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Biographical Essay of Charlene Richard

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Foreword to « MIRACLES IN LOUISIANA ? »

To Reverend L. Lou Meunier, Director,
 Mohawk Historical and Fine Arts Society,
 St. Patrick Church, Three Rivers.

Dear Father Meunier,

You were one of the few priests working at Vatican Council II, with all the Bishops of the earth, 2,867, in 1965 in Rome, Italy, where we helped each other, I do remember so well.

Your « Biographical Essay » on Charlene Richard is somewhat like the « Window of the Church open on the World » which H. H. Pope John XXIII was talking about. You introduce to the oversophisticated generation of this the end of our century the mystical work of the Holy Spirit in a simple and delicious child's soul.

Let me congratulate you. And thank you for having accepted to preach for the Missions today and yesterday at all the Sunday Masses in St. Patrick Church of Three Rivers on this Mission Sunday 1980. For having presented here also your up-to-date movies made right on the spot by yourself as an official ambassador of the Church to the first International Eucharistic Congress of ecumenical nature, held in Melbourne, Australia, in 1973, the 40th in number. With an informative view on your return via Indonesia, China and Japan. What a source of modern missionary history and teaching! Just like this new book of yours a masterpiece!

May the Blessed Virgin of Our International Shrine of the Cap, where you assisted me yesterday as one of my two concelebrants and Minister of Penance and Holy Eucharist, for the Pontifical High Mass ending the great Congress of the Missionary Union, bless you very good as I bless you myself.

† Georges-Léon Pelletier,
 Sixth Bishop of Three Rivers
 Bishop's House Three Rivers, Nov. 19, 1980



CHARLENE MARIE RICHARD

Sa date de naissance et celle de sa mort en 1959

Un mot de sa vie exemplaire, de l'estime de tous.
 Was born January 18, 1947, and died August 11, 1959.
 In her short life (only 12 yrs. old), which she lived as an
 exemplary follower of Christ, she won the esteem of all
 who knew her. Her virtues left a memorable impression
 all who had known her.

INTRODUCTION

Toward the end of the month of May 1980, a distinguished visitor knocked at the door of St. Edward rectory in Richard. It was the chaplain of the Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Father Richard Greene, Doctor in Theology, for many years the chief Editor of the Lafayette Diocesan newspaper «The Morning Star.»

Between two cups of extra strong Louisiana coffee, we had a long and pleasant chat together. He was already aware of the pressing invitations I had received to publish a first biography of Charlene Richard. He had a quick look on the first chapters and gave me a kind encouragement for more to come.

He explains how he regretted not to have been able to write in his newspapers the story of Charlene for the fifteenth anniversary of her death. And how he enthusiastically published it the year after in a series of weekly articles from July 17 to August 14, 1975, authored by a newly elected champion journalist, Barbara Lenox: she had just won the first place for the «Best Human interest Feature Story», in competition with writers from all Catholic newspapers in the United States and Canada.

«In the five years that I have been its editor, no other article or series in our diocesan newspaper has prompted so many requests for copies and reprints...»

«In the spring of 1975 I met with Bishop Frey to get his approval to do the series. Writing about someone whom others consider to be a saint is a most delicate responsibility, and I felt that such an undertaking should be pursued only with his approval and in accord with his advice. Bishop Frey agreed to the series on the conditions that the facts surrounding Charlene's life and reports of prayers answered through her intercession should be carefully researched. He added that such information should be reported in a straightforward manner. I assured him that such would be the case.»

The later is an excerpt of the text written by Father Greene himself as an introduction for the reprint of the newspaper articles, in a booklet of about 40 pages, untitled « A Saint from Southwest Louisiana ? »

On the other hand, Bishop Frey gave, on June 12, 1979, the following appreciation which served as a Foreword to the reprint of the said newspaper articles :

« A holy and noble life consists not of grand, public achievements as much as the quietly spectacular feat of living each day in a holy and noble manner.

« To achieve such sanctity can be all the more challenging when one faces personal difficulties such as serious illness. At times people are perplexed as they try to find reasons for catastrophic sickness, sudden or severe injury, or seemingly untimely death. It may seem beyond comprehension that a child like Charlene Richard — for some unknown reason or even for no reason at all — was afflicted with serious, painful illness. How much more incomprehensible, therefore, is the patience which the young girl displayed during her suffering ?

« Those whose quest for sanctity leads them through a life of difficulty or pain may find strong identification with the life and death of Charlene Richard.

« From a simple lifestyle in rural southwest Louisiana, Charlene has to this day provided a meaningful example for many of the faithful who learned of her following her death in 1959 . . . »

A sincere thank you to His Excellency. Thank you also, Doctor Greene, for your indispensable help and for your precious encouragement.

June 11, 1980

Father L. Lou Meunier,
Pastor « pro tempore » of
Saint Edward of Richard,
Church Point, Louisiana

DECLARATION :

In conformity with the decree of Pope Urban VIII, we do not wish to anticipate the judgment of the Church in our appraisal of the Characters and occurrences spoken of therein.

We submit wholeheartedly to the infallible wisdom and judgment of Holy Mother the Church.

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Charlene Marie Richard
Age : 8 ans

« Yes, I've prayed to the little girl;
« But I also pray to many other
« saintly children I've known, « he says. »

And at the church, he spoke to all the children there about setting a good example. He said that they should try to be good Christians « like Charlene ». Not only in Richard's church, but elsewhere too.

He has been in some way the instigator and the promoter of the « devotion » toward Charlene. His devotedness to her cause and his example have given a certain official approval to her « cult », to use a word which is not always interpreted in a favorable sense.

« The « cult » of the saints, even the one of Mary, Mother of Jesus, — the Second Person — is legitimate and commendable only if it brings human souls closer to the Lord !

« To God alone our Savior¹
« Be glory and magnificence,
« Authority and Power
« Now and for evermore ! »

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1. From the universal Epistle of the Blessed Apostle Jude, 1: 25.

EPILOGUE TO MIRACLES IN LOUISIANA?

(Biographical Essay of Charlene Richard)

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3:47 p.m. on the first of July 1980.

The phone bells ring three times, louder than usual, it seems, at Saint Nicholas (Santa Claus) Church in Lydia, Louisiana.

Fortunately, the door of the party wall between the garage and the rectory is open and the bells are heard. The pastor « protemporer » of St. Nicholas Church is getting ready for the thousandth time of his life (perhaps) to leave for another Church.

« Mission accomplished ! » In a few minutes he'll push the double garage door button, press the ignition key of the old Chevrolet Station wagon « Caprice », more loaded than the donkeys of old.

He'll be again on the road, this time to Charenton, Louisiana. Diocesan authorities will see him preach on Vatican II Council according to the request of Paul VI and the desire of the present Pope John Paul II, in two other parishes of Louisiana. For the whole month of July, he'll be the Pastor « pro tempore » of Immaculate Conception of Charenton and Sacred Heart of Baldwin. And by the same token, Chaplain of County or Parish Hospital in Franklin, La.

Every day among the charming «Chitimacha» Indians of Charenton, or the parishioners of Baldwin, Families will asked, as in Lydia, for the intronisation of the Sacred Heart. Or the blessing of homes.

Baptisms and weddings will take place. The two priests of each of the two parishes have left at the same time, one for Auriesville, New York, birthplace of the newly declared Blessed Kateri Tekakwita, the other one for Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

«Dring... Dring... Dring...» The telephone bells wouldn't stop ringing.

«Coming! Coming!»

«Dring... Dring... Dring...»

«Hello! Saint Nicholas Church!

«Hello! Father Meunier?

«Speaking! This is he! Good afternoon!»

«This is Mrs. Pierre Thibodeaux speaking, from Beaumont, Texas. I'm calling you on long distance, Father.»

«Oh! yes, I recognize your voice now.»

«How are you, Father Meunier?»

«I should rather answer you by asking news of our dear sick girl, your daughter Elaine? Again yesterday, being my last complete day in Lydia, I asked prayers for Elaine. Here at the entrance of the Church, there's an extra large 3 foot high picture of Charlene Richard.»

«That's what I call for, Father, to let you know that Elaine is healed, thanks to Charlene and the Dear Lord!...

ELAINE THIBODEAUX' CASE

Elaine-Antoinette Thibodeaux, 23, came from Beaumont, Texas, as a pilgrim at the grave of Charlene in the middle of May 1980 with her family. Not long before she had had already five surgeries for a long cancer.

Her family asked for a few Masses to be celebrated in honor of Charlene Richard, for a healing that looked an impossibility.

Extremely weak, her face really discolored, Elaine seemed hardly able to walk by herself. She had a frightening dry cough. It looked helpful to offer her first some urgent care: aspirins, cough sirup form 44.

Didn't Jesus send the leper to the priest of the old law,¹ the man of prayer? Didn't Jesus impose his hands on the sick?² Didn't the Lord recommend, as spelled out in the epistle of Saint James, to impose hands on the sick, that the anointing and prayer would give health back to the infirm?³

Oh! what a powerful faith was needed that morning, before that girl so pale and so desperately exhausted by years of acute and persistent sufferings!

«Elaine, my child, do you truly believe that Charlene can help you?»

«Yes, Father, I want to believe it.»

«Elaine-Antoinette, ask Charlene and her «Tall Lady dressed in black» to strengthen your Faith and your plain desire to live, to live here on earth to praise the Good Lord!»

«I want it, Father, I want it.»

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

«Come forward, my child. I shall give you the anointing of the sick which will heal you if you have a smiling faith like Charlene, in spite of your sorrow and your weakness.»

«By this holy anointing and his great love for you, may the Lord come to your help, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. Mark 1: 44.

2. Mark 1: 41.

3. Jam. 5: 15.

Let us pray.

« Lord Jesus Christ, you shared in our human nature to
« HEAL the sick and save all mankind. Mercifully listen
« to our prayers for the PHYSICAL and spiritual
« HEALTH of our sick sister Elaine-Antoinette, whom we have anointed in your name.
« May your protection console her and your strength make her well again. Help her find hope in suffering, for
« you have given her a share in your Passion. You are
« Lord for ever and ever. Amen !

ALARMING NEWS

Three weeks after this pilgrimage, a long distance phone call came in the darkness of a rainy night at Saint Edward's rectory, from Beaumont, Texas.

Out of two ways, one had to be chosen.

« Father Meunier, this is Peter Thibodeaux speaking, from Beaumont. »

« Yes, Yes, Peter ! how is Elaine ?

« Not good at all, Father; our Elaine is going down fast... We have no strength any more. We can't stand it any longer. »

« I do understand you, Peter. I'm so sorry, needless to say. Thank you for calling and let me know... »

« May I ask you another favor, Father ? »

« Of course, Pierre, of course ? »

« ... to choose yourself for Elaine : she wants you to do it and so do we... to choose between the cobalt treatment for Elaine, or a sixth surgery in which the doctor doesn't have much hope either... »

« I see, Pierre, I see... Pierre, why not let Charlene make the choice instead ?... She suffered so much, always with a smile in the most desperate hours... »

1. Text of the revised rite of the Sacrament of the sick, after Vatican II

« Please, Father, I say it again : we're out of strength !... Can you offer another Mass for Elaine ? In honor of Charlene ? »

« Very willingly, Pierre... You see, Charlene — it is still almost a secret, but I happen to know it : Charlene received some radium treatments. The Doctor who ordered it is not of this world any more, but I know his name... »

« Elaine had to go back to stay at the hospital. She was suffering so much ! »

« ... Pierre, Charlene, I believe, would rather choose a last surgery in spite of the operating shock. Tell her to build herself IN THE LORD a greater faith than ever !

I recommend her again to my parishioners, to my « Come, Lord Jesus ! », to my Cursillistas. Farewell, Pierre. See you soon. »

TWO MONTHS LATER « BACK TO THE JULY 1, LONG DISTANCE CALL

Going back now to the long distance phone call received in Lydia's rectory on the first of July 1980. The conversation resumes from Beaumont, Texas.

The joyful voice of Mrs. Pierre Thibodeaux radiates with happiness and thankfulness :

« For many days, Father, Elaine has been asking me to call you over the phone. But you're hard to catch. I guess you've been quite busy there. »

« How does she feel, please ? »

« The medical tests do not reveal trace of cancer any more. We would like to thank you, to thank Charlene « tu connais », and the Good Lord. »

« Blessed be the Lord, Madame, for evermore ! »

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Elaine didn't forget the good health she owes to the Lord and Charlene. She is the one, with Mom and Dad, who organized a two week Mission given by the missionary writing those lines. Sunday Masses he celebrated with families in their parish Church, Our Lady of Mercy of Beaumont. Daily Masses in friendly homes, official blessing of other houses during those many days around August 1, 1980.

She drove in her own car the priest from one street to the other, or from town to neighboring villages. That is one of her many ways to say « thank you ».

OCCASION OF THE MISSION AND THE BOOK

Thus she has given to the Pastor « pro tempore » of Richard in Louisiana the opportunity of a long and extended mission of many months where Charlene is always proposed as a model and protectress sometimes every day in parish Churches of several states and countries, and in various groups of people :

Mission going from Louisiana to Texas (Beaumont, Houston, Wienert), to Colorado (Trinidad), from Wyoming (Casper) to Montana (Roundup); from Alberta (Wainwright) to Saskatchewan (wedding of the Siemens-Dutnall in Labor Day week end); from Manitoba (Brandon) to Ontario (Chapleau) and Québec where it will be easier to publish little Charlene's Biographical Essay in her mother's tongue.

And this while doing a steady priestly work : The parochial ministry in Val d'Or (Fatima). The enriching charismatic meetings in Joliette (Cathedral). The missionary days and Sunday of the Missions preaching at the Cap and at St. Patrick Church in Three Rivers. The family funeral and Sunday Masses celebrated in Granby. The call for Charlene's devotion and Orleans' Island's Mission. The preaching during the week of the feast of Christ the King in Saint Zéphirin. The ecumenical Octave Masses in Drummondville and Saint Joachim, after the Christmas Mid-

night Mass in the filled-to-the-brim large Saint Joan of Arc Church by a Siberian cold of 40° below Zero (chill factor) temperature. The every day preaching of Lent in the artistic, immense Church of Saint David (as acting pastor).

Among other ministries (plus): voluntary work in many Knights of Columbus initiations and other fervent groups lecturing and movies' projections.

Doubled almost daily with appreciated Home Masses at the sick and in friendly families and relatives.

Thus, how many faithful and sympathizers will have praised the Lord, mentioning the name and the virtues of the little « Saint of Southwest Louisiana » Charlene Richard !

Eternal mission of gratitude and thankfulness, according to the inspired words of the Apostle in most of his letters addressed to all mankind : ¹

« Blessed be God and the
« Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ
« and the Father of all mercies
« and the God of all consolation ! »

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Then during the week dedicated every year to the promotion of the first Vatican II document, published in 1963 on the « Mass Media », preaching at the Sunday Masses, May 23 & 24, in the splendid semi-gothic Holy Heart of Mary Church of Chambly, about the Marian example set by Charlene.

With the movies of the Council and of the very ecumenical 40th International Eucharistic Congress of Australia (1973), lecture in Tokyo, Kaloön (China) and Honolulu (Hawaii). And just before Ascension Day 1981, official presentation of the « Biographical Essay ».

Other similar presentations had already given the opportunity of citing again Charlene as an example to follow. At the « Golden Age » of Baieville. At the May mixed breakfast for the Drummondville Knights of Columbus

1. II Cor. 1 : 3. — Also : I Cor. 1 : 4. — Eph. 1 : 3. — II Thess. 1 : 3. II Tim. 1 : 3, and others.

(Third Degree). For the grand opening of the Columban Centennial year (1981 - 1982) at the 4th Degree banquet « Salmar Hotel », in the Old-Montréal.

A coincidence : it is also the centenary of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, the great scientist rehabilitated by Paul VI.¹ The edifying story of Charlene, according the Teilhard words in the 5th book of his « Divine Milieu », could become a pressing invitation to help this « world in evolution toward the Omega Point » :

« I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the Last, « the Beginning and the End ». »²

« A jonction between Faith and Science », as explained by Pius XII in his speech to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, April 24, 1955 :

« Has not Science come to the point of demanding a « thorough examination of the most profound realities, « so as to gather up a complete and harmonious view of « the totals ? »³

Thus, one could repeat with a convinced emotion : « Scientific moment and theological moment ! »



At the instant : John Paul grimaces in pain at bullet wounds.

1. See our volume « Freedom, Yes or No ? » Chapter X, page 213, note 17.
2. Words put in Jesus' mouth by Saint John in Revelation, Chapter 22, vs. 13.
3. Works of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, « The Human Phenomenon », Editions of the Seuil, Paris 19-55, note of page 13...

APPENDIX TO MIRACLES IN LOUISIANA?

CHARLENE PRAYED AND WORKED FOR
more peace and unity among people of multiple origins
and of different religious beliefs.

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May she bless from heaven where she is thought to be
the following informative efforts toward more and more
true ecumenism, as described in the pages herewith.

ISLE OF ORLEANS

One of the homilies of the Preparatory
Week-end Mission before Christ
the King Celebration in
St. Petronille Church
Nov. 16, 1980

Dear Faithful,

People of God of Orleans' Island : ¹

It is a great happiness to be here to pray with you
like I was last night. Orleans Island is a true dream for
one who is not an « islander », to use the word of a good
lady after Mass yesterday.

1. Unrevised text from the original recording, courtesy of J. L. Gagnon on his silver jubilee as St. Petronille sexton.
2. A small island in fact is called by the name of « The Enchanting Island » not far.

Every island on earth is an enchanting island.³ For a man of the same country, it is a great dream come true to see this island I visited in my childhood.

MODERNISED HISTORIC SITE

And to realize that nothing has changed, or at least not entirely, or not adulterated.

Houses are still so beautiful with their new tip top shape, yet with their same ancient style.

Mr. Turgeon, our dynamic singing director this morning, was complaining to you a little while ago of not knowing my name. Well, my name is Meunier. Perhaps there's no one of that name on the island, but there's some ashore. The Mass Assistant: Caroline Mousseau.

And now we are ready to talk about the end of the world. The pastoral Council of St. Petronille Church suggests a homily in relation with the review « Liturgical Life » published by the dioceses of the Greater Quebec, approved by Msgr. Paul Nicole, V.G. and His Eminence Cardinal Maurice Roy, present successor to Blessed François de Montmorency-Laval, and Primate of the whole nation, to whom I owe the privilege of being your pastor in this last part of the ecclesiastical year.

PREPARATION

Particularly today's comments have been prepared by teams of St. Foy,³ Vanierville and Lévis College. I believe Father Clermont Huot, whom you know so well, has worked on it. Let's say: Well done! We have studied all the ten pages of their sometimes very fine printing. Let's try to give you a summary of all those informative pages about the end of the world, with a few other ideas perhaps. In ten minutes! it's really a short time!

3. The city of St. Foy, part of the Greater Quebec, where Mr. Rossaire Meunier, retired President of the National Bank of Canada and of Centraide, has a residence, a brother of the Missionary, and together with him formerly visited Orleans' Island.

Here it is. Oftentime you hear:

« shocks! the end of the world happens every day!

« There is no other end of the world ».

Well, there will be an end of the world. Oh! there's also something true in here:

If I die

In a twink of an eye...

for me it will be the end of the world. Yet, there will be an end of the world. In spite of the popular say of those who may still believe in God, but are not enlightened, and refuse the light.

There is nothing worse, you know, than those who pluck their ears with ear-muffs. No worse blind people than those who don't want to see.

We cannot make the Gospel lie. We cannot make Jesus lie. This end of the world will be accompanied or preceded by terrible things. The world as it exists today will disappear. Matthew goes further than Luke. Today we've got Luke. But St. Matthew quotes other words of Jesus referring to the prophet Daniel which make us tremble.¹ Every one is afraid. On the other hand:

« Fear is the beginning of wisdom. »

The fear of God is a gift of the Holy Spirit, as mentioned in Isaia,² one should never forget it: one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. And we react to this: then it is « the beginning of wisdom. »

THE END OF THE WORLD IS CERTAIN.

Cosmic changes like an earthquake? When in 1663, if you remember some history, in Québec City, right here, there was an awful earthquake, churches were filled to capacity for all those days. And priests never ceased to hear confessions.³ Those earthquakes frighten us. A few days

1. In Matt. 24: 15 and Dan. 8: 27.

2. Is. 11: 1-3: first reading for the 2nd Sun. of Advent 1980.

3. Read « History of Canada » by François-Xavier Garneau.

ago again, a seismic shock shook up Mount St. Helen, not very far from here in Washington State.

And in French Algeria a few weeks ago, it had been said that 20,000 people were swallowed alive by the earth. Other more recent statistics gave rather 2,000 dead. Blessed be the Lord! Yet those 2,000 have disappeared for ever. It means that it is must to be ready any time.

HOW TO GET PREPARED?

How to get prepared for the end? It is like every life: it should be oriented toward love. There is, for example, this epistle, the first epistle this morning, the one of the prophet Malachy:

« The day of the Lord »

is an expression used 20 times in the Bible. It always has an eschatological tone. Eschatological: a word that means: it is about the end of times.

The review « Liturgical Life » which we should use for the homily today, quotes Jean Vuillat in « new Fires », a remarkable book. The quotation warns us not to do like the first Christians.

We should of course imitate the first Christians in the good they did. But here, some of them interpreted those prophecies in a much too narrow sense. So they abandoned everything. They forgot how important it is to face the DAY-TO-DAY challenge. Wrote Paul VI:

WITHOUT NOSTALGIA

« It could be said that research

« is what characterises modern life ».¹

Everything is researched today. Read your « Living with Christ » (missalette), you'll see. They look for the cause of cancer. They look for more accurate statistics, for more accurate facts in history. It's alright. But research should be done without nostalgia.

1. See Modern breviary « Daily Prayers » Desclée and Cie Paris 1974, p. 676.

In 1966 Pope Paul visited the mayor of Rome. He thanked him for having played host the year before again to the 2,867 bishops of the whole world. I was there by chance, or rather on duty, assisting a few bishops, one of them Bishop Lionel Audet of Québec here with whom I've got a picture taken right in front of St. Peter of Rome, in the movies I made as an official representative of the Church in various international functions.

Paul VI was telling the mayor of Rome that the Pope had no nostalgia of the days when the Church owned countries and immense territories. Paul repeated he had no regret, no desire of those properties of the years gone by.²

That is the way we should be: without nostalgia, without regret for not living in the blessed times when Jesus was walking along the foot-paths of Israel with his disciples. Will Jesus come to-morrow or in a thousand years? Regardless, one should live the joyous TODAY of the renewal of the Second Vatican Council, even before the cosmic disturbances prophesied by Jesus and Daniel coming sooner or later. Without any nervous stress.

JOHN PAUL II — HIS ECUMENISM

Just like John Paul II so ecumenical today. He is arriving at this very moment in Germany. You can read it in « The Sun » (Le Soleil) of yesterday, page E-10, section of « The World » (Le Monde).

It is very courageous for the Pope to do this other missionary voyage on this day 16 of November 1980, in the Federal German Republic. It is very courageous because there has been more opposition to this visit than to any other one, you shall read it if you want to.

It is known that Germany is the cradle of Lutherianism. That recently a man of German language, Hans Kung, was not really whipped — as a figure of speech —

2. Cf.: « Freedom, yes or no? » p. 134.

but was disciplined a little, not much, not enough, they say, for his erroneous theology.

And John Paul goes there today. We should pray for him. We should admire his ecumenical mind.

THE VATICAN II'S 16 DOCUMENTS

There has been sixteen documents issued from Vatican II Council, one of them about ecumenism, that is to say about the relation that exists, that should exist between the various Churches. They were called officially « Churches » for the first time at the Council.

I should go further: ecumenism is to be expected between the believers on the one part and the unbelievers on the other part. A communication of « Good Day! », of « How do you do? » It should start there. And actually, the Pope is doing just that. And more: he is going to spend some time with the grand Chancellor of Germany, Mr. Schmidt.

IN AFRICA

It is his eighth peace pilgrim trip. Last year in Africa, it was his 7th, no! his sixth one, in Stanleyville, the former Belgian Congo, where he said:

« The kingdom of God should find

« a 'rough model' in the earthly life. »¹

In this he joins the prince of all theologians, Thomas Aquinas, who wrote, if you remember latin:

« Invisibilia per visibilia...

« Invisibles things are known by the visible ones. »

The beautiful flowers, even in this late time of the years, those living plants inside and around our St. Petronille Church, are truly plandid. There is plenty of beauty in the world. Thus this beauty should be an incentive to get well prepared by a holy life to the final coming of Jesus. And notice very well the last words of today's Gospel:

1. « Osservatore romano », May 80, op. cit. Chap. II.

« By your perseverance

« You shall obtain life. »

John Paul said himself last Holy Thursday to a group of priests and some seminarians in Rome, and it was also in his vocation Day message of May:

« Persevere in love! »

Oh! my dear Brethren, here is the great word: love! Why is there a slight decline, not really a high rate one, in Sunday Mass attendance?

There always has been a number of people who have been negligent in this regard. Yet the attendance is good here this morning. It was very good last night. As missionary of Vatican Council II, I had to work in hundreds, in thousands of Churches and parishes since the end of the Council.

There has not been so much of a decline. Regrettably there is nowadays very little preaching about that great commendement of the Church. Nothing has changed, though. The Church could change that disciplinary law. But for our own good, she did not.

Thank God, we believe she won't change it either. There is a strict obligation to attend, moreover to take part and get involved in that sublime prayer, in that kind of study: Sunday Mass is also a sort of school, a class. There is a strict obligation indeed. And if missed with the three necessary conditions, it could be a grave sin. This should be taught, this should be said to all. And because you are here, you shall tell your friends, you shall see them. There still exists a human communication between people in the world. But it is mostly a question of love.

THE MODELS

How to prepare ourselves? By looking at the models, dear friends. You see today is altogether the feast of Saint. Gertrude on November 16. She was one of the first « voyan-

tes », « seers » of the Sacred Heart in the 13th century. She had apparitions of the Sacred Heart.

She received some promises, like the 12 ones we know, given around the 1600 to St. Marguerite Mary Alacoque in France.

IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

Let us imitate St. Gertrude in her devotion toward the Sacred Heart of Jesus. And if we love the Sacred Heart, we shall offer our works, we shall recite prayers. Jesus said to pray without rest and

« Never cease to pray. »¹

CHARLENE RICHARD, A VERY MODERN MODEL

There are other example. I would like to show you one this morning. I talked about it last night in the homily. She is a little girl, a little saint who died twenty one years ago. She was 12 when she returned to the Lord. She is buried in Richard cemetery in Louisiana where I just have been appointed the pastor « pro tempore » for three months. Let me assure you that not a single day went by without some pilgrimages on her grave, rain or shine, I wouldn't say « or snow », 'cause it never snows over there, except perhaps every seventh year.

Why do pilgrims crowd her tomb? Because she performs miracles. At least it's what pilgrims claim. Nevertheless, one should learn that in the Catholic belief, a true miracle requires a direct intervention of God, over and above the laws of nature.¹

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Until the end of the year, I shall try, answering special requests, to finish the last preparation for the first edition of the book of her life, or biographical Essay. I beg prayers from you for the success of this work, if it is for the greater glory of God.

1. Luke 11: 9-10

1. Go back to Chap. X, for a « true » miracle.

That little one is a true example of holiness. Yet she was not a kind of « plastic » saint. She was a champion in sports. She was the captain of her basket ball team. Oh ! yes, Dear Children looking at me so brightly at this very moment, at 11 and 12 years old, she was the captain of her team.

THE « PRETEND » MASSES OF CHARLENE

She used her popularity to make her young companions pray to the Lord. To help and make children pray, she used to organize « pretend » Masses. Very seldom is seen a little girl playing the informative and prayerful game of a « pretend » Mass. She was such a young girl. For this she used to gather up her little neighbors in Louisiana. She prayed that her brother John Dale become a priest as in the game. In fact he entered the Seminary, but he took sick the year after. He became a father, yes, a good father of a family of 5 charming children.¹

FAREWELL TO THE ISLE OR ORLEANS

Before signing off I should repeat how pleasant it is, arriving from New Orleans where I've been a Missionary for some years, to come and pray in the isle of Orleans, thinking also of another good model, the Orleans' heroin (la Pucelle d'Orléans), Saint Joan of Arc whose movies I showed so many times, with the great artist living in Rome, Ingrid Bergman, shown on the TV screen just about a month ago talking a perfect French in an interview. The Pope also was on TV last night.

All this should help to prepare ourselves with a great joy and a loving smile for the final coming of Jesus « on the clouds »,² as St. Paul's inspired text mentions, to judge us.

He'll be very strict then. Let us take advantage now of His time of forgiveness and great mercy. Amen.

1. Their pictures on other page. Thanks.

2. Epistle II Thess. 4: 16-17.



Pluieurs images de Charlene distribuées entre autres à Val d'Or et à l'atelier Noël de St-Nicéphore — Messe de minuit 1er janvier 1981.

Many pictures of Charlene given in Val d'Or and to the devotees of the Atelier de Noël — New Year' Day Midnight Mass 1981.

SAINT NORBERT CHURCH 25 Main Street

Hardwick — Vermont 05843
On Fathers' Day, June 21, 1981

Homily for the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament
(From Tape-recorded text, a courtesy of a Devoted Cousin,
Mrs. Margaret Bernier-Picard)

Dear People of my Home Town of Hardwick :

To the Lord I am very grateful, and now to Father Ed. Freeman, Pastor of Hardwick, for his kind welcome and presentation in the Church last night. Yes, I can truly be called a Vermont Boy, for I grew up here, partly in our Historic City of Hardwick, at one time «the largest granite-producing Center of the world.»¹

Indeed, my Second Holy Mass and many others during the very first week after my ordination many decades ago, were celebrated here in the old St. Norbert Church² of Hardwick, now being another Church to continue a Ruby Jubilee of priesthood for me. This event is a God—given opportunity following a two week—long invitation extended to me to offer Masses and preach on Pentecost celebrations in our international Shrine of St. Anne in Isle LaMotte and surrounding Churches.

The parish register of Hardwick mentions the burial, signed by Fr. Art. LeVeer, of my dear Uncle George Meunier who built of his own hands the solid fire'place of St. Norbert Rectory here. His wife Aunt Anna, also a Meunier by birth, was somewhat responsible for my priestly vocation. A saintly woman! A prayer, s.v.p., for them, not yet forgotten in Hardwick.

...This makes me closer to you for the festivities of today, with the solemn Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Unity... Every one has seen yeaterday on T.V. Pope John Paul returning to Gemelli Hospital in Rome, because of unexpected complications after the horrible attempt on his life last May 13 in St. Peter's Square. Just a few days before, he had recorded a message of Unity for the largest gathering, to take place on Pentecost Sunday in Rome,³ of Catholic Bishops and other Christian leaders since Vatican Council II where I did work besides the two John Pauls, the then Bishops Wojtila and Luciani...

...Another example of devotion to Unity and to the Blessed Sacrament is found in our little Saint Charlene Richard buried 21 years ago in Richard, Louisiana, where I was appointed temporary Pastor in 1980. She practiced in her short life what is described today in the second reading: the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 10:

«We, many though we are, one body,

«For we all partake of the one loaf.»

She is known now as the «Miracle Worker» of Louisiana. Let's try her for Vermont...

1. See: «Gazette of Vermont Heritage», published by «The National Survey», Chester, Vermont, copyright 1966.

2. Destroyed by fire in October 1974.

3. Ref.: Z«The Vermont Catholic Tribune», June 23, 1981, page 8: «Pope calls for Unity...»

MAY 29

19-59 was the last day
 of the 7th grade was being
 transferred to school I will
 miss it really, Charlene Elroy

MAY 30

19-59 - I went to spend
 the night with
 Cynthia Daigle
 a dear friend of mine

19

19

19 28 mai 1959

J'ai reçu une médaille donnée par l'asso-
 ciation parents-instituteurs, présentée
 par Grant Link en arithmétique.

29 mai 1959

19 dernier jour d'école. Le septième
 grade quitte pour une autre école. Je
 vais regretter Dorothy, Charles, Elroy.

19

May 30, 1959

I went spend the night with Cynthia Daigle
 a dear friend of mine.

May 31, 1959

19 I spend the day at home, just an ordi-
 nary day.



Ses fidèles vont aussi en pèlerinage à Charlene...
 His faithful visit Charlene's tomb & pray...

Daily Comet, Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana
 Tuesday, November 6, 1979

4-H COFFEE — The Golden Meadow Upper Elementary
 4-H Club hosted a coffee for senior citizens in observance
 of National 4-H Club week. From left, Clementine Sanamo,
 Father L. Meunier, Anna Dantin, Mrs. Adam Doucet, Ella
 Lombas, Loda Hebert and Della Dufrene. 4-Hers serving are
 Chad Pitre, Randy Warren and Darren Billiot.

SINGING BISHOP — Bishop Warren L. Boudreaux of
 the Houma-Thibodaux Diocese sang « O Holy Night » in
 French for guests and senior citizens at the December bir-
 thday party held at Bayou Towers. The Bishop sang the
 first verse in French, and asked the group to join him in
 singing the second in English Mary Betz accompanied on
 piano.

French
 side

Lettre non sollicitée des Clifford Landry : résumé de la traduction en page suivante.

A summary of the Clifford Landry's non-solicited letter on next page.

Arnaudville, La.
July 10, 1980

Dear Rev. Meunier,

I, Thelma Landry had promised you the day we visited Charlene's grave, that I'd let you know the results of my husband, Clifford's checkup at the V.A. hospital. He went for the checkup yesterday and the doctor said there hasn't been much change in 4 months, and gave him an appointment for the next checkup in 3 mos. So it seems to me that Clifford is still doing well. And of course I'm still praying very much for him.

Mrs Castille, the lady with the walker still talks about our visit at Charlene's grave and also of you. We really appreciated visiting with you. So Rev. I hope where even you are, you like it there and hope you are well.

Good bye

Yours Truly
Mrs Clifford Landry,
Rt. 1 Box N-50 B
Armandville, La. 70512

N.B. : En guise de traduction, on peut dire brièvement que son époux au 10 juillet 1980, se porte toujours très bien, que les examens au lab et ses médecins constatent son bon état de santé, l'invitant à revenir beaucoup plus tard pour les tests de routines. Sa reconnaissance répétée à Charlene.

According to this non solicited letter, Mr. Landry, after so many years, still feels the powerful protection of Charlene, with a good health. Their tranksgiving to Charlene.

Father Gene Tremie Installed As New Pastor Of OLSH Church



ATTENDING INSTALLATION OF NEW PASTOR — Very Rev. Bede Becnel, Vicar of the SW Acadiana Deanery, installed Father Gene Tremie, a Ville Platte native, as the pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church. Other priests in the area attended the impressive ceremony held Thursday, June 5 at a 7 p.m. Mass Shown here are (front left to right) Very Rev. L. Lou Meunier, Ph. D. of Lydia, La co-pastor of the St. Edward's Church in Richard, Father Albert Nunez of Mamou Rev. Henri-Paul Chaisson C.J.M. of Rayne, Very Rev Bede Becnel, Father Paul Thibodeaux of Iota, Father Wilfred Sylvester Church Point, and Father Donald Buttler of Our Mother of Mercy Church.

(En cette église eut lieu le baptême de
CHARLENE s

Baptism took place in this Church)

Church Point, Louisiana 70525

Sacred Heart Church

P. O. Box 308
Baldwin, La.

Rectory !
Hall 92



JULY 13, 1980

WELCOME

*Let's give a warm welcome to
Fr. Lou Mewnier, who will be say-
ing Mass during Fr. Lane's absence*



CTIONS

*I like to extend our sincere congratulations to the new officers
ghts of Columbus. May they have the continued support of all the
rs. The officers are as follows:*

Grand Knight -----	Jules Fontenot
Deputy Grand Knight -----	Lawrence St. Blanc
Chancellor -----	Donald Breaur
Recorder -----	Richard Pontiff
Treasurer -----	F. J. Petitfils
Advocate -----	Wilson Bourgeois
Warden -----	Andy Aucoin
Inside Guard -----	Nickolas Landry
Outside Guard -----	Michael Broussard
Trustees -----	Harry Darce, Lenis Clements, & Eloi Segura
District Deputy	Eloi Segura

shes to all the new officers.

HOOL

*the policies of the diocese is continuing education for priest. I
accepted in the graduate school at Gonzaga University in Spokane,
for the next two weeks. The mass schedule will remain the same.
nt of an emergency, feel free to call Fr. Lou Mewnier, who is in
replacing Fr. Bourque while he is on vacation or you mau call*

EPILOGUE

A « MIRACLES EN LOUISIANE ? »

(Essai biographique de Charlene Richard)

Trois heures quarante-sept de l'après-midi, au premier
juillet de l'année de grâce mil neuf cent quatre-vingt.

La sonnerie du téléphone retentit trois fois, très fort,
plus fort qu'à l'accoutumée, il semble. Heureusement que
la porte mitoyenne entre le garage et le presbytère est en-
tr'ouverte. Car le curé « pro tempore » de la paroisse Saint-
Nicolas de Lydia, en Louisiane, termine pour la millièrme
fois les préparatifs de départ.

Dans quelques minutes, il pressera le bouton déclen-
chant le mécanisme de la double porte automatique du ga-
rage. Il commandera le démarreur de la vieille Station Wa-
gon, « Chevrolet-Caprice », chargée jusqu'à boucher les fe-
nêtres, chargée plus que les mulets d'autrefois.

« Mission accomplie » à Lydia, les autorités diocésaines
lui demandent d'aller encore prêcher sur le Concile Vati-
can II, selon la demande de Paul VI, et le désir du Pape
actuel Jean-Paul II, dans deux autres paroisses de Louisia-
ne. Durant tout le mois de juillet, il sera curé « pro tempo-
re » cette fois-ci à Charenton et à la paroisse voisine :
Baldwin.

Chaque jour chez les charmants Indiens « Chitimacha »
de l'Immaculée Conception de Charenton, ou parmi les pa-
roissiens du Sacré-Coeur de Baldwin, il y aura des familles
comme à Lydia qui demanderont l'intronisation du Sacré-
Coeur de Jésus. Ou la bénédiction du foyer.

Il y aura des baptêmes de nouveaux chrétiens, des no-
ces comme à Cana. On parlera beaucoup de Charlene. Les
deux prêtres des deux paroisses quittent en effet en même



Une nouvelle « Charlene » baptisée à Charenton
A new « Charlene » baptized in Charenton, Louisiana

temps, l'un pour Auriesville, New York, lieu de naissance de la nouvelle bienheureuse Kateri Tekakwita, l'autre pour Gonzaga University à Spokane, Washington.

— Dring, Dring, Dring... le téléphone n'arrête pas.

— Un instant, j'arrive !

— Dring, Dring, Dring, Dring...

— Hello ! Ici l'église Saint-Nicolas !

— Hello ! Monsieur le curé Meunier ?

— Lui-même ! Bonjour bonjour !

— C'est Madame Pierre Thibodeaux qui vous appelle à l'interurbain de Beaumont, Texas.

— Mais oui ! je reconnais votre voix, chère Madame. Comment allez-vous ?

— Vous allez bien, Monsieur le curé ?

— Merci. C'est à mon tour de vous poser la question, chère amie : comment va notre malade Elaine-Antoinette ?...

Hier encore je la recommandais aux prières de nos gens de Lydia où une grande image de Charlene haute de trois pieds je crois, est exposée en permanence dans le vestibule de notre église de Santa Claus (Saint-Nicholas) ici.

— C'est justement pourquoi je vous appelle, Père... pour vous dire qu'Elaine est guérie, grâce à Dieu et à Charlene...

LE CAS D'ELAINE THIBODEAUX

Elaine-Antoinette Thibodeaux, 23 ans, vint de Beaumont, Texas, en pèlerinage avec sa famille au tombeau de Charlene au milieu de mai 1980. Elle avait peu de temps auparavant déjà subi cinq opérations chirurgicales. Pour un cancer aux poumons.

La famille désirait faire célébrer quelques messes en l'honneur de Charlene pour une guérison qui semblait impossible. Elaine avait alors une toux sèche, désespérante.



L'exemple the Charlene cité même au mariage si « oecuménique » du week-end du travail à Saskatoon, et aux missions de l'unité à St-Joachim, etc.

Charlene's example is highly mentioned at the « ecumenical » wedding on Labor Day week-end in Saskatoon, and during the Unity Octave services, Jan. - March 1981.

Puis en la semaine dédiée annuellement à la promotion du premier des 16 documents conciliaires publiés par Vatican II sur les « Moyens de communications », prédication sur l'exemple marial de Charlene aux messes dominicales de la splendide église semi-gothique Très Saint Coeur de Marie de Chambly les 23 et 24 mai. Avec cinéma du Concile et du Congrès international oecuménique d'Australie (1973), conférences à Tokyo, Kaloon (Chine), Honolulu (Hawaï). Et présentation officielle de l'« Essai biographique » en cette veille de l'Ascension 1981.

D'autres présentations similaires avaient déjà fourni l'occasion de citer encore Charlene en exemple. A « l'Age d'Or » de Baieville. Au déjeuner mixte du 3e degré, Chevaliers de Colomb de Drummondville. Au banquet du Quatrième en l'hôtel « L'Etoile d'Italie » du Vieux-Montréal, pour l'ouverture de l'année centenaire colombienne.

Coïncidence : c'est également le centenaire de Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, le grand savant réhabilité par Paul VI.¹

L'histoire édifiante de Charlene, selon l'expression de Teilhard au 5e tome de son « Milieu divin », peut devenir une douce invitation à aider ce « monde en évolution vers le point Oméga. »

« Je suis l'Alpha et l'Oméga, le Premier et le dernier, le commencement et la fin. »²

« Jonction entre la Foi et la Science », comme l'expliquait Pie XII dans un discours à l'Académie Pontificale des Sciences le 24 avril 1955 :

« La science n'en est-elle pas arrivée au point d'exiger que le regard pénètre aisément les réalités les plus profondes et s'élève jusqu'à une vue complète et harmonieuse des ensembles ? »³

On pourra donc répéter avec une émotion convaincue : « Moment scientifique et moment théologique »...

1. Voir notre volume « Liberté, oui ou non (Freedom Yes or No ?) » p. 213, note 17.

2. Paroles prophétiques attribuées à Jésus par Saint Jean dans l'Apocalypse : Rev. 22, 13.

3. Ref. : Oeuvres de Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, « Le Phénomène humain », Editions du Seuil, Paris 1955, page 13 (note).



Tordu de douleur par les balles...

At the instant : John Paul grimaces in pain at bullet wounds.

L'abbé L. Meunier curé à Chazel

le 6 novembre 1940

Ce prêtre de Granby devient le plus jeune curé du diocèse, âgé que de 25 ans.

La Voix de l'Est, vendredi 3 juillet 1959

L'abbé L. Meunier se rend à Victoria pour la SSJB

Victoria, B.C. (spécial à la Voix de l'Est) — A l'occasion de la fête patronale des Canadiens-Français, le cercle Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Victoria, B.C., recevait comme conférencier invité l'auteur des volumes « Ce grand vieillard tout droit » et de « Granby à Rome », l'abbé L. Meunier, curé de Marsden, en Saskatchewan, et originaire de Granby.

On se souvient que ce dernier volume vient d'être publié pour les fêtes du centenaire de Granby, et fut présenté officiellement à Granby le 25 avril dernier par les membres de la société « Etudes et Conférences » dont Mme Jeanne Rochon est l'active présidente. C'est à l'issue de cette présentation à la librairie municipale de Granby que fut offert à l'abbé Meunier un stylo du centenaire et un certificat de citoyen émérite, signé par M. Horace Boivin, maire de la cité de Granby, dont les souhaits à ce moment exprimaient le désir que le « livre du centenaire de Granby » soit lu à travers tout le Canada. Des souhaits analogues avaient alors été émis par M. Armand Bouchard, échevin et président du comité de la librairie et maître de cérémonie pour cette circonstance, et M. Marc Leclerc, président de la Commission scolaire, après une brève analyse du livre par M. Lucius Laliberté, un expert en matière de librairie.

On sait que ce volume du centenaire fut également présenté le jour suivant au « Salon Rouge » de l'hôtel Windsor de Montréal devant un groupe de chevaliers du 4e degré venus de divers districts du Québec et de l'Ontario; et peu après en plusieurs localités de la Saskatchewan et de l'Alberta.

La conférence de l'abbé Meunier à Victoria en cette veillée de la St-Jean-Baptiste était donnée à la suite du souper de patriotes qui réunissait pas moins de 300 convives de l'île de Vancouver. Le conférencier fut présenté par le Rév. Père Clément Lépine, o.m.f., curé de la paroisse Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Victoria et remercié par M. S. Chrétien, président du cercle local de la St-Jean-Baptiste.

L'orateur eut de chaudes paroles de félicitations pour les organisateurs de cette démonstration patriotique. Il résuma ses remarques dans les vers tirés de la chanson du terroir, répétés par toute l'assistance dans un refrain enthousiaste :

- « Quant il souffle à travers l'espace,
- De Vancouver au Labrador,
- Je chante avec le vent qui passe
- Où le français se parle encore ».

Les membres du cercle St-Jean-Baptiste, en entendant le « Je vous apporte le salut et l'affection du Granby centenaire » se remémoraient avec émotion la visite de M. le maire Horace Boivin, il y a peu de temps ici à Victoria, à la convention des maires.



Ecumnism long ago! even in St. David and 3-Rivers!

Merci
au foyer
St-David à
son personnel
21/3/81
L.L. M., curé



Autres travaux où Charlene est mentionnée : aumônier bénévole aux Chevaliers pour initiations et assemblées, projections ou conférences ailleurs également.

Tout cela doublé souvent de Messes à la maison de malades, d'amis et de nombreux parents.

Combien de fidèles et de sympathisants ont ainsi prié le Seigneur aidés de l'esprit de Charlene et de ses vertus, la petite sainte du sud-ouest de la Louisiane!

Eternelle mission de gratitude, de sincère reconnaissance, selon les paroles inspirées de l'Apôtre trouvées ici et là dans ses lettres écrites pour tout le monde : ¹

- « Béni soit le Dieu et
- « Père de notre Seigneur Jésus-Christ
- « le Père des miséricordes et
- « le Dieu de toute consolation ! »

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Abp. Hannan praises Hebert

Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans praised former Congressman F. Edward Hebert's devotion to his family, both domestic and national, in his homily at Hebert's funeral Dec. 31. Archbishop Hannan presided at the funeral Mass.

The former congressman died Dec. 28 at the age of 78. The Louisiana Democrat served 36 years in the House of Representatives, where he was chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

« He devoted his life to the freedom and support of his family, domestic and national... Congressman Eddie's devotion to his family was a paradigm of his devotion to the nation, » the archbishop said.

Archbishop Hannan made frequent references to Hebert's love of a strong national defense. « He always knew the use of power and that right needs might. He was relentless in his efforts to maintain the strength of this country, especially as chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

¹ II Cor. 1: 3, aussi I Cor. 1: 4, Eph. 1: 3, II Thess. 1: 3, II Tim. 1: 3 et autres.

« While he respected and upheld the positions and duties of those in the armed forces, he rigorously insisted on the moral obligations of those in the honorable profession of arms, » Archbishop Hannan said in his homily.

« He demanded the investigation of My Lai in the Vietnam War and at the same time he was on very friendly terms with the (military) chiefs. »

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Moon Landrieu, former mayor of New Orleans, represented the Carter administration at Hebert's funeral and Louisiana's Governor-elect David Treen and Sen. Russel Long (D-La.) also attended the service.



OFFICIAL

Archbishop Philip M. Hannan announces the following appointment:

Associate Pastor

Rev. Lou Meunier, Associate Pastor, Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, Destrehan, La., effective Jan. 3, 1980. By order of the Most Reverend Ordinary,

Rev. Msgr. Lanaux
J. Rareshide
Vice Chancellor

Avec le Grand Chevalier Daniel Verrette
de son conseil 1173 d'Opelousas, Louisiane.

Father O'Leary



Council

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

5104

SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN

Sept. 15/80

Dear Sir Knight Fr. Lou Meunier,

The members of Council 5104 of the K. Of C. wanted me express their gratitude to you for your gracious support and cooperation in our recent activities and your informative lecture at our regular meeting today. I understand that you'll be the guest speaker here for the 4th degree assembly tomorrow. Many of us gratefully remember your unique work with the Knights in the Saskatoon area in the decade ending in 1966, while bringing us the immediate developments of vatican Council II which you attended in Rome.

We join our Chaplain Fr. Raymond Senger pastor of St. Francis of Saskatoon who publicly thanked you yesterday for celebrating Sunday Masses in his church. With him we say: Happy "Ruby" Jubilee!

Please convey our fraternal regards to your K. of C. Council #1173 of Opelousas, Louisiana. And may God continue to Bless you in all your work.

Yours fraternally,

Robert Barkman
Robert Barkman G.K.

Fr. O'Leary Council 5104

Saskatoon, Sask.

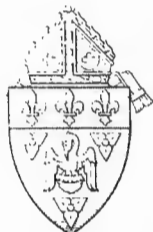
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AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

7887 WALMSLEY AVENUE

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70125

January 3, 1980

Reverend Lou Meunier
Saint Charles Borromeo
P.O. Box 428
Destrehan, Louisiana 70047

Dear Father Meunier:

I am pleased to appoint you canonical Assoc
Reverend Alvin J. O'Reilly, Pastor of Saint Charles B
Destrehan, Louisiana, and in accordance with Canon 47
you the necessary faculties for the faithful discharg

This appointment is effective immediately.

Wishing you every blessing and priestly suc
pastoral assignment, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ

Philip M. Hanna

Archbishop of New Orleans

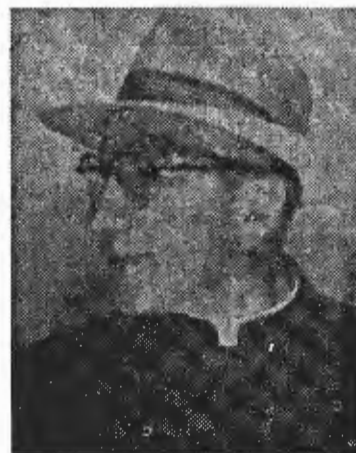
cc: Reverend Alvin J. O'Reilly, Pastor
Very Reverend T. Raymond Bane, V.F.
Reverend Roger Swenson, Chairman

Nov. 8th, 1961

The Lloydminster Times, Sask.-Alta.

Addresses Local K.C.'s

Announce du Concile oecuménique imminent.



Rev. Luke Meunier,
Council, addressing the Knights of Columbus of Lloydmin-
ster and district in St. Anthony's Hall recently.

Father Luke had been introduced to the Knights by Br.
John Steblik, Chairman of the Speakers Committee of the
close of the KC gathering. He told the audience how much
the Lloydminster Council appreciated Father Luke's res-
ponce to their invitation after such a short notice, knowing
his very busy schedule. The speaker, who is also a member
of the Edmonton Fourth Degree KC Assembly, replied he
was very happy to spend the evening with his brother
Knights, although he had to get up at 6:00 a.m., on the fol-
lowing day to drive to Chauvin, being moreover in charge
of the temporary Chauvin parish and of the religious teach-
ings in the Sacred Heart School. He apologized for his poor
preparation, due among other things to the many gradua-
tions he has to address, one of them very soon in Glace
Bay, Noca Scotia. He requested prayers for his first cousin,
Fr. Gilles Chauvin, whose ordination to Holy Priesthood is
to take place this June in St. Hyacinthe, Qué. He had very
warm congratulations for many appreciative achievements
of the Lloydminster KC Council, namely Bishop Sheen TV
program, help to the Lloydminster students, etc. . .

The guest speaker's main topic was, *Practical and Practising Catholics' Behaviour*. I am glad to have been suggested such a practical subject by my good friend, Br. John, he said. He who claims the honor of being a disciple of Christ and a child of His church, should act accordingly. We should have a filial respect for the one Jesus has called to be His first representative on earth, the successor of Peter, who was told: *Thou art Peter and upon that rock I will build my church*.

Thinking of the forthcoming ecumenical council in next October, we should pray, as the Anglican Primate Archbishop Ramsay said in Athens a few days ago, that this Vatican Council may serve charity between all believers in Christ. True practising Catholics should be living examples of the Master's Motto: *Love one another as I love You*.

Thursday, October 22, 1959



Rev. M. Leblanc, Chancellor of P.A. diocese; and Rev. L. Meunier, Pastor at Marsden, radio commentator, leading the congregational singing at the microphones. Some twenty thousand persons have attended the ceremonies of the Congress.

LETTE ENCYCLIQUE DIVES IN MISERICORDIA

La Tribune, Sherbrooke, lundi 30 mars 1981

DU SOUVERAIN PONTIFE JEAN-PAUL II

LA MISERICORDE DIVINE

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Home Masses, Blessings
Messes de remerciement, bénédiction



Home Mass at Terry Mercier
08/04/80, Beaumont, Texas

La 3e de droite: Elaine Thibodeaux, 3d from right



Remerciements au Salon Mé-Maine, à l'« Age d'Or » de St-Zéphirin pour l'occasion donnée de compléter l'essai biographique de Charlene, aux jours de l'inondation, Drummondville '81.

Thanks to « Salon Mé-Maine » & Fr. Gardner's « Golden Age » in St. Zephirin for the opportunity given of putting the finishing touch to the « Biographical Essay » of Charlene.

APPENDICE

Charlene pria et travailla pour plus de paix et d'unité au milieu de gens de multiples origines et de diverses croyances religieuses.

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Du ciel, qu'elle daigne bénir les efforts d'information sur l'oecuménisme, et le travail poursuivi sans cesse, tel que décrit dans les pages suivantes.

(Cuando el estudiante responde a una pregunta, se le da un punto)

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Le directeur de la Schola :

J. M. Charbonneau G. M.

Le mètre :

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Many pictures of Charlene given in Val d'Or and to the devotes of the Atelier de Noël — New Year' Day Midnight Mass 1981.

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Dear Father Meunier (copy)

We received your letter and was so happy to hear from you. Father we will be happy to have you visit our home. Let us know when you will be coming.

Elaine and I are going to Malveston on the 11 & 12 of July for a ray and check-up. Father, Elaine is doing fine. God has answered our prayer in so many ways. I have so much to tell you about her surgery. We have told our friends about you coming. Everybody is looking forward to meeting you. Hope to seeing you soon.

Love,
The Thibodeaux - 1

Les Thibodeaux expliquent qu'Elaine se porte très bien maintenant, que leurs prières ont été exaucées de bien des manières.

Il ajoutent qu'ils se préparent avec parents et amis à exprimer leur reconnaissance, dans l'attente du missionnaire pour la Mission qu'ils organisent.

L'une des homélies de la MISSION du week-end préparatoire à la fête du Christ-Roi, paroisse Sainte-Pétronille
Île d'Orléans

Bien chers fidèles,
Peuple de Dieu de l'île d'Orléans : ¹

C'est un grand bonheur d'être ici pour prier avec vous comme je l'étais hier soir. L'île d'Orléans, pour celui qui n'est pas « insulaire » comme une dame me disait hier soir après la messe, c'est vraiment un rêve réalisé.

Toutes les îles de la terre sont des îles enchantées, ² et pour un homme du pays, oui, c'est un vrai rêve réalisé de revoir cette île que j'ai connue dans mon enfance.

SITE HISTORIQUE MODERNISÉ

Et de voir que rien n'a été, je dirais adultéré, que rien n'a été changé, au moins pas du tout au tout.

Les maisons sont encore si belles avec leurs toilettes neuves, mais avec leur même style ancien.

M. Turgeon, il y a un instant, notre animateur si dynamique, se plaignait de ne pas savoir mon nom. Eh ! bien, mon nom est Meunier. Il n'y a peut-être pas de Meunier sur l'île d'Orléans, mais il y en a ailleurs. L'assistante à la messe : Caroline Mousseau.

Et nous voilà prêts à parler de la fin du monde. Le conseil pastoral de la paroisse ici suggère que l'homélie soit faite en regard, en relation de la grande revue « Vie liturgique » publiée par les diocèses de l'inter-Québec, approuvée par Monseigneur Paul Nicole, Vicaire général, et Son Eminence Monsieur le Cardinal Maurice Roy, successeur actuel du Bienheureux François de Montmorency-Laval, et primat de l'église nationale, à qui je dois le privilège d'être curé en cette dernière partie de l'année ecclésiastique.

1. Tiré de l'enregistrement original, courtoisie de J. L. Gagnon en son jubilé d'argent comme sacristain à Ste-Pétronille de l'île d'Orléans.

2. Il y a une île « Enchantée » non loin.

LE « JEU » DE LA MESSE

Pour les faire prier elle jouait à la messe. C'est rare de voir une petite fille jouer à la messe. Mais c'en était une. Elle priait pour que son plus grand frère Jean-Dale devienne prêtre comme dans le jeu. En fait il est entré au Séminaire. Il est tombé malade. Il a fait un père, oui, mais un bon père de famille avec une dizaine d'enfants, tous charmants. ¹ Voilà donc un modèle très moderne, de notre temps.

ADIEU À L'ÎLE D'ORLÉANS

Et je vous répète en terminant combien il est agréable lorsqu'on arrive de la Nouvelle Orléans, où je fus missionnaire durant plusieurs années, de venir prier dans l'île d'Orléans, en songeant aussi à un autre modèle, Jeanne d'Arc, LA PUCELLE D'ORLEANS, dont j'ai donné tant de fois le film en cinéma, avec la grande artiste demeurant à Rome même, Ingrid Bergman qui parlait parfaitement français, ici même sur les ondes à la TV il y a un mois à peine dans une interview. On a vu de même Jean-Paul II hier à la télévision.

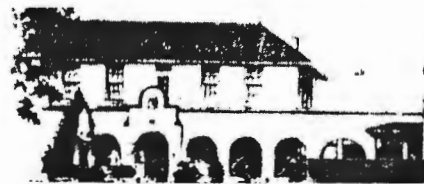
Tout cela doit nous inciter à nous préparer dans la joie, dans le sourire et l'amour à la venue de Jésus sur les « nuages », comme dit le texte inspiré de Saint Paul ² pour nous juger.

Il sera sévère à ce moment-là. Mais aujourd'hui il est plein de miséricorde. Profitons du temps de sa miséricorde. Amen.

1. Photos ci-contre, avec remerciements.
2. Lettre II aux Thess. 4: 16-17

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by Pope John Paul II.

To Fr. Lou Meunier 1980, L.J. Card. Suenens, Feb. 24.

COMPAGNON DU CARDINAL WILLEBRAND À L'ORDINATION ANGLICANE

Quelques jours plus tard, parce que j'avais eu a bord du vaisseau SS Arcadia l'inspiration oecuménique d'échanger la chaire du prêcheur ou les lectures de l'évangile avec l'archidiacre Sam Woods de Nouvelle Zélande, frère de Sa Grâce l'archevêque Woods, primat de toute l'Australie à Melbourne, celui-ci me lança une invitation d'assister à l'ordination de neuf prêtres anglicans à sa cathédrale anglicane de Melbourne.

J'étais en « éminente » compagnie : Son Eminence le Cardinal Jan Willebrand, président du Secrétariat pour l'unité à Rome, assistait flanqué du rouge cardinalice, lui et moi étant les deux seuls prêtres catholiques invités. Il devait y prêcher officiellement le lendemain à un service fort achalandé.

Nous fûmes très émus — le Cardinal me confia plus tard avoir eu la même réaction, quand l'archevêque anglican Woods, le « Docteur » Woods comme l'appellent les Australiens, distribua la communion durant près d'une demi-heure avec d'autres prêtres anglicans.

Ne peut-on pas appeler ces heureuses réunions une espèce « d'intercommunion » ou échanges eucharistiques ? Qu'on se souvienne que ceci suit de près le consensus de théologiens catholiques et anglicans, à l'effet que les deux groupes partagent « substantiellement » la même croyance sur les points principaux de la Foi.

MILLIONS DE GENS ENGAGÉS DANS LE CONGRÈS

Des millions de personnes ont pris une part active ici. Non seulement les 200,000 remplissant à débordement le grandiose terrain de jeu du cricket, le plus grand du genre au monde, au dernier soir, 25 février, point culminant du congrès, et chantant à pleine voix le refrain maintenant fameux :

- « Toute la terre proclame le Seigneur,
- « Chantons la gloire de Dieu » (All the Earth).



From Texas, Pilgrims
come to Charlene

Pèlerins affluent du
Texas vers Charlene



With Bishop Morkowski, ordinary of Houston, congratulating Fr. Meunier on his ruby jubilee of Priesthood.

NOTRE-DAME CHURCH, Houston, Texas, August 19, 1979

Non seulement les 150,000 enfants des quatre coins de l'Australie à la messe très spécialement pour eux le jeudi du congrès, poussant les plus grands cris de joie jamais entendus sur terre. Un nombre déterminé dansaient très artistiquement et très respectueusement avant le banquet eucharistique (comme David devant l'arche).

Non seulement encore les 50,000 participants de toutes croyances et de diverses langues prenant part au grand service oecuménique de prières au même champ de cricket :

« avec les leaders des églises protestantes de l'état de Victoria qui s'associèrent à nous dans le programme de « renouveau depuis le tout début. »¹

Comme la plupart des fonctions du congrès, ce service oecuménique fut entièrement télévisé et regardé partout en Australie et au-delà par des millions de pieux ou du moins curieux auditeurs et téléspectateurs.

Cependant des milliers d'autres ont participé d'une façon très effective. Par exemple ceux qui ont aidé à décorer les principales rues de Melbourne. Ces inscriptions, mots d'ordre, dessins imagés, etc., devaient rester là pour prêcher et instruire des mois entiers après le congrès.

INFLUENCE IMMÉDIATE DU CONGRÈS MONDIAL

Nulle part ailleurs avons-nous vu une telle abondance de décorations appropriées. Nous avons dû toutefois depuis plusieurs décades prendre une part active à des douzaines de semblables fonctions religieuses internationales. A titre de représentant officiel, ou leader ou organisateur. Témoin : le 2e Concile du Vatican 1962-65, l'année mariale à Lourdes, 1954, le congrès international marial d'Ottawa, 1947; le congrès international de la Ligue eucharistique en la ville de Québec en 1938, cette fois comme séminariste-délégué.

Les slogans eucharistiques à Melbourne sur tous les tramways et autobus, sur tant de coins de rues et de magasins à rayons, prêchaient l'unité et l'amour.

1. Citation du Cardinal James Knox, alors archevêque de Melbourne, peu après Préfet de la Sacrée Congrégation des Sacraments à Rome.

A moins d'être au courant à l'avance, on n'aurait jamais cru que l'Australie comptait alors à peine trente pour cent de catholiques.

A coup sûr, l'élément non-catholique coopéra pleinement.

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Is Experience in Ecumenism

We were very moved, and the Cardinal told me later he had the same reaction, when' Archbishop Woods, — Dr. Woods as' Australians call him — Primate of all Australia, distributed Holy Communion with many Anglican priests for almost half an hour. Can't we call such happy reunions a sort of sharing in the Holy Eucharist? Especially if one recalls the recent agreement of both Catholic and Anglican theologians as sharing « substantially » the same belief on the main points of Faith?

Millions Directly Involved

Millions of people have taken an active part or have been involved in the Congress. Not only the nearly 200,000 filling to capacity the largest cricket ground in the world on the last night — the climax — Feb. 25, and chanting in one voice the now famous refrain :

« All the earth proclaim the Lord, sing your praise to God! »

Not only the 150,000 children from all parts of Australia for their special Mass on Thursday, shouting their joy to the Lord, some of them dancing so artistically and respectfully before the Eucharistic banquet. Not only the 50,000 of all beliefs and languages who took part in the Ecumenical Service of Prayers, again at the Cricket-Ground, with the participation of : « leaders of various Protestant Churches in Victoria who have been associated with us in the programme of renewal since the beginning; (Cardinal James Knox, archbishop of Melbourne).

Like most functions of the Congress, this ecumenical gathering was fully televised and watched all over Australia, no doubt, by millions of devout or curious listeners. But hundreds of thousands of others have also shared in an

unforgettable participation. For instance, those who have helped in decorating all the main streets of Melbourne. Those decorations, inscriptions, mottoes, paintings, etc., were to stay and preach and instruct for a whole month after the Congress.

Immediate Influence in America

Nowhere have we seen such an abundance of significant and meaningful decorations. Yet, we have been involved in years past in dozens of regional, national and international religious functions of the kind, as official representative or as part of the leadership. To mention only a few: the Second Ecumenical Vatican Council in Rome (1962-65); the International Marian Year in Lourdes, France (1954); the International Marian Congress in Ottawa (1947); the International Congress of the Eucharistic League (as Seminarians' delegate, Québec, 1938).

The Eucharistic slogans on every street car and on so many busses, on most street corners and department stores, were a preaching of unity and love. Unless you were told, you would never realize that Australia has hardly a 30 per cent Catholic population. For sure the non-Catholic element cooperated.

Obviously that sort of preaching, those common efforts of Christians and other believers in a Supreme Being as seen in Melbourne, were just a prelude to other similar large prayer gatherings. It has already happened on this very day, at the close of the past Easter week, at least in two wellknown American cities. Isn't it a true consequence of the recent International Congress? Besides the thousands taking part in the hour long service, how many witnessed the fact or participated through television?

Yes, religious services of a new style. A Catholic priest, Father Ben, OFM, was the guest preacher in Los Angeles for a Rev. Ralph Wilkinson who remarked: «I cannot call myself a Protestant because I do not protest against anything.» He was all smiles and joy in Christ Risen. No Wonder: the priest explaining the mysterious ways of the Lord, had such a great sense of humor that the huge crowd suddenly burst in loud applause. Just like in Melbourne each time the Papal Legate appeared in the parade black convertible.

(Traduction en pages précédentes) (partiellement).

NM Independent — Saturday, May 5, 1973

Australia Congress

By FR. L. Luke Meunier, Ph.D.



Father L. Luke Meunier of Christo Rey College in Gallup has just returned after having attended the 40th International Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne, Australia. Fr. Luke, who has preached in Holbrook and other area communities, was northern ico representative to the congress.

Only a few months have gone by since the «Great» Congress. Yet it can be said that its impact on the world is immense.

«As an expression of Catholic Faith, the Eucharistic Congress of Melbourne bids fair to surpass the International Congresses held since World War II, notably those of Munich, Bombay and Bogoto.»

This was stated Papal Legate Cardinal Lawrence Shehan in one of the liturgical functions in Melbourne St. Patrick's Cathedral, before thousands of delegates and faithful from all over the world.

Cardinal Shehan's report to the Holy Father and the Vatican's Commissions in Rome was no different.

«Seldom, if ever,» he says, «have preparations for such a Congress, been made with so much zeal. The center of the life of the whole Church is the Eucharist... Not only is the Eucharist the test and the nourishment of our Faith and the source of Christian love; it is also the cause and the sign of our Christian Unity, and what is particularly appropriate to this Congress, it is the motive that draws us on the hope of true unity among all those who bear the Christian name.»

Pope Paul choosing in a unique occurrence the motto of the Congress: « Love one another as I have loved you » (Jo. 13 14) had prophesied long before the days of the Congress about demonstrations of Christian unity to be realized at the Congress and never heard of before.

« There is, I believe, » continues the Cardinal Legate, « a longing among an every growing number of Christians of all denominations to share the Eucharist with each other. In the difficult dilemma which this presents, the Church has prudently chosen to restrict intercommunion, not out of aloofness, but in the hope that the desire for Eucharistic communion will move us toward healing our divisions. »

New Sharing of Jesus's Body

Nevertheless, we have personally witnessed in many instances at the Congress what we may call some sharing of the Holy Eucharist. At the great charismatic encounter, for instance, on Tuesday Feb. 10, in the large St. Francis church there our friend Father Tough, S.S., and his fellow Blessed sacrament priests heard confessions night and day, right in the city center of the nearly 3,000,000 population, state capital of Melbourne, just a block away from the old and imposing Gothic Anglican Cathedral.

When the distinguished main guest, Bishop McKinney, of Grand Rapid, Mich., gave the blessing with the Holy Eucharist in the monstrance around 11 p.m., among the thousand of people inside and outside the church, some Methodists and Anglicans accompanying us were simply kneeling down and making a devout sign of the Cross. The Bishop showed himself ecumenical to the point of entertaining my non-Catholic friends for a good while afterwards.

A few days later, because I had had the ecumenical inspiration, aboard the S.S. Arcadia, of exchanging pulpit or gospel readings with his own brother Archdeacon Sam Woods (of New Zealand), His Grace Archbishop J. Woods invited me for the ordination of nine Anglican priests in his Melbourne Anglican Cathedral.

I was in « eminent » company: Cardinal Jan Wilbrand, president of the Secretariat of Christian Unity in Rome, was attending in his red clerical attire. He was to preach officially in the same Anglican Cathedral the following day for a well-attended service.

SNOWFLAKE

Holbrook, Navajo, Thursday, Oct. 5, 1972

GROUP SLATES COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVANCE

The Knights of Columbus of Holbrook are planning to observe Columbus Day with a number of activities.

Under the leadership of Frank J. Jennett, newly elected grand knight of the Holbrook Council, the members of the order will attend the 8 a.m. religious service of the mass in our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Sunday.

The Holy Mass will be offered by Rev. Lucien-Luke Meunier, missionary of Vatican Council II and presently acting pastor of Guadalupe Parish in Holbrook.

Edward Paulus, activities committee chairman, announced that a fiesta will follow the prayers in the church. Friends of the knights, regardless of faith, are also invited to join them and share the lunch which will be served after mass in the lobby of the church.

The ladies auxiliary to the order will then serve coffee and donuts, free of charge, in honor of Christopher Columbus.

Tribune News, Holbrook, Thursday, January 4, 1973

LOCAL PRIEST WILL BE ON TV SHOW

Father L. Luke Meunier of Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Holbrook, will appear as guest speaker on KOAI-TV's « Today in the Northland » tomorrow morning (Jan. 5) at 8 a.m.

Father Luke will detail plans for his coming pilgrimage to the 40th International Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne, Australia.

Sailing from Los Angeles, Father Luke will lead a large group of pilgrims to the Melbourne gathering. The site of the Congress has been chosen by Pope Paul, who will preside over the affair himself.

The theme of the 40th Eucharistic Congress, as stated by the Pope, is « Love one another, Just as I love you. »

The pilgrims, lead by Father Luke, will leave Los Angeles later this year.

Prêtre local à l'écran de la télévision

M. le curé L. Luke Meunier, de la paroisse Notre-Dame de la Guadeloupe, sera l'orateur invité au programme « Aujourd'hui dans le Nord », télévisé demain 5 janvier à 8 heures a.m. sur les ondes de KOAI-TV.

Le curé Meunier donnera des détails sur son grand pèlerinage prochain au quarantième congrès eucharistique international à Melbourne en Australie.

Partant de Los Angeles, le Père conduira un bon groupe de pèlerins à la réunion de Melbourne.

Le site du Congrès a été choisi par le Pape Paul qui présidera l'assemblée.

Le thème du quarantième congrès eucharistique tel que proclamé par le Pape est :

- « Aimez-vous les uns les autres
- « Comme je vous ai aimés.

Les pèlerins conduits par le prêtre quitteront Los Angeles sous peu.

Mission oecuménique au Colorado

Idaho Register, Friday, July 2, 1971

BOISE

Members of the Cataldo club had an overnight hike from Pine Creek road to Shaffer Butte picnic grounds, to prepare for a backpack trip into the Sawtooth country in August.

The group was joined by other members at Shaffer for a picnic, with Father Luke Meunier as guest.

Bishop Sylvester Treinen celebrated his 25th anniversary as a priest during the opening banquet of the priests' institute held at St. Gertrude's convent June 14.

The Cataldo club combined its June 10th board meeting with a potluck supper at Ann Morrison Park.

A slide program by Vatican II missionary Father Luke Meunier was held at St. Paul's Student Center.

IDAHO CITY — ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

During the summer months, Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. Saturday evening according to Father Meunier.

Valsenburg, Colo. February 10, 1972

Boy Scout week observed in ceremony

A large number of parents and friends of Scouts attended the impressive ceremony at 11 a.m. last Sunday in St. Mary Church, which was filled to capacity. The Boy Scouts of America were celebrating the 62nd year of their founding.

The event was a local observance of the official opening of Boy Scout Week. Father L. Luke, who has just finished giving a two-week series of daily lectures and interviews on KFLJ Radio Station about Vatican Council II and Ecumenism, said in the sermon on the High Mass he celebrated that Scoutism in Valsenburg is another living example of sane ecumenism. The « pack » in fact comprises both Catholics and other Christians. They learn to pray together to their First Scoutmaster, Maker and Creator, and to sing together beautiful and inspiring hymns from their Cub Scout song book, such as « The Scout Benediction », « Bless Our Cub Scouts », « Scout Vesper Song », etc.

Excerpts were read from the pulpit from a letter written by Chief Scout Heenes of Pueblo to Scoutmaster Julian Manzanares of Valsenburg, stating that Bishop Buswell has proclaimed this week as Boy Scout Week, himself distributing on that same Sunday at the Cathedral some « Atlare Dei » medals to another group of Scouts.

Standing around the altar the local Scouts answered their chaplain in a loud voice who asked them to renew their promises as Cub Scouts of America. All repeated several times : « Always do your best ! »

NEW DENVER HONORS REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day was observed in New Denver with a special church service and a parade to the cenotaph.

Approximately 500 people turned out to participate in the exercises which started with a parade to the cenotaph with Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Cadets, cubs, participating. Parade Marshall for the event was Walter Thring.



At 11 a.m. there was a service and silence to remember the war dead and prayers of remembrance by Rev. Luke L. Meunier, P.P.

The parade formed again for Bosun Hall and a regular church service.

Rev Meunier officiated at the service leading in prayers which included quotes from famous people such as Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Vincent Massey and Lester B. Pearson.

D. C. Westaway gave the Remembrance, Day address and pointed out the responsibility of the young people in the world today to maintain peace.

The short service closed with prayer and the Blessing of St. Francis.

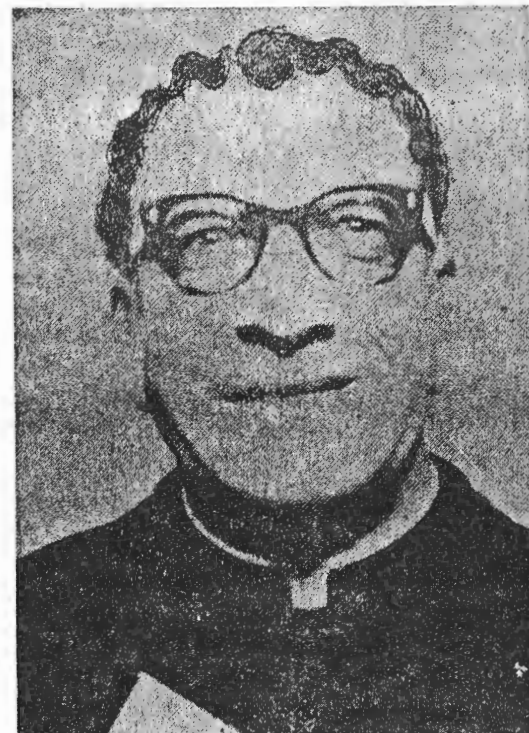
November 19, 1972

Father Meunier was an « Observer » at Vatican Council II. Since then he has travelled extensively throughout the United States and many foreign countries giving talks and spreading the ideas expressed by the Ecumenical Council.

The Eucharistic Congress will be honored with the presence of His Holiness Pope Paul VI. The gathering is scheduled to be a congress of English speaking peoples. It is to be very ecumenical as has been pointed out by the Holy Father. He told Archbishop James Knox of Melbourne and the general committee: « The motto of the Congress rightly recalls « Love one another just as I have loved you » (John 13: 14). It will be an invitation to unity and for unity, of which the Eucharist is the humble and powerful sign. »

The pilgrims will sail from Los Angeles, California, on the S. S. Monterey President (an all first class ship) January 23, 1973. Those of the group from Canada and Alaska will sail from San Francisco the day before.

(Du journal diocésain officiel)



Father L. Luke Meunier

FATHER MEUNIER WILL BE LEADER OF PILGRIMAGE

Holbrook — Father L. Luke Meunier, associate pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish here, will lead a pilgrimage to the 40th International Eucharistic Congress. The Congress is to be held in Melbourne, Australia, February 18-25, 1973.

L.D. Walsenburg, Colo. February 17, 1972

Mission au Colorado (oecuménique)

Knights of Columbus hear
Rev. L. Luke Meunier

A busy meeting of the Walsenburg Knights of Columbus Council last week ended with a lecture with colored slides on Vatican Council II, held in Rome from 1962 to 1966, presented by the Rev. L. Luke Meunier of St. Mary



Church, Missionary of the Council and a Fourth Degree Knight himself.

Fr. Meunier attended part of the important sessions of all the Catholic bishops of the world. And for the first time in the history of the 21 ecumenical councils, other Christians were sitting in the Chamber of the Council in Rome as official delegates.

Thus, 451 Orthodox, Lutherans, Anglicans, Episcopalians, Methodists, Calvinists, etc., officially sent by their churches, were in attendance every day in St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world, with 2,867 bishops, called the « Fathers » of the council.

Well-known writer, and lecturer throughout America, Europe, Asia and Northern Africa, Fr. Luke referred to his latest book, recently published: « Freedom, Yes or No? », to show the great impact of this council on the world at large.

« Everyone should realize plainly, though », concluded Father Luke, that Pope Paul, so open to any form of dialogues as encouraged by the council, would nevertheless never compromise. And in May 1966, just before the general elections in Italy, he repeated in a general audience that the church could never accept any doctrine originating from Marxism. »

A period of questions and discussions followed while refreshments were served.

Vanderhoof, B.C., Thursday, June 29, 1972

CHURCH OF INFANT JESUS LONGUE MISSION EN COLOMBIE

Anniversaries Celebrated

St. Joseph Auditorium was filled to capacity last Sunday for the celebration of His Holiness Pope Paul's ninth anniversary as Vicar of Christ and Spiritual chief of more 600 million Catholics, the largest group of believers in the world.

Holy Infant Jesus Parish of Vanderhoof, B.C. was hosting for the occasion an Observer of Vatican Council II in Rome, Italy, the Reverend Luke Meunier, who attended sessions of the Great Ecumenical Council in the Eternal City in 1965.

Reverend Robert Dalton, Pastor of Vanderhoof, introduced the distinguished Guest, a well known writer and lecturer at home and abroad, during the 10:00 a.m. High Mass, offered for the Congregation by Father Meunier himself. Sister Dominic led the congregational singing in appropriate hymns accompanied at the organ by Mrs Ken Hofner. During the homily, the Celebrant recalled the full authority given by Jesus to Peter and his successors, the Bishops of Rome. He mentioned that Pope Paul had the rare distinction of being the only Pope among the 262 Popes since Peter, to have suffered an attempt of assassination, in Manila, Philippines, a few years ago. According to an eye witness, the Holy Father's life was then saved by his double roman collar on the which the murdering dagger slipped down, instead of cutting Paul's jugular vein as intended.

Like many Canadians, Pope Paul celebrates his Patron Saint feast day on June 24th, because of the name given to him at baptism: John the Baptist, his full name being Giovanni Battista Montini (Italian). The most travelled Pope in History, Paul the VI was the maker of Vatican II initiated by John XXIII, « the most important among the 21 Ecumenical Councils » in which participated nearly 500 official delegates of various other Christian Churches, another.

COLORED SLIDES OF VATICAN II

At 7:30 p.m. many parishioners and visitors returned to the Auditorium to see the colored slides of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome where the famous Council took place. The



A DIRECT REPRESENTATIVE from Rome, the Reverend Luke Meunier visited St. Joseph's School over last weekend

Mother Church of all other churches, St. Peter's nave is large enough to accommodate 50,000 people. St. James Cathedral in Montréal is the only church in the world built on the model of St. Peter's in Rome.

Gregory Schwab had the privilege of wearing the true white skull cap of the Pope given to the Guest Speaker by Paul VI. Other slides of the Holy Land in Asia and in Africa were shown to the audience. An interesting debate then originated about important world events, like the international Eucharistic Congress to be held in Sydney, Australia, in February 1973.

Before leaving the large Auditorium, many requested the Author's autograph on the latest book about the Council, written by Fr. L. Meunier, who has spread the knowledge of the Council all over America and lately in the Southern United States. He is expected soon in Yukon and Alaska.

Sunday Service

St. Anthony's Church, New Denver

Rev. Luke L. Meunier

Sunday Masses : 10 a.m. & p.m. Daily Mass : 7:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Devotions on the First Friday : 6:45 p.m.

Holy Communion in Pavilion and Slocan Hospital : Tuesday 2:00 p.m.

BURTON —

Sunday Evening Service.

Friday Prayer and Bible at 7:30 p.m.

Young People's Service.

Friday of each month : 7:30 p.m.

Casper, Wyoming — World Energy Capital, June 24, 1973

Friday, July 5, 1974



PRIEST TOURS CASPER AREA

CASPER — A Catholic leader in the ecumenical movement is conferring with religious leaders in Casper this week.

Father L. Luke Meunier of Christ the King College in Gallup, N.M., will celebrate the 5 o'clock afternoon mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. On Wednesday evening he will give an address at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Father Meunier has just returned from the 40th International Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne, Australia. He will show films of the event at the Knights of Columbus program.

He termed the recent Australia Congress a « giant step forward » in the ecumenical movement. Father Meunier plans to continue his tour to Montana and the middle west after his Casper visit.

Prédications et conférences
œcuméniques au Wyoming

ECUMENICAL TREND

Rev L. Luke Meunier, official U.S. representative to the 40th International Eucharistic Congress held recently in Australia, celebrated mass last Sunday at Sacred Heart Church with the help of Bobby Beck of Prescott. According to Father Meunier, millions of people of various beliefs and hundreds of Christian churches of different religions were involved in the congress which emphasized the ecumenical trend of many religious groups today following the guidelines of Vatican II. Father Meunier showed slides of the congress on several occasions during his visit.

Prince Rupert, B.C., Friday, June 30, 1972

'Father Luke' advocates goodwill toward all men

By DAVE THOMPSON

Revered Lucien (Luke) Meunier is in the area, and the Rotarians and the children of Annunciation school are gratefully aware of the fact. The 54-year-young Catholic priest, a papal envoy on the ecumenical council, has been an engaging speaker at affairs for both groups, Thursday enlivening a Rotary meeting with anecdotes for his fellow Rotarians.

During that session, attended surprisingly enough by another churchman from Father Luke's current pastorate of New Mexico, Rotarians were treated to a gentle, warm and intelligent discourse albeit rambling and at times with no certain purpose, on charity.

During that talk, and afterwards in a prolonged interview with this reporter Father Luke revealed himself to be a human being who believed strongly in his faith, and in the importance of people.

Father Luke is in Prince Rupert visiting with Hugh Robbins, a friend of many years, and acting in his capacity as an ecumenical missionary. As he told the mixed-religion group that constitutes Rotary, « This is the true meaning of ecumenism, isn't it. » Describing the Rotarians as a philanthropic group. « In the way that Christ applied the word, » meaning charitable and loving, Father Luke was pleased by the presence of Salvation Army officers, Brigadier William Cary of Prince Rupert (in full uniform) and Rex McCulley of Roswell, N.M. That presence, and those of other denominations isn't new to the engaging French-Canadian priest.

« Once, in Nakusp, I was the only RC at a Rotary luncheon, » he said.

Ecumenism, his basic interest as an itinerant speaker for the church, is expressed equally in his own heritage, said Father Luke. « I was born in the U.S., spent most of my life in Canada and speak with a French accent. » If that wasn't enough of a mixture, he was educated in Montréal and has been a pastor in Saskatchewan and B.C.

The Salvation Army, in particular, rates a warm spot in the heart of Father Luke. Mentioning a time when as director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Winnipeg he often distributed its good through the Salvation Army, he commented, « They practice a kind of charity that no one among us practices. »

PRINTED CHILDREN

Father Luke bubbled a little over his « latest child », his book *Freedom — yes or no*. He calls his books his « children » because he never will marry.

Then he was off again. « Once a Presbyterian minister with whom I was friendly brought up the subject of marrying and the priesthood, » and, « The Reverend asked me if I would someday marry. » Father Luke, partially bald since he was 20 and a portly man replied, « What normal girl would fall for me? »

So his « children » the latest of which describes the amount of freedom, limited only by conscience, which Christianity allows. « It is really unlimited, » he said.

FATHER 'LUKE' MEUNIER

... speaking out for ecumenism

Mission chez les Oblats de Prince-Rupert et conférences à divers clubs (Rotary) oecuméniques.

The Pope replied « I'm sorry, it is impossible. »

At this, Montini rushed into the room, confessed he had been eavesdropping, and inquired whether there wasn't some way the request could be granted. His feeling was the church could find many good uses for that great amount of money.

The pope answered that the request was indeed impossible to grant in good conscience. The American wished all masses in the Catholic world to end, instead of with the priest turning and saying « ite, missa est » (roughly translated as, « go, the mass is ended ») with the priest turning and saying the words « Coca Cola ».

In the interview, Father Luke expressed his feeling that the church, especially through the ecumenical meeting he attended under the auspices of Cardinal Léger, was becoming more flexible and more willing to accept all people, whether they are converted to Catholicism or not, as the children of the church.



« It started in recent times with the *Pacem in Terris* of John XXIII, » said Father Luke, « That message was addressed to « all men of good will, » and meant exactly that, according to Father Luke. The *Pacem in Terris* doctrine was issued during the ecumenical council in 1963 and was Pope John's last official text. « It is only now recognized how important that was, that recognition of non-Catholic, » Father Luke added, saying the ecumenical council worked from that doctrine.

Among the newer items which indicate that Catholic ecumenism are the apologies being issued, broadly and to general areas, about mistakes made by the church. An example is the apologia to the people persecuted by Queen Isabella, head of the Church in Spain in her time.

« Isabella was holding thousands of Jews in jail and telling them, « Convert or off to the seas, » and it wasn't very ecumenical, was it? » But the church is able now to recognize and acknowledge mistakes, and the apologies are an example.

The church, as outlined in Father Luke's latest book, (which says will probably be his last because he has « too many things to do » to spend time on authorship), is becoming more free and able to operate on the dictates of its conscience and allow others to reach Christ in the same way.

« I think, » said Father Luke, « We should all start each morning as Agnostics », and reaffirm our faiths, « by the proofs we have. » « We have freedom to choose, and we must make the proper choice. »

Plusieurs visites oecuméniques au Rotary en B.C.

Prince Rupert, B.C., Friday, July 7, 1972

Rotary's new president given gavel at meeting

Members had to talk between mouthfuls, almost, at the Rotary Luncheon Thursday. There was a heavy agenda, and a fine guest speaker, and the chairman hurried everyone along to allow time to complete the program.

John McNish was chairing his last meeting before giving way to new president Brian Roberts and the number of items he handled in the course of the luncheon, without limiting the speaker's time, seemed proof of his intent to leave the new chairman with little to do.

After introduction of the guests which included a Salvation Army officer from New Mexico and a priest, surprisingly enough now stationed in the same state.

Rex McCulley is the Salvation Army officer, stationed in Roswell, N.M. and Rev. Lucien « Luke » Meunier, the priest, uses New Mexico as his home base for travel as he speaks on the ecumenical council as an emissary for Pope Paul VI. Father Luke was the speaker for Rotary, an organization to which he belongs, Thursday.

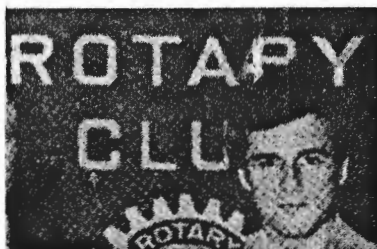
In proceedings before the speaker began, Rotary received a pennant from a fellow club in Germany, bid farewell to longtime member Bill O'Brien, and made preparations for the visit here July 14 of the Rotary Lieutenant Governor.

Father Luke, Vatican emissary on ecumenism, began his talk by saying, « I'm not a preacher, I prefer to be called a worshipper. »

He went on to compliment Rotary as a Philanthropic organization « In the true meaning of the word, the way Christ used it, » and spoke entertainingly on the church and his own travels.

Father Luke mentioned his latest « child », a book he authored under the title « Freedom — Yes or No », saying it was « addressed especially to non-believers. » He also spoke on the more human attitude brought about by the trend towards ecumenism.

Purpose of the trip, which 60 are making, is to get a new Salvation Army church built in Wrangell. The 60, «all working people», are making a holiday out of the project. All are paying their own way, on their own holiday time to assist in adding a church to the foundation already laid in Wrangell.



Brigadier Carey, who says he was pretty well prepared for 35 people will need some help for the additional visitors. Anyone who could open their home to one or a couple of the visitors can contact the brigadier at 4-2773.

The stopover here will be for one night only, as the group is booked for a ferry to Alaska on the morning of July 15.

Ecumenism in practice

Reverend Lucien «Father Luke» Meunier, papal envoy on ecumenism, will address a meeting in the Pentecostal Tabernacle Sunday.

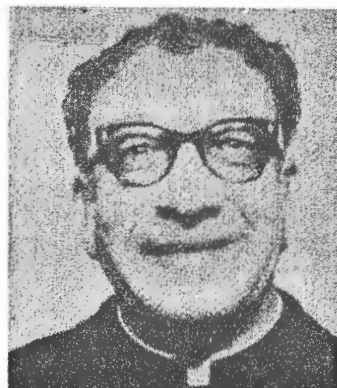
Father Luke plans to play organ and lead the congregation in singing during the meeting. He taught voice for many years at the university level, and particularly enjoys the musical end of congregation meetings.

Also on the program will be slide presentations featuring St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

CATHOLIC PASTOR TO LEAD PILGRIMAGE

Rev. L. Luke Meunier of Rome and Missionary of Vatican Council II, currently acting pastor of Our Lady's Parish in Holbrook, will lead a pilgrimage to Melbourne, Australia.

The event will be the 40th International Eucharistic Congress at the end of February 1973.



So far about 10 pilgrims from Alaska, where Father Luke has preached on the Council last summer, are planning to join the group who will travel by ship through Hawaii, Tokyo, Hong Kong, etc.

Announce du pèlerinage en Australie, et visite apostolique au Japon, en Chine... Conférences au club Lion, et en Alaska, Mission en l'église de Ketchikan, ville la plus importante du sud Alaska.

Ketchikan, Alaska, 1972, July 19

LIONS ROAR

by M.A. Skaar

The Prince Rupert Lions Club held their regular dinner meeting Tuesday night in the Halibut room of the Drifter Motor Hotel.

Among the guests introduced were a visitor to Canada from Germany, a member of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club, and Rev. «Luke» Meunier—a Catholic Priest Missionary.

Father Luke gave invocation with Lion Pres. Roy Smith proposing a toast to the queen. While dinner was being served acting tail twister Lion Roy Lewis installed humor and goodwill to the occasion by assessing Lion members small fines for what he called small misdemeanors.

Lion President Roy Smith called the meeting to order after coffee was served. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read. Correspondence was read from C.A.R.E., which included a citation in recognition of our special international project sponsored by Multiple District 19 of Lions International.

Committee reports were then received. All committees were reported to be well organized. It was noted by past zone chairman Jules Perry that \$206 will be sent to the B.C. Lions Society for Crippled Children which is a percentage of the recent color TV raffle.

With the business session of the meeting over, Rotarian Hugh Robbins then introduced our guest speaker, Father Luke, giving a brief outline of his past.

Father Luke spoke of Christianity and service clubs and how they both make the world a better place to live. He used the word ecumenical to describe the International

Aussi en août 1980 : Mission de 5 jours prêchée à St-Jos. de Trinidad.

Thursday, December 9, 1971, Trinidad, Colorado
Résidant au presbytère St. Jos. du 15 au 20 août 1980, avant la mission à Roundup, résidant aussi au presbytère St. Benedict, 20-23 août 1980.



PLAN FIESTA — Elissandro Olguin, left, president of « La Sociedad de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe » discusses plans for Friday's fiesta with Father L. Luke Meunier who will celebrate the Spanish Mass and give the Spanish Homily starting at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church. Between them is the banner of the society. (Chronicle-News Photo).

Association of Lions Clubs. Father Luke defined the word as meaning of or from the whole world, saying that because we are international we have ties in this whole world. Lions clubs are unified, said Father Luke, and unification is the basis of all good. Lions are helping to rid the world of misery and poverty.

Father Luke then spoke on his travels of six years he spent in Rome with the Vatican council. There were 451 official delegates from churches around the world. He also stated that over the years 262 vicars of Christ. Discussed and signed 16 documents pertaining to the modern church. Another of his points was that all world leaders at one time or another consult with the Pope. He states that this is not just to smoke cigarettes and visit but to secure advice as the Pope is the head of more than 600,000,000 people of the world.

Father Luke closed his talk with a bit of humor and Jules Perry thanked him for his words of wisdom.

To terminate today's article, I leave you with these Lions Object : (1) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. (2) To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship. (3) To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community. (4) To unite the clubs in bonds of friendship, god fellowship and mutual understanding. (5) To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members. (6) To encourage service-minded men to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

CRIB VISIT INSPIRATIONAL

(Bethléem, ville Davidique oecuménique et Sainte pour tous !)

Fr. Luke L. Meunier, St. Anthony's church, New Denver

Answering a kind invitation from the young, able and daring Editor of the « Arrow Lakes News », we extend our devout wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Holy and Happy New Year 1970 to all residents of the Slocan Valley and other readers of our sympathetic local newspaper.

Whether written or oral, Christmas wishes exchanged at this time remain a truly meaningful tradition. They imply in the first place the acceptance of Christ (Christ Mass) as an unquestionable fact of history.

How many realize in the season's bustle, the unique impact of this man Jesus Christ, with his teaching of love and peace, on human thinking?

Only on the simple level of business, all countries and peoples of earth, regardless of faith, have agreed to take a new calendar and count time and years after Christ's birth, shortly following his death and resurrection. Therefore we celebrate the 1969th birthday of Jesus!

Yet Jesus was more than a man: He proved beyond any doubt that He was the Son of God, God Himself: **THE LORD MADE FLESH** (John I, 14)

A great and well-known scientist, Teilhard de Chardin, once suspected or heresy and recently praised by the Holy Father, looks at Christ not only as the centre of space, stars, planets and all galaxies: because, he says, the material substance of bread and wine have been transformed into our Lord's living flesh and blood at the Last Supper — and through His command in our daily masses — by the same broken token every material substance in space has been in some way sanctified and divinized. (See our latest book, *«Freedom, Yes or No?»*). What a profound thought for Christmas!

Thus it'll be easier to see the generosity of Jesus even in Santa Clause' goodies! And our sharing with the poor in the world will be looked at as a greater participation in Christ's generosity and love.

And the *«Rumor of Angels»*, to borrow the title of Peter Burgers book, will sound more significant and more real at Christmas. As we make *«our way to the midnight Eucharist»*, so writes Primate Howard H. Clark, the atmosphere will bring us closer to the Nativity narratives in St. Matthew and St. Luke.

«O little town of Bethlehem», in Philip Brooks' melody, expresses the mood almost perfectly. On our way back from Vatican Council II in Rome, which has been called the greatest event of the century by Greek Orthodox Dr. George Malik, President of the United Nations, we were given the high privilege of seeing of our own eyes the place of the first Christmas. It was also around Christmas time.

Father Peter Abdel-Ahad,¹ R. C. Arab pastor of Bethlehem showed once more a great kindness in leading us to the Manger. Hundreds of times before he had knelt at the crib. Nevertheless he had tears in his eyes just like we did when he told us:

«Father, let us kiss the ground;
«And you touch the soil here: and feel the damp-
«nes where Jesus was born!»

A brilliant star was scintillating outside as we went out, above what has been *«the little town of Bethlehem,»* now swollen up to a city of 20,000.

To see the very place of birth of Our Divine Saviour, hidden under the immense Nativity Basilica built by Emperor Constantine's mother, St. Helena, gives you a deeper insight of Christianity. The 16-century-old church is still used daily both by Roman Catholics and other Christian churches.

May our patient readers taste at Christmas and spread around them the *«Peace of Soul»* to men of good will brought in Bethlehem by the Prince of Peace in a world where there is so little peace.

LE SOMMET — 6 octobre 1966

LA SURVIVANCE

VATICAN II SUR L'ECRAN

Plusieurs centaines de personnes prenaient une part active à une étude du Concile Vatican II au Centre St-Joa-chim d'Edmonton dimanche soir dernier. L'occasion leur en fut donnée par la présence à Edmonton d'un observateur du Concile à Rome, M. l'abbé L.L. Meunier, vulgarisateur de Vatican II au Canada et aux Etats-Unis et qui, à l'oc-casion de son passage, prêcha également sur le Concile à la messe dominicale de 5 heures



1. FR PETER is bishop in Bethlehem since 1980. En 1981, l'abbé Pierre est évêque à Bethléem.

à St-Joachim, laquelle était célébrée par le Très Révérend Père Georges-M. Latour, o.m.i., Provincial de l'Alberta-Saskatchewan.

Cette conférence-étude fut agrémentée de vues cinématographiques en couleur du voyage de M. l'abbé Meunier à Vatican II, en Italie, ainsi qu'en Israël et dans d'autres pays tels que la Grèce, Chypre, le Liban, la Syrie, la Jordanie, et l'Égypte et au cours desquelles l'on put apercevoir l'arbre dont l'ombrage avait préservé Jésus des ardeurs du soleil égyptien, non loin des célèbres Pyramides six fois millénaires.

Plusieurs questions d'un vif intérêt furent soulevées par l'assistance, notamment la définition, ou signification des Conciles oecuméniques — au nombre de vingt et un depuis la mort et la résurrection du Christ — la vraie place qu'occupe Marie dans l'Eglise d'après-Concile, les raisons du célibat ecclésiastique tirées de l'Encyclique de Paul VI, etc.

PRESENCE D'UN VIETNAMIEU

La foule ne ménagea pas ses applaudissements à M. Tahp, un Vietnamien authentique qui est étudiant à l'Université de l'Alberta et qui prit une grande part au dialogue conciliaire et ne craignit pas de donner une opinion personnelle sur les événements en cours dans son pays.

Il y eut également des applaudissements prolongés lorsque Joseph Dupuis porta sur sa tête une calotte jadis portée par le regretté Pie XII — un hommage de Paul VI à M. l'abbé Meunier au cours d'une audience.

Le R.P. Georges Chevrier, o.m.i., curé de St-Joachim, encouragea l'auditoire de sa présence et le R.P. Clément Tourigny, o.m.i., traduisit de l'italien, pour la foule, le document papal remis au conférencier et le remercia chaleureusement au nom des personnes présentes.

Devant un auditoire de quelques centaines de personnes, dimanche soir, à la salle Notre-Dame-de-la-Sagesse, Mgr O. Villeneuve présentait et interrogeait M. l'abbé L. Meunier, observateur au Concile Vatican II à Rome.

Le conférencier avait donné les homélies et les sermons aux messes domiciliaires du matin et du soir à la paroisse Sainte-Agathe, en prenant comme thème le seizième document conciliaire « La liberté religieuse ». Plusieurs scènes

cinématographiques du Concile apparurent sur l'écran ainsi que Sa Sainteté Paul VI concélébrant la messe devant les Pères conciliaires.

Le film conduisit aussi l'attentif auditoire en Terre Sainte, à la Synagogue reconstruite où Jésus enseignait aux foules, près de la mer de Galilée, et jusqu'en Égypte, aux Pyramides, vieilles de plus de cinq mille ans, terre d'adoption du Sauveur.

Continuant un tour de conférences conciliaires qui l'a conduit dans une vingtaine de diocèses canadiens et américains, M. le curé Meunier sera dimanche prochain l'invité de la paroisse Saint-Faustin où il a déjà parlé aux étudiants la semaine dernière. Sa conférence avec projections animées à la salle Saint-Faustin est prévue pour 8 heures p.m., dimanche le 2 octobre. M. le chanoine Bouvier, curé de Saint-Faustin, présentera le conférencier.

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January 14, 1955

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LISKEARD CATHOLICS ATTEND MASS AT EVENING, SING TO THE CREDO

New Liskeard (Staff) — For the first time this year New Liskeard Catholics attended an evening mass and the congregation liked the idea so much they have asked Rev. Father Luke Meunier of the Sacred Heart Parish to hold more of these services.¹

Father Meunier himself, temporarily at the head of the church for the past month, assumed a unique role in the ceremony. In accordance with the wishes of the late Pope Pius X, recently canonized, he led the local congregation in responsive singing to the credo. This was also an innovation of 1955 at the Sacred Heart Parish.

1. Excellency Most Rev. Jacques Landriault is currently Bishop of Timmins, 1981.

Previously, Catholic congregations throughout the world did not participate in singing — a role entirely taken care of by the choir. « The late Pope wanted churchgoers to join more openly in services, » Father Meunier, a native of Granby, Qué., said yesterday.

« The innovations have gone over in a big way with the local congregation, » he point out, « and we hope the people will be afforded the chance of attending more of this type of mass. »

A pressing problem of the church here at the present time is the fact regular masse and church affairs are overcrowded due to the smallness of the church building and the large numbers of churchgoers. « An evening mass certainly helps a lot, » one member of the church said. « More often than never, worshippers take advantage of standing room only — others become discouraged and return home. »

« I personally think evening masses a wonderful idea. » Father Meunier stated, « and that is way I took the liberty of asking the Most Reverend Bishop L. Rheaume of Haileybury to grant permission for the evening mass. He was kind enough to do so. »

Rev. Father Alphonse Deshaies, spiritual head of New Liskeard's 1,700 Catholics, has been confined to hospital for the past fortnight. It is not known how long he will be unable to lead his congregation, and consequently how long Father Meunier will lead Sacred Heart Parish affairs.

SAYS ITALIANS NO COMMUNISTS

New Liskeard (Staff) — « Communistic ideas are not so deep rooted in the minds of Italians as people might imagine, » Rev. Father Luke Meunier of the Sacred Heart parish here told local CaBoGi Club members recently. « The man in the street goes about his daily work gaily singing arias from the operas of Verdi and Puccini. »

Only recently returned from a stay in Europe as Timmins and St. Hyacinthe dioceses representative at Marian Year ceremonies, Father Meunier who is temporary filling in as head of the local church as ailing Rev. Father Alphonse Deshaies lies in hospital, was delivering an address to club members on his impression of the continent.

Finding Londoners « sympathetic hosts, » he went on to say that « in the heart of all Christians there should be a true desire to visit Rome — the centre of Christianity. » He

cited the visit to this city of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth three years ago, and spoke of her private audience with the Pope.

Speaking of his travels to Europe, Father Meunier, a Granby, Qué. man, painted out that he thought the ultimate desire of a French-Canadian visiting the continent would be to see France, and Paris. « In the heart of this great city stands a convent where the Blessed Virgin appeared to Sister Catherine Laboure, whose followers still visit poor families in Paris daily, » he recalled.

The religious head of New Liskeard's Catholic congregation of an estimated 1,700, also included in his travels a visit to Lourdes, the scene of many pilgrimages during the Marian Year. Passing through Germany he greeted Canadian and American Occupational Forces.

It was after he had hitch-hiked from Naples to Rome and had paid a call on Capri, that he arrived at his conclusions on communism in Italy.

REV. FR. MEUNIER HEADS ST. CHARLES CHURCH AT MARSDEN

Members of the St. Charles Roman Catholic Church at Marsden feel a new surge of pride as they view their church.

Since October volunteers have been working at building a steeple for the church. Though not entirely completed, the fifty foot steeple lends an air of majesty to the small frame church.

At the top of the steeple is a lighted cross — the first lighted cross in the Canadian west. Its four corners symbolically point in the four directions, inviting all the parishioners from north, south, east and west.

Friday, December 6th, marked another highlight in the history of St. Charles Parish. The first Friday evening mass was celebrated at 6 p.m. Some years ago, Pope Pius XII granted permission to parish priests to celebrate evening masses in order that more of the faithful might have the opportunity to attend. Though it is not an obligation to attend this service, most of the members of the parish were present.

At Marsden, the work of Father Meunier carries on.

Thursday, December 12, 1957
Thursday, January 13, 1955

ROMAN CATHOLICS FORM NEW PARISH



Revisitation en la longue Mission, 1980, « counseling », communions, aux malades, etc. Foyers oecuméniques, ce sont deux endroits où la majorité non-catholique coopère, et magnifiquement. Même à l'école, au collège et aussi à l'université comme en Louisiane.

Matheson (Special) — Members of the Roman Catholic church formerly known as St. Thomas of Canterbury, Matheson, have now formed a parish of their own and on Sunday will inaugurate into a parish to be known as Mary Queen of Mankind.

Their parish priest is Rev. Lou Meunier who recently returned from abroad. He worked for his church in Rome and Paris. This is the third parish he has founded. He previously organized the Roman Catholic church in McWaters, Ont.

Parishioners plan a maple sugar party at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Legion hall. There will be a bean supper served from 5 to 7 p.m., and at 8 p.m., moving pictures of the « Little Men » with Ralph Morgan and Erin O'Brien.

A door prize and a draw for a rug will conclude the evening. Everybody will be welcome. The party has been planned to introduce the parishioners to their new priest.

MARSDEN ALTAR

Among the four to five hundred guests were people from as far as Regina North Battleford, Fr. Dilke from Edmonton, J. R. Doucet from Gravelbourg, etc. The gathering taking place on the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist. Patron Saint of Rev. Luke Meunier, Pastor at Marsden. Fr. Meunier was invited on a special television program over CHSA two Hut. Rev. Luke Meunier commented briefly on the word of the Lord : « It is written : not in bread alone doth man live, but from every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. »

LA VOIX NATIONALE, septembre 1950



Le curé-fondateur l'abbé Luc-L. Meunier.

Revisitations for Sunday Masses & preaching (within the years & in 1980) proved to be inspirational for true ECUMENISM !

ORGANISATIONS PAROISSIALES

Au village, trois religieuses enseignantes, les Soeurs Notre-Dame Auxiliatrice. Deux écoles toutes neuves viennent d'être inaugurées à la campagne, en décembre de l'année dernière.

Et les paroissiens et les paroissiennes ont leurs Ligues fort actives.

La Chambre de Commerce « McWatters-Joannes », vieille d'un an, groupe des colons et des mineurs qui s'intéressent vivement à l'étude des mouvements coopératifs.

Et le Cercle des Fermières ne cède aucunement sa place quand il s'agit de prêter son concours aux activités paroissiales.

En outre, quatre moulins à scies, qui ont fait de remarquables affaires l'hiver dernier.

La Canadian International Paper a son principal dépôt à McWatters pour la division Kepawa, avec un hôpital d'urgence sous la direction d'une infirmière graduée.

Et aussi plusieurs boutiques, ateliers mécaniques, de réparations, et autres.

Un souhait

Nous souhaitons voir notre petite paroisse, nous dit en terminant le curé Luc Meunier, se peupler de gens audacieux, pleins de saines ambitions et de clairvoyance, d'esprit d'initiative et de travail et imbus de piété solide; ils aideraient à soutenir de leur coopération la vie paroissiale à McWatters.

Conclusion

La grande crainte de certains aspirants-colons est d'être isolés en pays neufs. Ce ne sera pas le cas à McWatters, paroisse reliée par toutes les communications et possédant une organisation bien au point.

« Je viendrai comme un voleur »

CROISE, ES-TU PRET ?

Si le bon Dieu t'avait demandé ta vie durant les vacances, comme Il l'a demandée à ton petit confrère Louis Thibault, aurais-tu été prêt à entrer au ciel ?

A dix ans seulement, en pleine santé, Dieu le voulait pour le ciel. Brusquement, sans avertir, Jésus-Eucharistie est venu cueillir l'âme de Louis, en la fête de saint Louis, roi de France, son patron. Un faux pas dans la rue de son village de McWatters (Témiscamingue) et une petite auto rouge, filant à vive allure sur la route Rouyn-Montréal, le frappe. Louis Thibault gît maintenant sur l'asphalte rougi de sang, le crâne fracturé. Dans quelques instants, son âme de croisé fidèle paraîtra devant Dieu. Le prêtre, mandé en toute hâte, administre l'Onction Extrême sur cette petite tête blonde et commande, au nom de l'Eglise : « Partez de ce monde, âme chrétienne...! Seigneur, ayez pitié de votre serviteur Louis...! »

Mais Louis était prêt. Sa Croisade Eucharistique, ses promesses de croisé, sa devise, il en vivait. Le dimanche précédent, à la grand'messe paroissiale, il s'était approché sans respect humain de la table sainte, avec ses petits frères et sa maman.

Ses problèmes d'école lui tenaient à coeur, même durant les vacances. « Maman, avait-il dit la veille en préparant ses livres pour l'ouverture des classes, voudrais-tu m'expliquer cette division qui me donne tant de misère ? »

Croisé depuis la première heure, il ne manquait jamais sa communion hebdomadaire, encore moins son premier vendredi du mois. Regardez ses bulletins, sa maîtresse n'y a jamais inscrit une seule mauvaise note. Pourtant, quand on connaît la bonne Soeur Marie-Raymonde-de-Pennafort, sa maîtresse depuis toujours, on sait qu'elle aime assez ses élèves pour marquer même les mauvaises notes des croisés qui seraient indociles !



Pendant le carême, Louis se privait de bonbons, de friandises, et pourtant il en avait sous les yeux à la journée longue !

Louis était propre dans son corps et dans son âme, il en a donné bien des preuves. Jamais une parole désobligeante pour ses camarades. Enfant d'ordre, ses numéros de Vouloir étaient déjà reliés en deux beaux volumes, début de la bibliothèque qu'il projetait. A peine une heure après l'accident, dans la chambrette qu'il partageait avec son frère Paulo on voyait encore, disposés en ordre parfait sur son bureau, ses images saintes, son trophée de la Sainte-Enfance. Il aimait les petits Chinois; dans sa classe, c'est même lui qui en avait fait baptiser le plus. Dans sa bouche, jamais un mot sale, pas le moindre sacre ou blasphème. Il les combattait à chaque occasion, même en s'exposant aux moqueries de quelques camarades.

Louis riait toujours. Au jeu, qu'il aimait beaucoup, il apaisait aimablement ses compagnons déçus par un coup manqué. Généreux, il aimait à faire plaisir et quand la Providence le favorisait, il partageait largement avec ses camarades. Quelques minutes à peine avant l'accident, il parlait jouer en demandant à papa, non pas un mais deux bonbons, un pour lui et un autre pour son petit ami.

Aux funérailles, le samedi 26 août de l'Année Sainte 1950, en l'église Saint-Jean-l'Évangéliste de McWatters, quand le chœur des Religieuses de Notre-Dame-Auxiliatrice chanta le cantique d'adieu : Dans la gloire sans fin, à travers ses larmes intarissables mais silencieuses, il a semblé à sa maman voir Louis s'élever jusqu'aux plénitudes de l'éternelle félicité. Elle l'avouait simplement, dans l'intimité, le lendemain.

Croisé, tu es surpris de voir ici la photo de Louis Thibault sans l'habit de croisé ? Dans sa jeune paroisse de colonisation, on ne possède pas encore de belles mantles blanches et rouges. L'habit ne fait pas le moine, l'habit ne fait pas le croisé. On est croisé d'abord dans son cœur, dans son âme; c'est ce que fut Louis.

Petit croisé de l'Année Sainte, si ton patron venait te cueillir, comme il l'a fait pour Louis Thibault, au jour de la Saint-Louis, tel un fruit déjà mûr, serais-tu prêt ?

Luc-L. Meunier, ptre,
curé de McWatters.

UN ANCIEN REDACTEUR SPORTIF DE GRANBY A 25 ANS DE PRETRISE

ON LUI REMET UN DOCUMENT PERSONNEL DE S. S. PAUL VI

C'est à l'été 1930 qu'Édouard Hains, alors rédacteur en Chef de la « Revue » se rendait au 15 de la rue St-Antoine nord, (local aujourd'hui occupé par le Bureau de Poste de Granby), pour solliciter les services du jeune Lucien Meunier, comme rédacteur sportif à La Revue de Granby. Grand sportif lui-même « Luc » Lucien, alors étudiant en Belles-Lettres au Séminaire de St-Hyacinthe, se distinguait en tenant les premières places dans les concours littéraires et oratoires de l'Académie Girouard, avant de devenir lui-même président de l'Académie des Lettres du collège, et président-fondateur de la Société du Bon Parler français à Mont-Laurier où il fit ses deux années de philosophie-sciences.



Jusqu'à ses études théologiques durant les mois de vacances, les lecteurs sportifs de la Revue bénéficièrent de ses chroniques rédigées tant au Stadium de Granby qu'au Forum de Montréal et au Polo Grounds de New York.

On le retrouve en 1937, étudiant en théologie, devenu Secrétaire général de « Grèves » à Contrecoeur, régisseur théâtral, organisant les grandes célébrations du 25^e anniversaire de cette fameuse colonie de vacances où 2000 p'tits gars de Montréal prennent leurs ébats près du Saint-Laurent. Ils y vont encore !

De retour au Grand Séminaire, le jeune séminariste Meunier assume la direction de la « Schola Cantorum », si renommée, en l'absence du prêtre sulpicien M. Clément Morin qui en a la charge. C'est là, à la Faculté de théologie de l'Université de Montréal, après son B.A. et son B. Th. qu'il recevra ses degrés de Professeur de chant grégorien et enseignera aussi aux élèves en théologie, dont l'un est devenu l'évêque d'Antigonish, Son Exc. Mgr William Power.

Puis ce fut le grand jour de l'ordination sacerdotale par l'évêque auxiliaire de Son Exc. Mgr E.-Z. Decelles, alors évêque de St-Hyacinthe, le 27 août 1939 en l'église Notre-Dame de Granby. C'était le premier prêtre ordonné à Notre-Dame depuis la rénovation de l'église en 1933, et le deuxième dans l'histoire de la paroisse. Le premier avait été l'abbé Georges Cabana, un cousin de l'abbé Meunier, en 1918, devenu depuis archevêque de Sherbrooke.

C'est donc l'ancien rédacteur sportif de la « Revue » dont la ville de Granby célébrait il y a quelques semaines, soit le 29 août dernier, les noces d'argent sacerdotale dans la grande église Notre-Dame.

Un document personnel de S.S. Paul VI remis à moi dans ma paroisse par S. Ex. Mgr Laurent Morin, évêque de Prince-Albert, en présence d'un autre évêque, S. Ex. Mgr Klein, évêque de Saskatoon. C'est une bénédiction très spéciale du Pape pour mon 25e. Quelle délicatesse ! Mille mercis à tous, merci et venez me voir.

La fanfare des Majorettes de Granby, après une démonstration fort habile, termina comme les petits chanteurs l'avaient fait en dédiant au jubilaire comme dernière mélodie : « Ce n'est qu'un au revoir, mes frères. »

Fruitful Memories for « Ecumenism »
Mardi, le 25 août 1964

Wednesday, July 30, 1980

BANNER-TRIBUNE

SENIOR CITIZEN BIRTHDAY FETE ALSO HONORS VISITING PASTOR

The monthly birthday party was held at the Senior Citizens Center on First Street recently with the Rev. Lou Meunier, acting pastor of Charenton and Baldwin churches honored on his Ruby Jubilee - Forty years in the priesthood.

Georgia Martin celebrated a birthday this month.

Glenn Sinitiere, guest of Rev. Meunier, provided the entertainment, he sang and played the guitar to several songs. Then everyone joined in a sing-a-long.

Refreshments were furnished by Lara Dies, Georgia Martin, and members of Kappa Tau Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority. Games were played and winners



Rev. Lou Meunier, Georgia Martin
Glen Sinitiere entertains

were Namaise Landry, Sally Caro and Clinton Breaux. The door prizes were awarded to Mary Comeaux and Georgia Martin.

Attending the party were Angie Musso, Sally Caro, Clinton Breaux, Agnes Breaux, Mildred Boudreaux, Madelyn Hirsch, Namaise Landry, Mary « Tut » Schoenstien, Irma Dixon, Angeline Adams, Lena Bourgeois, Celina Landry, Emily Olivier, Mary Granger Georgia Martin, Rev. Lou Meunier, Josie Sinitiere, Edna McClairty, Mary Comeaux, Claire McGoff, Viola Thomas, Robin Chennarella, Lora Dies, Joyce Boudreaux, Jerry Griffin, Glen Sinitiere and Micki Bodin, Center Coordinator.

Trinidad, Colorado, Thursday, August 9, 1973

FR. MEUNIER DISCUSSES EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

L'auteur enseigne à la communauté mexicaine de Trinidad, Colorado, où il fut curé-suppléant (1971), et où il devait prêcher une autre Mission (sur Charlene) en 1980. ... prêche aussi sur la Légion de Marie à El Paso, Texas, avec détails oecuméniques.

Members of « la Sociedad de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe » gathered together Wednesday at the residence of their president, Senor Ellissandro Olguin to see scenes of the 40th International Eucharistic Congress held earlier this year in Australia.

Father Lucas Meunier formerly of Saint. Joseph Church in Trinidad, official representative of Arizona and N.M. at the Congress, who photographed the main functions of the international gathering, was introduced by Olguin.

Guest speaker the day before in Denver, for the Knights of Columbus and a group of ladies Father Meunier had just returned from a 2 month tour of preaching about the Congress throughout Wyoming, Montana, Saskatchewan, Ontario and a few eastern states.

He quoted Papal Legate Cardinal Lawrence Shehan of Baltimore as saying that the Melbourne, Australia, Congress, « in an expression of Faith bids fair to surpass all other international Congresses before, » namely those of Munich, Bombay and Bogota.

Mrs. M. Martinez in thanking the lecturer, expressed the great joy of the Guadalupe group who had learned that millions of people of so many faiths and churches had actually taken an active part in the Congress. The movie projector was supplied by Steve Comi of Mullare Funeral Home.

A Mass in Spanish is scheduled for members and others at 6 p.m. in St. Joseph Church in Trinidad celebrated by Fr. Lucas.



El Paso Times, Saturday, Dec. 8, 1973

LEGION OF MARY SEEKS MEMBERS

Rev. L. Luke Meunier, of St. Joseph Parish, will preach at all Masses today and tomorrow, at Blessed Sacrament Church, in connection with the Legion of Mary membership drive. Rev. Meunier worked with the Legion founder Frank Duff, in Rome, for the Vatican II ecumenical Council.

He is a former acting official representative of the Southwest USA, in Australia, and worked with the Legion in the Orient. He will discuss the role of the Australian Legionnaires at the 40th International Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne, and its relationship Vatican II.

Rev. Roland A. Vonder Haar will be shost for the Diocesan Officers, Mrs M. Margaret is president of the local Council, Maria Moreno is past president, and vice president of the Council, and of St. Joseph Praesidium.

The Legionaires will conduct interviews after each Mass tomorrow. Masses begin, at 5:30 p.m. today, and continue all day tomorrow.

La Tribune, Sherbrooke, mardi 9 décembre 1980

The « Tribune » suggests that Louisianians are « Our neighbors, invites Canadiahs readers to « discover the thrilling country of Louisiana around the « bayous », rivers unique to Louisiana. »

It happens that a « Charlie Brown » festival here makes the reader think of Charlene's nickname...



tele-propos

Par Pierrette ROY

FESTIVAL CHARLIE BROWN

UN PEU PLUS SUR NOS VOISINS FRANCOPHONES

Aujourd'hui, dans le cadre de Femme d'aujourd'hui, Radio-Canada offrira un film tourné à Pierre Part dans le sud de la Louisiane et intitulé Bitch St-Germain et Cie.

On y découvrira comment la fête occupe une place importante dans la vie des Cajuns mais aussi comment ceux-ci vivent leurs vies, leurs espoirs et leurs craintes; enfin, on découvrira ce pays particulier, d'abord façonné par le bayou, une étendue d'eau mi-marécage, mi-rivière, qui isole Pierre Part du reste du monde.

Enfin, l'émission Les 36 cordes nous permettra de connaître davantage cette semaine et la semaine prochaine le sympathique comédien Gilles Latulippe. Il sera intéressant de le voir se découvrir à nous sous sa vraie personnalité!..

Jubilé sacerdotal de rubis de

Lou Meunier, prêtre-cure

Paroisse Notre-Dame-des-

Sept-Douleurs, St-Hubert

Ascension du Seigneur
31 mai 1981

Célébrant principal et homéliste:

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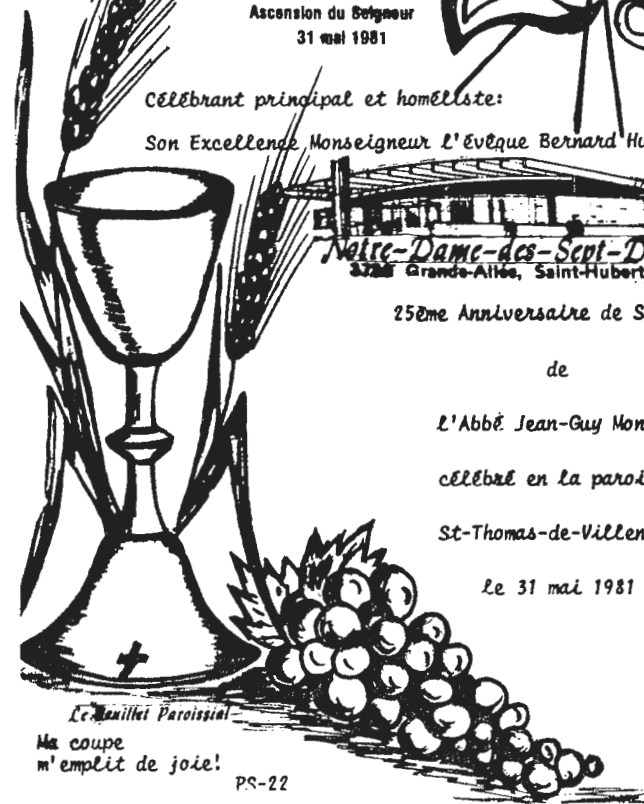
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L'Abbé Jean-Guy Monette, curé

célébré en la paroisse

St-Thomas-de-Villeneuve

Le 31 mai 1981



Enfin, prédication un peu encore sur Charlene aux messes célébrées à Notre-Dame de St-Hubert, présentation du livre et jubilé sacerdotal au même endroit en l'Ascension. Alleluia!

Findly preaching again about Charlene at Notre-Dame of St. Hubert for the Sunday Masses celebrated, presentation of the Essay and Ruby priestly Jubilee in the same Church on Ascension Sunday. Halleluia!