

Coast to Coast

News and photos from the canadian district activities !!!



Church of the Transfiguration

By Sr. Mary Raphael

Welcome, Sister Maria Barbara

Sister Maria Barbara, from our parish here in Toronto, after receiving her formation at the Novitiate of St. Therese in Salvan, Switzerland, the Novitiate for the Oblates, has been assigned to the Church of the Transfiguration. The parish welcomed her with a nice potluck lunch and welcoming cake. She was able to greet the parishioners and meet the recent newcomers. She brought some photos, to show the life in the novitiate.

She arrived here on June 28th, and as soon as she unpacked, was helping in the church activities, chanting the Divine Office, helping in the kitchen and the sacristy, and with all the jobs that the other two oblates (Sister John Mary Vianney and I) perform. Her first assignment was to make a 10 foot by 6 foot backdrop curtain for an altar.

There seems to be a big difference between two sisters and three sisters in a community. When we take our walks, there are more people who approach us. For example, there was the woman who shouted "Good afternoon, Sisters" from an upstairs balcony across the street, and another who stopped to ask us to pray for her dying mother.

During this coming school year, two of us will be able to go to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy on a regular

basis each week, to help with the boarding boys' laundry.

We thank Almighty God for His Divine Providence in sending her to us. We pray for our parishioners and all of the faithful throughout Canada and we ask that you remember us in your prayers, also.

Annual Fund-raising Bazaar

One of our parish activities, which we have (almost every year) to help raise money for the church, is our bazaar. We begin to prepare for it well in advance, by advertising and requesting volunteers. About two weeks before the actual date, people begin to bring items for the yard sale, and we arrange the nicer new items on tables in the hall, for the silent auction. Then, one week before, volunteers come to sort the yard sale items, and to price them. Then we go around the neighborhood, stapling papers to telephone poles, putting them up on advertisement boards in shopping centers, store windows, or wherever we can get permission, and also we put flyers into the neighborhood mailboxes. This year two little boys, 6 and 7 years of age, also helped, running from house to house with the flyers. The items that were to be sold steadily increased day by day, even coming from the neighbors, making our parish hall gradually became fuller and fuller.

On August 14th, the date for our bazaar this year, the day started with Holy Mass at 7:15 a.m. After the Mass, some of our men helped to put up tables outside (in the parking lot), and the clothing racks, boxes of clothing, books, dishes, trinkets, etc. were brought from the hall to the parking lot and arranged on the tables, while our first "early bird" customers approached, even before the scheduled starting time. (People in the neighborhood ask about our bazaar well in advance, in order not to miss it, for they always get good bargains for the "treasures" they find.)

While the yard sale went on, there was food served. We had an outdoor barbecue, and other hot dishes, salad, buns, soft drinks and sweets. There was also a "surprise table", with wrapped up gifts for the children, which could be purchased for \$1.00. The Legion of Mary also had table set up, with Catholic pamphlets, books, cards, etc., only asking for the donation of an offering.

The bazaar was a success, in many ways. Besides the monetary profit, the parishioners had the chance to unite together, and to work with one another for the common good. Also, it was a great chance to meet with many of the parishioners whom we do not have the chance to speak with very often. Thanks be to Almighty God, who helped us all the way through!



**Parish activities in Langley:
Fun, work on the parking lot
and the kitchen,
Father Wegner's visit.**



**Baptism, Marriage, Silver
Jubilees of a Marriage and
of a Priestly Ordination.**

**Our prayers and felicita-
tions be assured to all!**



**Pilgrimage to
Saint-Anne-de-Beaupré**

**Parish Bazaar in
Toronto**



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