

Coast to Coast

News and photos from the canadian district activities !!!



A Guided Tour of Our Printer

By Fr. P. Girouard

From March 9-16, Rev. Fr. Juergen Wegner, our District Superior, visited Winnipeg and Welwyn. On Wednesday March 10th we went to Dave's Quick Print, and were welcomed by two ladies with beautiful smiles: Connie Bardzy



(receptionist) and Jennifer Webb (customer service representative). I can assure you that they are always nice with customers, and didn't smile just for the picture. Our next step was to meet the General Manager, Mr. Bob Boutilier,



who generously agreed to have somebody give

us a guided tour of the premises. That person was Mrs. Irene Knight, who is in charge of our account and therefore has to deal with me on a regular basis (somehow she seems to survive this challenge). We can see her standing inside the Art Department, where the files we send are entered in their computers, and where everything is made ready for printing. The next step was to visit the immense room where are all the machines used for printing not only magazines, but also books, posters, calendars, business cards, and so forth and so on. The color covers of Convictions are printed on a very long machine, a Xerox IGEN, which is a digital color copi-



er that can print on paper as big as 14 x 20 inches, whether it be regular paper, satin, or glossy. The person working that machine is Mr. Rob McCowan. On the opposite side we were facing a print-



er that is almost as big: A Xerox Nuvera which prints out the inside pages of the magazine, collates them, adds to them the color covers, staples and then folds each copy. Its operator is Mrs. Bonnie



Muracz, and we can see her standing at the left of Mrs. Knight. We can also see that Fr. Wegner is enjoying the tour. A little further on, Mrs. Knight introduced us to the offset section, where some

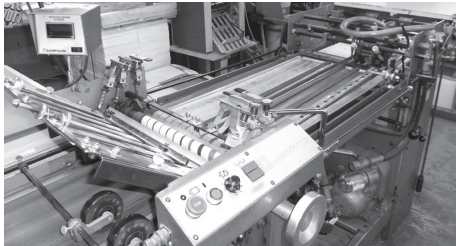


special work is being done (book covers and inside pages, posters, business cards, etc.). There we got acquainted

with Mr. Don McGregor who operates the one-color (black) offset press and Mr. Eric Wong, in charge of the two-color



or press. Next, there was the big Baum folder machine where the inside pages of a book, for instance, are folded. The following step for the book could be the electronic stitching machine, oper-

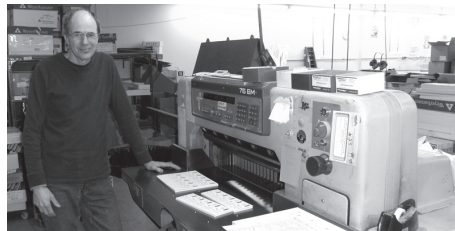


ated by Mrs. Carolyn Sonnenberg (you can see two rolls of metallic thread; the

machine can staple or stitch up to 300 sheets together! Or the book could be bound with a special glue by using the C.P. Bourg 'Perfect Binding' machine,



operated by Miss Laura Peloski. The book would then be brought for cutting and trimming to Mr. Tim Watt



who operates an impressive cutter. If the customer wishes to, each book will then be wrapped by making use of the shrink paper machine. And, finally, af-



ter all that work, there is only one thing to do: A little trip to the Coke machine! Of course, there are many other employees and machines here, but we had to restrain ourselves a little bit. I hope you enjoyed this brief tour of the place where your magazine is being printed and where, God willing, we will make reprints of good but hard to find books.



First Holy Communion in Winnipeg

Walking through Winnipeg you find flowers are popping up all over. Planted in neat rows within well groomed beds the flowers are about to stretch and grow. Much like our church that has seen some of our 'wildflowers' stretch and grow into beautiful lilies of the field.

On May 24 seven of our Families celebrated the First Holy Communion of their daughters and sons. The children had studied very hard to learn their catechism and prayers, so as to know well what it means to receive Holy Communion. Over the months of study there were a great many laughs, a few tears, some anxious moments when it was test day, but on that beautiful Sunday all the pains were gone, replaced with smiling faces and enormous pride. Father Girouard had guided this group of seven since November 2008 and could not have been a more proud Father, as each of his charges knelt at the com-

munion rail awaiting the moment they would receive their Lord for the first time. After Mass there was a group picture, a time for thanksgiving, and then Father came back from the sacristy and gave each child a beautiful framed pic-



ture of Our Lady, a gift from Mr. Matthew Bobay of Dryden, Ontario.

The basement of the Church was filled to overflowing after Mass where everyone enjoyed a pot-luck meal hosted by the happy families. Five of the kids were able to attend, and were seated at the table of honor with Father. Two beautiful cakes were made by Mrs. Anna Barnia and Mrs. Rose Pommer and enjoyed by children of all ages. Cameras were the accessory of the day with flashes going off by the dozens.

With the arrival of Winnipeg style warm weather lawn work and gardens keep even our Priests busy. It is nice to know that a turn around the yard or a moment in the garden can help our far too busy Fathers a chance to recharge their batteries.

Until next time Blessings to all from the Prairies.

Mme Randi Gage, Winnipeg

Burial of Mister Heinrich Junke

Mr. Henrich Junke was born in Essen, Germany, September 3, 1927. He came to Canada in December 1951 and resided in Victoria, BC till 1953. Heinrich then moved to Kelowna, BC where he met his future wife Severna, and in 1954 he moved to Calgary. In June 1956 Henry and Severna were married on the Indian reserve around Sturgeon Lake in Northern Alberta. They moved back to Calgary and there Henry worked as a drywaller and plasterer until 1970.

They decided to move to Northern Alberta, and in Valleyview they bought a store and manned the local postoffice. On August 30, 1974 they bought a homestead outside of the town of Valleyview where Henry resided till his death. Henry taught drywalling to the natives on the Sturgeon Lake reserve till he retired.

Henry and Severna tried for many years to find the Tridentine Mass. In 1984 they heard that a priest was saying a regular Tridentine Mass in Peace River. This was Fr. Normandin, but they did not know him then. After going to Peace River and inquiring from the local priest about the Mass they were told to go home for, according to him, nobody said the Old Mass there anymore. They sadly went home and continued to 'suffer' the New Mass until they finally found the Society of St. Pius X Mass centre in Peace River in June of 2002. They never looked back!

Henry was a joy to know, as he always had a smile and a witty quip with which he entertained all who knew him.

Henry died of cancer with the consolation of the true sacraments administered by a priest of the SSPX in Valleyview hospital on March 23rd 2009. His funeral took place at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church on the Sturgeon Lake Indian reserve on the 30th March 2009.

Henry achieved in death what he so earnestly desired, but never managed to accomplish while alive – to bring as many of the natives from the reserve to the True Mass. At his funeral, which was celebrated by one of the SSPX priests who was a close friend of Henry, as many as 150 natives were among the SSPX faithful present. They all prayed the Rosary piously before Mass and many went to confession as well. Even the chief of the reserve was present and was honored to be one of the pall bearers. The priest, having just finished preaching 2 Ignatian retreats, treated them all to a ¾ hour sermon on the Catholic Faith, the stuff they hadn't heard in 40 years. During the whole Mass one could have heard a pin drop, they were all so intrigued by the "Old" Catholicism. After the burial everyone was treated to a pot luck lunch of bannock, fresh fish from the lake and a slew of every other kind of food, enough to feed a small city!

Henry's solid uncompromising faith together with his usual joviality and infectious smile will be sadly missed. God Bless you Henry, and may God grant you eternal rest. Amen.

Pilgrimage Rocky Mountain House - Sundre

On Thursday May 14, 2009, the town of Rocky Mountain House in the province of Alberta saw the start of the 10th annual pilgrimage organized by the Society of St. Pius X in honor of St. Joseph. This is a pilgrimage that consists of a 3 day walk of 96km that starts at the Society's church of Our Lady of Sorrows in Rocky Mountain House and ends at a beautiful log cabin style shrine built in honor of St. Joseph in the bush just South of the town of Sundre. The pilgrims assisted at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 6:00am after which they were treated to a delicious hot breakfast catered by one of the many catering crews organized from the ladies of the Rocky Mountain House parish. 8:00am saw them kneeling in front of the church for the pilgrim's blessing. They then took up the processional cross and the new pilgrim statue of St. Joseph just blessed by Fr. Wegner, the Superior

of the District of Canada, and the march was on. This year the intention of the pilgrimage was the same as that for the Rosary Crusade announced by Bishop Fellay: The triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary through the consecration of Russia as requested by Our Lady at Fatima. Fr. Wegner also set a goal for the pilgrims: 750 rosaries for Our Lady over the 3 days of the pilgrimage!

Each of the 3 days of the pilgrimage was divided into 4 two hour walking periods in each of which the pilgrims traveled 8km. The 1st from 8:00am to 10:00am, the 2nd from 10:30am to 12:30pm, the 3rd from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and the 4th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. The mid-morning and mid-afternoon stops afforded the pilgrims a ½ hour break in which they were revitalized with drinks, snacks and a good rest. A healthy lunch was served by one of

the dozen cooking crews at the mid-day stop, and after 1 hour's rest, the pilgrims gingerly stepped back onto the road for another blister banging session. In the evening the pilgrims were treated with a scrumptious hot dinner at the camp site for the night. To assist the youth to keep the time of the pilgrimage holy, the ladies were bussed back to Rocky Mountain House where they could bath and soak their feet in a nice hot tub before retiring for the night. The men and older boys who so wished were allowed to camp for the night at the camp site where, after a shower, most went straight to bed for some well earned sleep!

The next morning saw the ladies at the 6:00am Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Wegner in Rocky Mountain House, after which they were bussed back to the camp for breakfast. The men at the camp had Fr. Herkel celebrate Holy Mass at

6:30am for them and then all joined in for a breakfast of French toast and syrup, fruit and yoghurt – it was Friday! - before the new day of the pilgrimage began. The Friday mid-morning break left the pilgrims sitting on the steps of St. Joseph's Catholic Church on the western outskirts of the town of Caroline. After the break the pilgrims processed, while singing the Rosary, through the town of Caroline, much to the admiration of the many people of the town preparing for their annual Rodeo! Friday night saw the campers at the James River Camp for the night and the ladies falling asleep in the vehicle driving them back to Rocky Mountain House!

Saturday began with a fresh bunch of faithful from Calgary joining in with the pilgrimage. Lunch break found them in a nice park on the West side of Sundre feasting on a delectable meal catered by one of the catering crews. After lunch, they marched through the busy town of Sundre praying the Rosary. Two youngsters, one with no shirt and the other play-

ing with his basketball, who approached and evidently had the intention to harass or poke fun at the pilgrims quickly scampered away into the local Sobey's when they noticed a 6'5"/350lb Fr. Ockerse standing by and glaring down at them over his sunglasses! Oh the cowardly weakness of the disorientated youth of today! After more uneventful walking throughout the afternoon the pilgrims gratefully arrived at St. Joseph's Shrine where they all enjoyed a hamburger dinner.

On Sunday, a large number of faithful from the different chapels of the Society of St. Pius X in Alberta congregated at the shrine for the final ¼ mile solemn procession, led by the celebrant (Fr. Wegner), deacon (Fr. Angele), sub deacon (Fr. Herkel) and a host of altar servers and torch bearers into St. Joseph's Shrine for the Solemn Mass sung by the Calgary choir and assisted by Calgary's phenomenal organist.

After Holy Mass, a magnificent BBQ consisting of a pig on a spit, +/- 300

Chicken legs and wings and a healthy smattering of side trappings was served for the enjoyment of all present. The men's cooking crew had put the pig on the roaster at 2:00am and, right up until the lunch was served, slaved at the BBQs doing a magnificent job of the cooking of the meats. It was wonderful to see the good spirit and hard work done especially by the ladies of Calgary as they prepared and then served the food to the hungry faithful. Sitting with feet up whilst eating to their heart's content the pilgrims and the many other faithful were informed about the success of their pilgrimage. They had offered 777 Rosaries to our Blessed Mother! May she be continually loved more and more by the faithful of this vast country dedicated to Her Most Holy Spouse St. Joseph. Many heartfelt thanks to all the different teams who worked so hard at the manifold tasks required to have made this 10th annual pilgrimage in honor of St. Joseph such a wonderful success. God Bless you all.



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Announcements

Changments of priests in the Canadian District

- Toronto:** Father Steven Webber, appointed to the priory of Toronto. The past years Father Webber worked as vicar in the priory of Preston, Lancashire, Great Britain.
- Winnipeg:** Father Raymond Lillis, newly ordained will help Father Rusak in the priory of Winnipeg.
- Calgary:** Father Angele is appointed to the priory of Melbourne, Australia.
Father Leo Boyle is appointed prior of Calgary. For eleven years he was prior of the priory in Bristol, Great Britain.
- Vernon:** Father deVriendt is appointed chaplain of the Carmelite Convent in Quiévrain, Belgium
Father Girouard will take over his charge in Vernon.

We owe Father Angele and Father deVriendt a debt of gratitude for all the great deal of trouble they took for the apostolate of our country. In grateful recognition or their merits our prayers will follow them to their new field of work.



Requiescant In Pace

Regina Cane

+ 22 ma 2009, Montreal, QC



Crowning of the statue of Our Lady in Langley
Father Gerspacher crowns the statue of Our Lady.

Father Greuters visit to Langley
Father Greuter gives animated speeches to encourage the faithful



Funeral Mass for Mister Heinrich Junke

Father Francis Ockerse aided by his faithful prepares the chapel in order to proceed to a worthy ceremony for Mister Heinrich Junke.



10th Pilgrimage from Rocky Mountain House to Sundre
Next year we are awaiting many more pilgrims. A pilgrimage like this one will help every participant to experience his dependence on God and the true nature of his life: We all are guests on earth, and we all wander in many troubles and without rest until we arrive at our eternal home.



First Communions in our Pories of Calgary and Winnipeg

In Calgary nine children receive their First Communion from Father Angele. In Winnipeg two boys and five girls approached for the first time the Holy Table. They will never forget their communion-cakes prepared by two of our parishioners.

