

Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Evron

St-Raphael Mission - Le Goff, Alberta

Chronicles - third booklet (1967-1971) about the second presence of the SNDE in LeGoff. (I borrowed this book of chronicles - 52 pages - from Sister Ann Yuhasz, in Edmonton, on November 23, 2021)

December 13, 1967 - page 1

Beautiful clear day, not too cold, which helps to increase the cheerfulness of the school children. They are arriving in their best clothes, as they are going to the Air Base today. Some of them can't show up in their best, so my Sister Superior dresses some of them and they show up happy and grateful. Before one o'clock p. m. two big buses and nine cars are already in the yard. What a lively life! ... but still, well ordered, no jostling: such and such a class in such and such a bus, so many in the cars, it is organized. The Principal takes all the teachers in his car. Around 4:30, all come back happy, each with a gift and a bag of candy.

December 29, 1967 - page 3

Wedding of Annie Minoose whom many of our Sisters know. They both looked great! - She in her beautiful simple white dress and he in a beautiful black suit. He is an Indian from Lac Ste Anne, from a good family known by Rev. Father Le Calvez. They prayed well and took communion under both Species. May the good Lord bless them and keep them.

February 24, 1967 - pages 10-11

[Sisters participate in a Pow-Wow at Guerneville].

April 1967 - page 15

Towards the end of the month, a few students representing each class went to Blue Quill for a language contest; they came back well encouraged having won prizes. Thanks, and honor to their teachers who prepared them with patience and dedication.

September 1968 - page 20

The doors of the school open for a new school year. Approximately 95 students enrolled, far fewer than last year. Grades 7 & 8 will go to the Provincial Schools and we will open a Kindergarten class.

December 21, 1968 - page 21

We went with the students of the school to a Christmas concert organized by the Cold Lake Air Force Base.

September 2, 1969 - page 36

On September 2, the LeGoff School opened its doors to 108 students. These little Indians were happy to resume school life and to meet their new teachers.

December 15, 1970 - pages 47-48

Our little Indians cannot contain their joy. It is the big day of a reception organized by the ladies of the Air Force Base. Everyone is dressed in their best clothes. Around 11:00 a.m. the buses

arrive to transport all these little people to Medley. There, they will be served dinner and then the recreational part will follow, moving pictures, songs in Indian and English languages, nice ballet performed by the 3rd grade girls. They wear long Japanese style kimonos. Their flowered paper lanterns decorated with tassels and silky cords look great in the decor and reflect some of the Christmas light.

The highlight of the party is the arrival of Santa Claus by helicopter. Imagine the screams of joy! The distribution of gifts is done in an orderly fashion. Everyone gets what is appropriate for their age. They are also given a big bag of sweets.

At about three o'clock, it's time for a big round-up, a final goodbye and "Thank you for everything" rings out in the large hall. The buses take each child back to their home. May the Lord be thanked for the infusion of charity into the hearts of these good ladies; they have been the instrument to bring inexpressible joy to our little Indians. Yes, Deo gratias!

April 28, 1971 - page 49

The Council of the Province has decided to close the doors of the dear mission because of the lack of religious personnel. We feel our hearts are in our throat, but the whole program organized for this occasion is going on normally.

July 6, 1971 - page 50

Our Indians are dismayed when they learn of the departure of the Sisters. On Sunday, July 6, they invaded the little residence in groups. They expressed in a touching way their gratitude and their regret. These good people, with their simple hearts and unique culture, were very attached to us. The old people and the children are especially pitied.

Many objects, cupboards and furniture are sold to them. They greatly appreciate the acquisition of what they say will be a precious souvenir. The gift of statues to the elders of the reserve makes them happy and it is good to see them again.

July 7, 1971 - page 51

On Monday, July 7, 1971, Sister Marie Cécile Clermont and Sister Louise Ladouceur left the beloved St. Raphael Mission in LeGoff. Father Joseph Goutier bid us farewell at the hard moment of departure.

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