

Jesuit Martyrs Solemnly Beatified

HEROIC BAND WHO SHED THEIR BLOOD FOR THE FAITH ON THE SOIL OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

On Sunday, June 21, with solemn and impressive ceremonies in St. Peter's, Rome, the eight Jesuit Martyrs of North America were enrolled among the Blessed by his Holiness, Pope Pius XI.

Enormous crowds of people gathered in the vicinity of the Basilica long before the hour set for the ceremonies to begin. Many thousands were unable to gain entrance to St. Peter's, but remained without in the great square and adjoining streets, assisting in spirit with those who were more fortunate.

Artistic banners depicting scenes from the life and martyrdom of the Jesuits about to be Beatified were strung along the entrances to the great Basilica and decorated the walls and pillars within.

A Canadian pilgrimage occupied a position of honor near the altar. Among those who had journeyed across the ocean to participate in the memorable function were relatives of Father Isaac Jogues, one of the intrepid band who gave their lives for the Faith on the soil of Canada and the United States in the seventeenth century.

Pontiff Venerates Martyrs.

In the afternoon Pope Pius was borne in the Sedia Gestatoria into St. Peter's, where he knelt in prayer and venerated the newly Beatified.

Enclosed in a beautifully wrought silver case, relics of the Martyrs were carried to Rome by a member of the Society of Jesus. The reliquary is an exquisite duplicate in miniature of the monument erected to the memory of the Martyrs on the site of their sacrifice.

The eight Jesuit Martyrs beatified are John De Brebeuf, Gabriel Lalemant, Antony Daniel, Charles Garnier, Noel Chabanel, Isaac Jogues, Rene Goupil, and John De La Lande.

John De Brebeuf was born of noble family at Conde-sur-Vire, France, on March 25, 1593. Entering the Society of Jesus he was ordained priest in 1622. His request that he be permitted to go to Canada to sow the seeds of the faith in the breasts of the savage Indians was granted. He entered the country in 1625 and remained for three years. Under compulsion he returned to France, but when the opportunity offered itself came back to the land of his adoption, laboring among the Hurons and becoming known as their Apostle. On March 26, 1649, he was taken by Iroquois, tortured, clubbed, and burned. When he made his last Vows as a Jesuit he had signed an offering of himself with his own blood, asking to die for Christ. His desire was granted. Tranquilly he expired, uttering the Sacred Names.

Gabriel Lalemant was born at Paris, October 10, 1610. He arrived in Quebec as a Jesuit missionary in 1646. He was taken with Father Brebeuf, tortured cruelly by the Iroquois, branded on the breast with burning coals, wounded in every part of his body, and at last beheaded on March 17, 1649.

Antony Daniel was born at Dieppe, France, May 27, 1601. He entered Canada in 1633 and labored among the Hurons. His soul was always united to God in the midst of unspeakable trials and hardships. On July 4, 1648, he was shot to death on the threshold of his church where he had been preaching his farewell sermon to his faithful Indians. His body was cast into the burning ruins of the church and the remains were never recovered.

Charles Garnier was born at Paris, May 25, 1606. He was an angel of innocence so that his conduct was an inspiration, even to his elders. He was ordained a priest of the Society of Jesus in 1636, and sailed for Canada where he desired to spend his life for the Faith.

This holy desire was gratified. On December 7, 1649, the Iroquois attacked his village. He was struck down and wounded, tomahawked and his remains thrown into the smoking embers of the town. Some faithful Indians recovered a portion of his relics and they are now venerated at the Hotel-Dieu in Quebec.

Noel Cabanel was born at Mende, France, on February 12, 1613. He entered Quebec in 1643, going thence to the Huron country. He had always desired martyrdom. On November 9, 1649, as he was going in answer to a request of his Superior, from the village of St. John to the Island of St. Joseph, he was killed by a Huron apostate and his body thrown into the current. It was never recovered.

Isaac Jogues was born at Orleans, France, January 10, 1607. He was ordained priest on February 10, 1636, and left at once for Canada as he had ardently desired. He labored among the Hurons until 1642 when he was taken prisoner. For over fourteen months his captivity lasted, during which he suffered unspeakable torments and indignities. He returned to France honored as a living Martyr, but once again set sail for Canada, in the spring of 1644. Through hatred of the Faith he was finally put to death on October 18, 1646, by a blow of the hatchet on his head. His body was thrown into the Mohawk River.

Rene Goupil was born at Angers, France. Ill health prevented him from becoming a Jesuit, but he attached himself to the missionaries and went to Canada where his skill as surgeon was very useful. He was made prisoner with Father Jogues and finally put to death for making the Sign of the Cross over a dying child.

John de La Lande was born at Dieppe, and went to Canada in the service of the Jesuit Fathers. He accompanied Father Jogues on a dangerous mission to the Iroquois. He was finally seized, tortured, struck on the head with a hatchet and thrown into the river. When starting out on his final journey he said that he knew death awaited him, but desired to give himself in the service of God.

Our Sports Summary

League Secures Lease of Caledonian Ground, Dunedin

The Dunedin *Evening Star* for August 7 says:—

A meeting of the Finance Committee of the Caledonian Society of Otago was held yesterday afternoon, when two tenders were considered for the use of the society's ground for the football season (April 1 to September 30) for the next five years—1926 to 1930 (inclusive). The Otago Rugby League offered £525 per season for the five seasons, and the Otago Rugby Union £300 per season, plus 25 per cent. of takings from first grade flag matches.

The committee decided to accept the Rugby League's tender. It is reported that the decision was unanimous.

Football at Wellington

(From our own Correspondent.)

St. Patrick's College lost to Wellington College on Wednesday week by nine to three. The winners were the heavier team, and of course their college has infinitely more pupils from which to pick its teams—but the fact remains that every year the interest grows keener and a fine sporting rivalry is the result. Everyone looks for the result and the clay bank, the famous old clay bank at the Athletic Park, is black with spectators. The small boys, beribboned with the colors, nearly break their throats in urging on their champions. Well, it's over for this year—but next year is coming, and it's a good tussle. Marist (Soccer) has won the Charity Cup. Ever since the trouble with the Rugby people here the Marist Brothers' boys have distinguished themselves in the Soccer competitions and a vast number of them are devoted to the game.

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