

Chronological Events Connecting Canada and Pontiac

- **1535 Canada** - On October 7 the French explorer Jacques Cartier planted a cross on one of the islands of the St. Maurice River, that separates the present Canadian cities of Trois-Rivieres and Cap-de-la-Madeleine.
- **1694 Canada** - Fr. Paul Vachon establishes the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary at Cap-de-la-Madeleine.
- **1854 Canada** - Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.
- **1854 Canada** - Zepirin Dorval, from Cap-de-la-Madeleine presented to his church a statue of the Madonna for the altar of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. A Madonna modeled after the Immaculate Virgin of the Miraculous Medal as revealed to Catherine Laboure in France some 24 years before in 1830.
- **1867 Canada** - On the eve of the Feast of the Ascension, Fr. Luc Desilets discovers a pig chewing on a rosary in the church. He reestablishes the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary.
- **1878 Canada** - Fr. Desilets' made a vow to the Virgin Mary: "If you grant us solid ice on the river by the Feast of St. Joseph, we will not destroy your small church [of 1720], and we will dedicate it to your Holy Rosary."
- **1879 Canada** - "Miracle of the Ice Bridge"
- **1888 Canada** - On June 22 the old stone church was formally dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. In the evening the "Miracle of the Eyes" transpired.
- **1904 Canada** - The first canonical crowning (Pope St. Pius X) of Our Lady of the Cape.
- **1924 Pontiac** - First Mass was held in new church, St. Joseph - Pontiac on August 10.
- **1939 Pontiac** - Fr. Bernard Mary Jarzembowski is assigned Pastor of St. Joseph on July 5. Some time after his new assignment, the Confraternity of the Holy Rosary was instituted.
- **1947 Canada** - "To Jesus Through Mary" Marian Congress in Ottawa, Canada - Pope Pius XII calls the consecration of the Dominion of Canada to Mary, the Mother of God the "Crowning event" of the congress. On June 17 Fr. Jarzembowski attended the Congress.
- **1947 Canada** - During the Congress on June 18 and 19 - Fr. Jarzembowski—during a mystical experience—received a commission from Our Lady "to come back to St. Joseph and begin a shrine where people can come to learn about Mary and develop a relationship with her that will be a treasure for their whole lives."
- **1948 Pontiac** - The replica statue of Our Lady of the Cape arrived and was titled "Immaculate Heart of Mary." The statue and Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary were solemnly blessed on June 20, 1948 by the Most Rev. Bishop Stephen S. Woznicki, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit.

Chronological Events Connecting Canada and Pontiac

- **1952 Pontiac** - Blessing of the Statue of the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary and Grotto.
- **1954 Canada** - Pope Pius XII authorizes second canonical crowning of Our Lady of the Cape, Queen of the Holy Rosary, Queen of Canada.
- **1988 Canada** - Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Shrine and the Beatification of Blessed Frederic Janssoone.
- **2013 Pontiac** - Closing of St. Joseph Parish.
- **2015 Pontiac** - St. Joseph Chapel was acquired by Terra Sancta Ministries under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Alex Kratz, O.F.M. and many generous donors. The statue of Our Lady of the Cape and the statue of the Sorrowful & Immaculate Heart of Mary remain on the St. Joseph campus.
- **2017 Pontiac** - St. Joseph Chapel & Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary reopens in May.
- **2017 Canada** - November 27th - The Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Bishop Pierre-Oliver Tremblay, OMI, Rector of the Our Lady of the Cape Shrine reestablishes enrollment in the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary.
- **2020 Pontiac** - Encouraged by Fr. Alex to start an intercessory prayer group for the Chapel/ Shrine, a new cenacle took shape in June entitled 'The QIC' [Queen of Intercessors Cenacle]
- **2020 Canada** - Unbeknownst to the QIC, Our Lady of the Cape was given the new title 'Queen of Intercessors' on June 22.
- **2020 Canada / Pontiac** - Connection made to the Sword of St. Michael from Quebec to Pontiac.
- **2020 Pontiac** - Eucharistic and Rosary Triumph Tour 2020 designated Shrine host for Oct. 6.
- **2021 Pontiac** - Fr. Kratz re-establishes the Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary - June 12.