything depended on us" (St-Bernard) ... because: "The Kingdom of God is like a man who threw grain into a field: whether he sleeps or gets up, day and night the seed sprouts and grows itself, without this man knowing how this is done" (Mark 4: 26-27).

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# LES TROIS SOEURS



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# LE SANCTUAIRE DES MARTYRS

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## TIAWENK FUNDRAISING DINNER & AUCTION

Our 6th annual Tiawenk fundraising dinner & auction will be held at the Quality Inn and Conference Centre in Midland, on **Saturday, September 28th** at 5:00 PM. Tickets are available at the Pastoral and Administrative Office or online for \$95.00. The ticket purchaser is eligible for a \$45.00 tax receipt per ticket. This year's Tiawenk proceeds will be directed towards the Fire Suppression System.

### NEXT WEEKEND:

Saturday, September 28th at 5:00 PM.

Quality Inn & Conference Centre, Midland

Tickets \$95 each, \$45 of which is eligible for a tax receipt.

Tickets available at the Office or online at [www.martyrs-shrine.com/tix](http://www.martyrs-shrine.com/tix)

## TOONIE CHALLENGE

The Church of St. Joseph was not constructed for year-round use. For that reason, the Church was never insulated, and is not heated. A specialized dry-air fire suppression system is required. Our system is in need of an update including replacing its pipes that are at the end of their life. Please support this project through our toonie challenge. If every pilgrim who visited Martyrs' Shrine gave a toonie, we would reach our fundraising goal. Yellow envelopes are available at the rear of the Church for anyone who would like their gift recorded and included on their annual donations receipt for income tax purposes.

## NOVENA TO THE CANADIAN MARTYRS & FEAST DAY

The novena to the Canadian Martyrs begins on Friday, September 20th, 2019. The members of the Martyrs' Shrine Association are both remembered and prayed for during nine days of prayers through the intercession of the Canadian Martyrs. Please join us as we celebrate the Feast Day of the Canadian Martyrs at a special Mass at 12:00 noon on Saturday, September 28th, 2019 marking the final day of the novena prayers. New members to the Order of Porters will also be recognized and inducted at the Mass.

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## MASS INTENTIONS †

### 21-SAT

- 9:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association
- 10:30 Olga Jastrzebski & Krzysztof Feliksiak
- 12:00 Family Sokolowsky
- 7:30 Dorote & family

### 22-SUN

- 9:00 Savundra Family - Special Intention
- 10:30 Jessica & Famiy
- 12:00 Piotor Puzyniak
- 7:30 Martyrs' Shrine Association

### 23-MON

- 9:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association
- 12:00 Shiraz Casseer
- 7:30 Anna & Ewa

### 24-TUE

- 9:00 Aurita Fernandes+
- 12:00 Ida Scarlato +
- 7:30 wieslas & dieslaud Jankouski

### 25-WED

- 9:00 Molly and Ellen Maxwell + and Przemek Wrona+
- 12:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association
- 7:30 Christopher Zderski

### 26-THU

- 9:00 Austin Fernandez +
- 12:00 Helen and Lawrence Phillips +
- 7:30 Kristina Zderski

### 27-FRI

- 9:00 Austin Fernandez +
- 12:00 Mckeiver and Fritzgerald family members +
- 7:30 Martyrs' Shrine Association

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