

November 26, 1842. At N.D.

WE GIVE THEE THANKS

"Of the seven Brothers who accompanied Father Sorin, only two were of the original colony from France....Four of them (Brothers) had come from Iceland. The foundation, therefore, was not entirely French. Whoever dubbed Notre Dame the home of the 'Fighting Irish,' was righter than rain.

"They reached South Bend on November 26,"
(Some records say November 27, 1842)

"When Father Sorin and his weary band finally arrived at the frontier village on that freezing November afternoon in 1842, they went at once to the home of Alexis Coquillard. Mrs. Coquillard, strong and calm of countenance, her black hair parted in the middle and severely drawn to a knot at the back of her neck, made the new arrivals sit at the table. She brought them warm food of which they had tasted little during the past eleven days.

"Alexis the elder was there, too. He sat down with his guests and conversed happily with them. He described the site at Ste. Marie-des-Lacs but added that he thought the weather much too severe for them to continue their journey. He advised them to accept his offer of shelter until a more moderate day." (From Notre Dame -- One Hundred Years)



Father Sorin's Description of His Arrival.

"This first arrival on the spot now called by the blessed name of Notre Dame du Lac made on the new comers an impression which time will never obliterate.... A deep and unspotted covering of snow was then spread over land and water, and forcibly brought to their minds the spotless Virgin, who seemed already to have taken possession of these premises, and to claim the homage, not alone of the site itself, but also of every human soul that should ever breathe upon it.

"I shall tell you now what I have never said before, At that moment, one most memorable to me, a special consecration was made to the Blessed Mother of Jesus, not only of the land that was to be called by her name, but, also of the institution that was to be founded there; -- a humble offering was presented to her of its modest origin and its destiny, of its future trials and labors, its successes and its joys. With my five Brothers and myself, I presented to the Blessed Virgin all those generous souls whom Heaven should be pleased to call around me on this spot, or who should come after me....And upon this consecration, which I thought accepted, I have rested ever since, firm and unshaken, as one surrounded on all sides by the furious waves of a stormy sea, but who feels himself planted immovable upon the motionless rock."

PRAYERS (deceased) brother of Gonzalo Burbano (Z). (Ill) brother of George Riley (Z), pneumonia: Col. Robert Riordan, '24, heart attack, Fort Dix Hospital, anointed.
THANKSGIVING MASSES: Dillon hall: 7:20 and 8:00; Sacred Heart Church 9:00

Third Order St. Francis meeting Thursday, 3:00 p.m. Dillon Hall.