

6. ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES AVAILABLE SOON. November is the Month of the Poor Souls.
7. Catechism Class - next Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel.
8. Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapel.
9. Please Pray for the Success of Our Current Church Fund Drive.
10. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday.

— *Salve Regina* —

## *Our Lady of the Cape*

On October 7th, 1535, Jacques Cartier planted the Cross on one of the Canadian islands where three rivers flow into the mighty St. Lawrence; and he called the place Trois Riviers. The history of the shrine of Our Lady of the Cape is a long and intriguing one. For many years, apathy and scepticism kept the people away from church. In 1867, the parish priest, Fr. Desilets, made one gigantic attempt to win over his people and travelled from house to house, on horseback, on foot, from farm to farm, pleading with each and telling them he would be in church all day on Ascension eve for confessions. Not one person showed up. Dusk fell over the little church; grief-stricken, Fr. Desilets made his way to the sanctuary, to pour out his troubled soul to Our Lord. Then it was that he saw a big, filthy pig snorting and scrambling around the altar, the beads of a rosary in its mouth. Horrified, the priest managed to snatch the beads away and chase the pig from the church. Then at Our Lord's feet he made a vow to spend the rest of his life spreading the Confraternity of the Rosary, not only in his own parish, but wherever he could.

Years passed; the Confraternity grew and grew. Then there came to Three Rivers a holy Franciscan friar by the name of Fr. Frederic Jansoone de Ghyvelde, whose cause for beatification has been introduced. The two priests worked hard together to establish the shrine of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, and on June 22, 1888, the dedication took place. It was a triumph for Fr. Desilets! That evening a cripple by the name of Pierre Lacrois came to the church; the priests brought him to the high altar and there all three prayed before the statue of Our Lady. Then it happened. The cripple looked up at the statue and saw that the eyes were open; Our Lady's face seemed to come alive! All three witnessed the marvel. This is the miraculous statue of Our Lady of the Cape in Three Rivers. Thousands visit the shrine every year, to lay their petitions at Our Lady's feet. Now a large basilica stands at the mission site. One of the most beautiful things to see is the candlelight Rosary procession that winds round the church grounds to the little lake called St. Mary's. The annals of Notre Dame du Cap tell of cures, as at Lourdes. *O Lady of the Cape, Queen of the Holy Rosary, turn unto us thine eyes of mercy, and after this, our exile, show unto us Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb. Amen.*

NOTE 1. The Monastery of Christ the King is most fortunate to own one of the very first and very few Statues cast of Our Lady of the Cape. This Statue will have the place of honor in the Mary Chapel of the Monastery Chapel.

NOTE 2. Special Acknowledgment is made and gratitude given to the periodical SALVE REGINA for the above article on Our Lady of the Cap