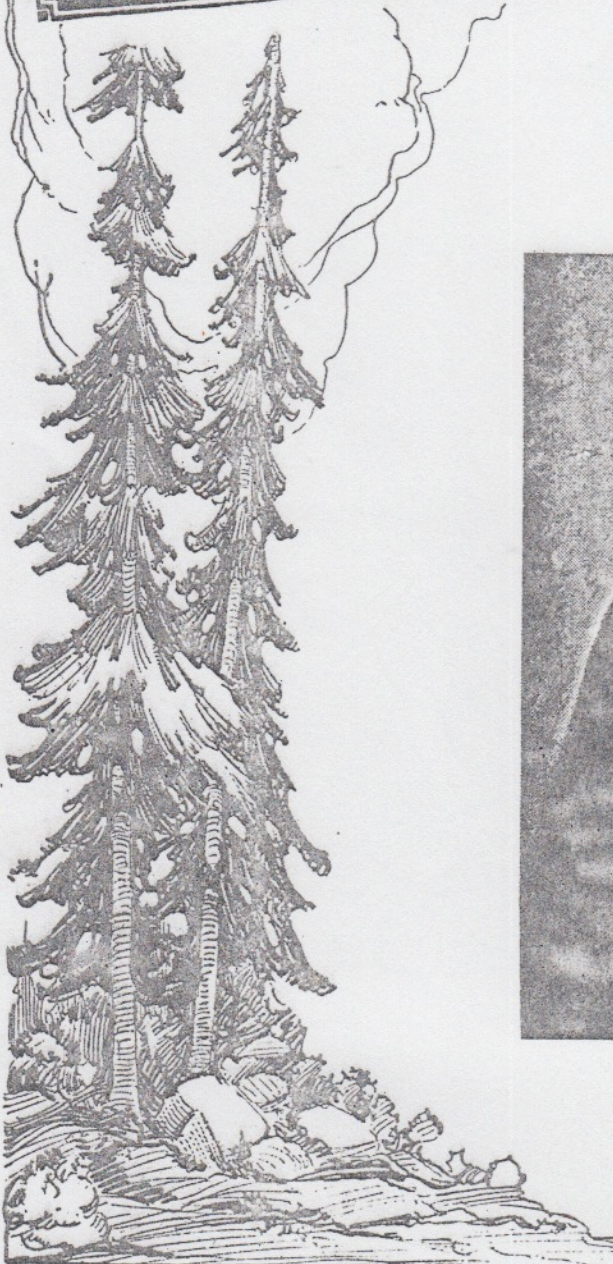
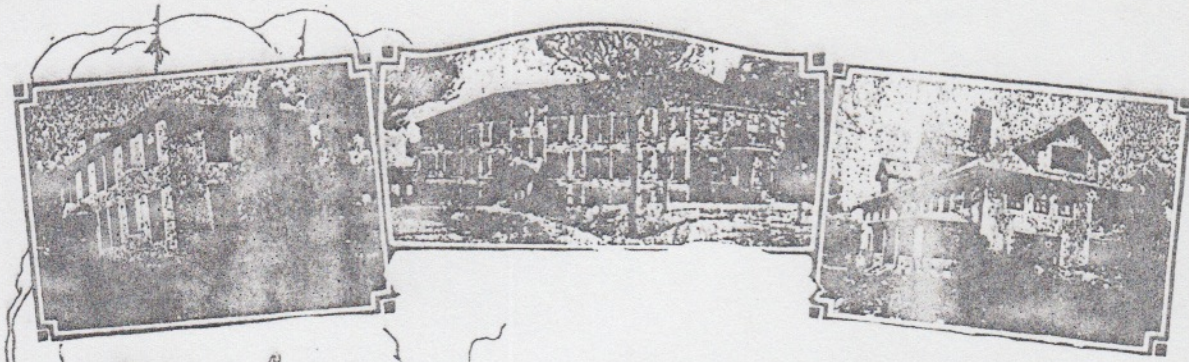


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DEDICATION

To our beloved Bishop
The Most Reverend Thomas A. Welch, D. D.
of Duluth, Minnesota
who received us into his Diocese
and who,
through all the years of our labors
has inspired and encouraged us;
and in token
of our personal esteem and our
unfailing loyalty,
we dedicate this Brochure.

The Fathers and Brothers
of St. Gerard Mission House
Pine City, Minnesota

April 24th, 1957

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PINE CITY, MINNESOTA

The St. Gerard Mission House, to which we have invited you, is situated five miles to the West of the Village of Pine City, sixty-five miles North of the Twin Cities. Travelers coming by car — either from Duluth or St. Paul — would take Highway 61, turn west at the Village High School and continue to the sign that marks the entrance to our property. A Northern Pacific train leaves St. Paul every weekday morning at eight-forty five. Four Greyhound busses come to Pine City each day from the North and South.

Although the Pokegama Institute — which is now St. Gerard Mission — was purchased by the Redemptorist Fathers in 1944, during the Provincialship of Very Rev. Francis J. Fagen, it was not until April 13th, 1945 that our Religious Monastery was canonically established.

St. Gerard's, as its title indicates — is a Mission House. There is no parish attached to it. All members of the Community devote themselves exclusively to the giving of missions and similar apostolic work.

Situated on the shores of Lake Pokegama, and surrounded on three sides by the Snake River, our thirty acre island property is rightly considered one of the most healthful homes of the Redemptorists in the St. Louis Province.

THE HOME MISSION

Thanks to the encouragement and cooperation of our beloved Bishop, The Most Reverend Thomas A. Welch, D. D. this mission house has become, in the few years of its existence, not only the paradise of the St. Louis Province, but the center of one of the greatest missionary endeavors in the history of Redemptorist labors. The records show that, ever since Father Matt Huber inaugurated the work by giving a Forty Hours at Stillwater, Minnesota, in 1944, the Fathers attached to the St. Gerard Mission House have conducted:

584 Missions
236 Forty Hours
132 Novenas
123 Retreats to Religious
212 Retreats to Laypeople
45 Tridua
38 Thirteen Hours

THE SECOND NOVITIATE

The Redemptorist Congregation was established by Saint Alphonsus Liguori for the purpose of conducting missions. To this end our young men are given a Second Novitiate, after they have reached Ordination. During this Novitiate period they are instructed in the art of writing sermons, and trained in the mechanics of conducting a Redemptorist Mission. The chief purpose, however, of this Second Novitiate, is to strengthen the spiritual life of these young men - to heighten their zeal for souls - and to instill into their minds those practical lessons that will enable them to exercise that zeal with patience and charity toward both priests and people.

In 1945 the first class of Novices came to Pine City. Since then 140 young priests have been prepared at St. Gerard's for the public ministry. Some of them are now in the Western Province of Oakland, California. Some are in the Vice-Province of New Orleans, Louisiana. Others are working in the parishes or teaching in the Preparatory College and in the Seminary of our Province of St. Louis, Missouri. Many of them are on

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ST. GERARD'S PICTURE

The four foot high oil painting of St. Gerard Majella, which hangs over the fireplace in our Community room is the handiwork of Mrs. Earl Clark of Chicago, Illinois. Her name is doubly dear to us because she is the Mother of our own Brother Gerard of Pine City. It is well that her name and that of her Son be mentioned together, in our thanks to her for the masterful painting and our gratitude to him for the tireless labors he expended in the erection of this chapel.

TO ALL AND SUNDRY

We want also to pay our debt of gratitude to those men who worked on the chapel with Brother Gerard - to the Foreman, Adolph Blazek and to Joe Wurm and Ed Finger and Joe Stransky. The plumbing work was done by Hank Buckley. The craftsmanship exhibited in the splendid steeple is to the credit of our neighbor, Joe Neubauer. Nor may we forget the interest shown by Al Mingo, of the Inter-State Lumber Company, and his great efforts to supply the needed material.

The names of the Adrian Family of St. Paul, the Oberleys of Minneapolis, the Lambs of Michigan, North Dakota, of Father Cowley of Minneapolis, of Father Nolan of Robbinsdale and of many priests in the Twin Cities and in Duluth are prominent among our benefactors. The long list of the names of friends in the Armor Center at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and their benefactions will leave grateful recollections of the generosity of the Army.

It would be impossible, in so small a space, to mention the names of all our patrons. This would take on the proportions of a large city telephone directory were we to write the names of all the friends of this Community who have helped us in various ways throughout the years. So, to all and sundry, we say from our hearts:

"Thanks and God bless you."

The picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help holds its place of prominence in this Redemptorist Chapel. She is our life, our sweetness and our hope. Through her all our prayers ascend to Our Most Holy Redeemer. Into her hands we shall place all our petitions for our friends and benefactors.

THE VESTMENTS

We are indebted to the Good Sheperd Sisters of Chicago, and to the Sisters Magdalen under their care, for the attractive vestments used in our chapel. But more than that, we give thanks for all the prayers they have offered for our happiness and success.

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A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS

To Father Dan McEnery, the Pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church in Pine City, for his loyal friendship to us over the years and for the many acts of kindness he has bestowed upon us.

To the people of Pine City, toward whom we wish to renew our assurance of good will, with the hope that the happy relationship that has always existed between us and them may ever continue.

To all the Priests with whom we have been associated, both in the Duluth Diocese and elsewhere. We wish to express to them our sincere appreciation of their kindly cooperation with us, and to assure them that the Redemptorists of the St. Gerard Mission House will continue to do their utmost to serve them in the future.

OUR WARMEST GREETINGS

To The Most Reverend Bishop L. Glenn, Auxiliary Bishop of Duluth. To Our Very Reverend Father Provincial, Father John N. McCormick, and to all the Redemptorists who have been attached to this house and to all our Confreres everywhere.

A hearty welcome always awaits you at the St. Gerard Mission House.

Michael H. Pathe, C. SS. R.

PRIESTS AND BROTHERS WHO HAVE LIVED

AT ST. GERARD'S

Rev. Matt Huber	Rev. E. Witte
Rev. P. E. Foerster	Rev. R. Spitzer
Rev. M. A. Seymour	Rev. C. Schwarz
Rev. H. Vollman (dec.)	Rev. J. Dustin
Rev. P. L. Barrett (dec.)	Rev. V. A. Langfield
Very Rev. J. O'Connel (dec.)	Rev. B. A. Connelly
Very Rev. T. E. Landers	Brother Gabriel
Very Rev. P. C. Mallon	Brother Walter
Rev. E. A. Kartheiser	Brother Angelo
Rev. Joseph D. Carroll	Brother Aloysius
Rev. G. J. Joly	Brother John Bosco
Rev. J. Daly	Brother Josaphet
Rev. M. Van Gorp	Brother Alphonsus (dec.)
Rev. G. R. Breitenbeck	Brother Luke
Rev. J. Bellon	Brother Cornelius

THE PRESENT COMMUNITY AT ST. GERARD'S

Very Rev. M. H. Pathe, Rector

Rev. F. X. Hurt, Minister	Rev. G. Boucher
Rev. E. Fastner	Rev. T. Herron
Rev. G. Farrell	Rev. E. Nugent
Rev. J. McAllister	Rev. G. Heim
Rev. F. Mann	Brother Liguori
Rev. S. Livernois	Brother Gerard

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