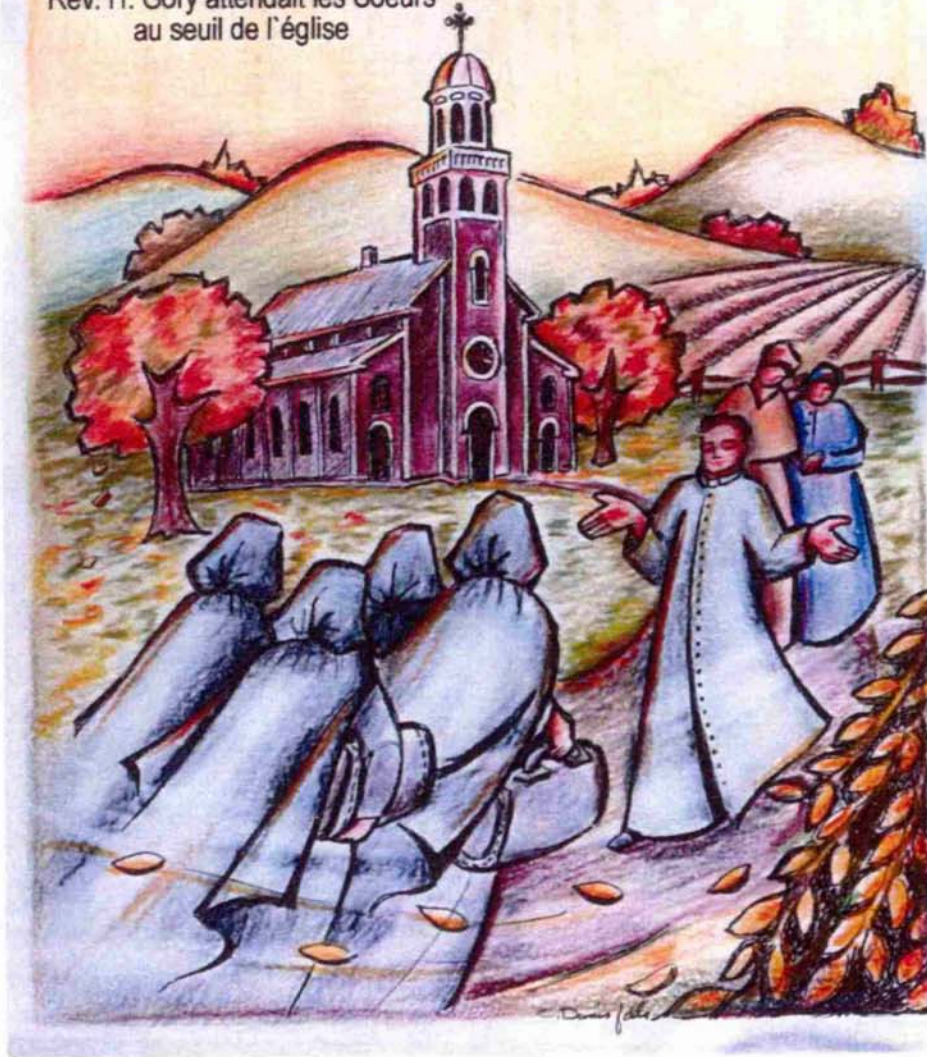


STE. AGATHE *Historical Society*

NEWSLETTER

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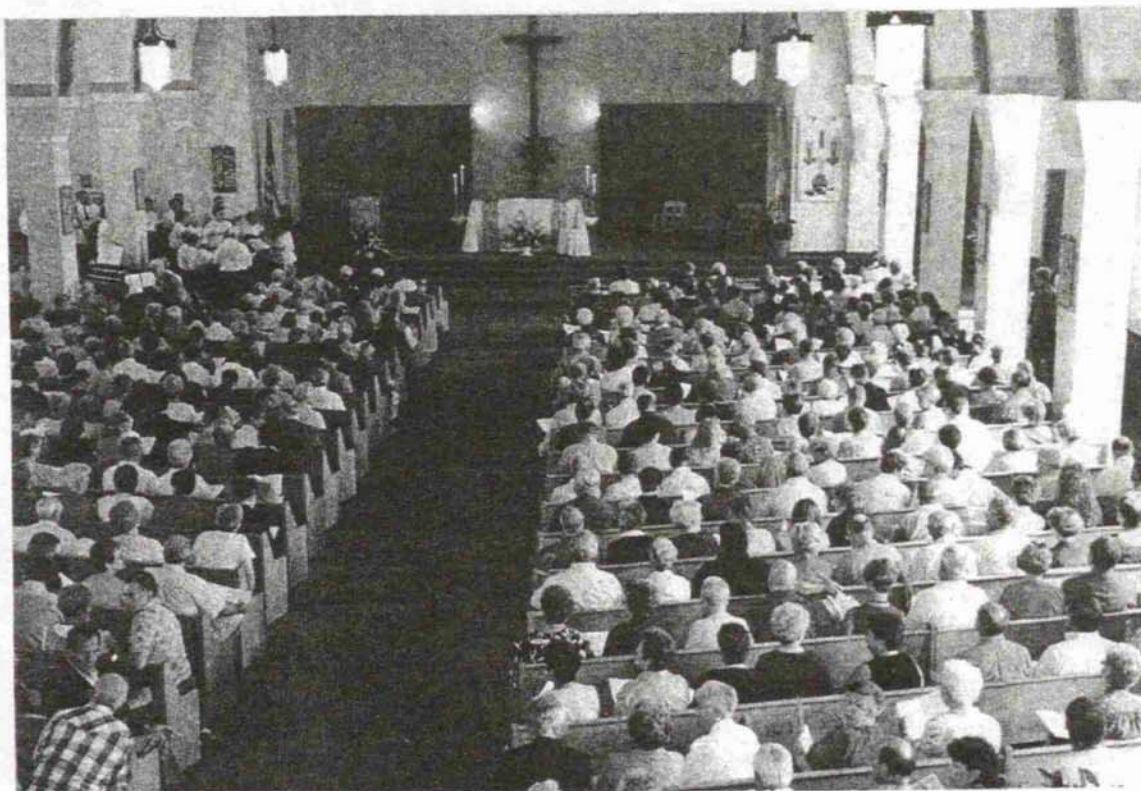
Le samedi premier octobre 1904
Les Filles de la Sagesse de France
arriva à Ste-Agathe, Maine.
Rev. H. Gory attendait les Soeurs
au seuil de l'église



Reverend Henri Gory Greets Les Filles de la Sagesse
In Ste-Agathe, Maine on October 1, 1904

Scenes from the Daughters of Wisdom Centennial and The Long Lake Summerfest July 30, 31, and August 1, 2004

The church bells rang in 1904 when four Daughters of Wisdom arrived in St. Agatha to establish a school and hospital. The four Sisters, Mother Marie Therese, Sr. St. Anselme, Sr. Victorine de St. François, and Sr. Euphrone, arrived on October 1, 1904. One hundred years later the church bells rang to welcome the many Daughters of Wisdom and visitors who had come to St. Agatha to celebrate the centennial. In the following pages, the Ste-Agathe Historical Society would like to share with you some of the images from the Summerfest weekend.



It was a full house for the St. Agatha Catholic Church. Presiding celebrant was The Most Reverend Richard Malone, Th.D., Bishop of Portland. Concelebrating Priests included Rev. Philip Cyr, Pastor, Rev. Michael Gendreau, Homilist, Rev. Claude Albert, Rev. Roger Chabot, Msgr. Leopold Nicknair, Rev. Richard Ouellette, Rev. David Raymond, Rev. Albert Roux, and Rev. Adhemar Deveau. Lectors were Sr. Evelyn Eckhardt, D.W. and Sr. Solange Michaud, D.W. Intentions were by Sr. Jeanne Nicknair, D.W. Offertory was presented by Sr. Jacqueline Ayotte, Sr. Alice Paquette, Sr. Anne Neilson and Sr. Thérèse Gibson.



The choir members, under the direction of Marcel Chartier and Andie Labbé came from Ste-Agathe Parish, St. Joseph Parish, St. Luce Parish and St. Louis Parish. The organist was Helen Collin Ayotte and choir members included Arlene Albert, Rita Bouchard, Patricia Bourgoin, George and Alice Carpenter, Sr. Candide Corriveau, Julie Cyr, Michael Daigle, Alan and Mary Dearborn, Joan Gagnon, Lewis Michaud, Cleo Ouellette, Odette Ouellette, Joyce Plourde, Kate Raymond, Theresa Ringuette, Robert Sinclair, Fernand Sirois, Richard and Opal Smith, Doris Staples and Beverly Thibodeau.



Altar servers were Sharon Beupré, Christa Lizotte, Jacob Pelletier, Shane Chamberland and Andrew Melenica. Pictured here with Bishop Richard Malone are Christa Lizotte (left) and Sharon Beupré (right).

Homily by Rev. Michael Gendreau

The Daughter of Wisdom Rule of Life Rule # 21 states: "With Mary and in Mary, we prolong the mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus. By her faith and her desire, one with her own people, Mary carried the messianic hope within herself and received the Word of God in order to give him to the world.

As Mary did, we contemplate the love of God, sign of salvation and hope. We welcome that love within us and give it expression in our lives. We wish to be women of faith, and desire, who in an attitude of poverty, we participate in the coming of the Kingdom."

100 years ago the first Daughters of Wisdom arrived. During those 100 years you have given expression to the love of God among us and have shaped the life and faith of generations of families who lived and continue to live in the St. John Valley.

When I look back into my own family history, I have to notice that the Daughters taught Mémère Michaud, my mother and her siblings, my father (his 6th grade teacher was also my 6th grade teacher). I was taught by Sr. Elizabeth in K, Sr. Jackie Ayotte in 4th, and Sr. Albertine in 6th.

The word that seems to best summarize the readings and your ministry among us is detachment, not only from material things but also, and more importantly, detachment from ego. Emptying self of self. Meister Eckhardt once wrote: *"Every ego attachment of every kind of deed robs you of your freedom to be free and ready to serve God and others. You cannot be fruitful unless you renounce all ego attachments to these deeds. A woman who is chaste is free and liberated from ego is close to God and to herself. She bears much fruit and gives birth. She gives birth and becomes fruitful out of her own foundation... Our receptivity makes us chaste and in this we conceive... We give birth, we respond fruitfully and creatively... When we let go of our ego attachments to material and external things, we experience emptiness and in this void, God and the soul are united in fertility. Detachment produces a new birth."*

If detachment is the word that best captures the scripture and your ministry among us, the image (for me anyway) that best gives flesh to the word detachment and your ministry is that of midwife. A midwife is free of ego, responding in the day or during the night to the needs of another. She is there in the midst of the painful contractions and mother's painful cries, she is able to listen intensely and to read the signs that birth is near, she is present in the messiness of the birth, she is there to clean the child off when he or she is born and then gives this new life fragile, yet full of potential to his/her mother and father.

1. As teachers you were not only imparting book knowledge – reading, writing, and arithmetic, but also taught a way of life. You nurtured in your students a love for the arts, drama, music, and literature. You helped to birth in us talents that were hidden beneath the surface and always affirmed our goodness as your students.
2. Rule # 8 says” “we explicitly proclaim Gospel values in fidelity to directives of the Church by: giving preserving attention to those who are neglected and rejected, being available to them wherever they are, sharing in their legitimate struggles, their sufferings and their hopes, supporting and cooperating with them in their efforts to improve the quality of their lives.”

As pastoral care givers you would reach out to the sick and the poor of the community in so many unselfish ways. It may have been simple as helping someone read a letter from a loved one who lives away or helped them write a letter. It may have been driving someone to their doctor appointment or making sure they took their meds on time. Sr. Gabrielle is a good example of the care and compassion of the Daughters. She would often go to homes with the Eucharist in one hand and her blood pressure cuff in the other, tending to their spiritual and physical need: How often I would hear, “ton vicare a venu me voire” or would see her little grey Toyota driving to and from NMMC no matter what the weather was like.

Whether is was in Ste- Agathe or Madawaska, Appalachia or Lewiston working with the poor or the immigrant, In New York City or Malawi working with young new or young mothers who live with HIV/AIDS, you have revealed to us a compassionate God who hears the cry of His people.

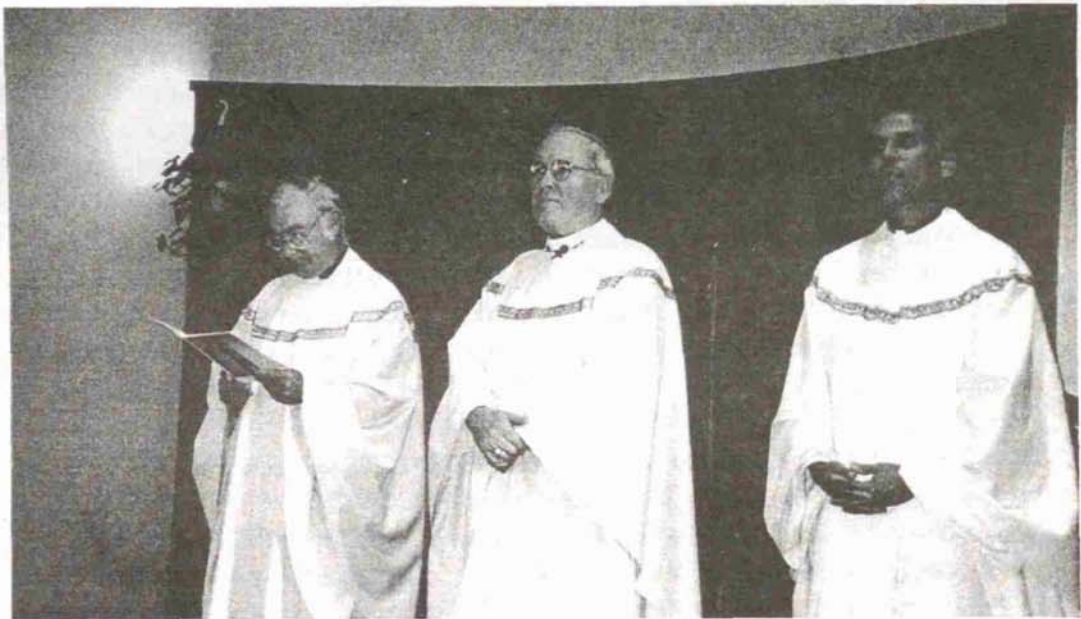
3. As women of faith whose greatest teaching was by the way you lived your lives in in relationship to God and to the community, you nurtured in us a deep love for God and Mary and in particular the Rosary. We have had many good priests in the valley, you contributed to their vocation...but your steady, committed presence provided our faith with a stability that provided an environment in which it could grow.

You have shaped us and have birthed in us the gifts of faith and service to one another, you have shown us the importance of welcoming the stranger and caring for the sick, you have strengthened God’s life in us and in our community.

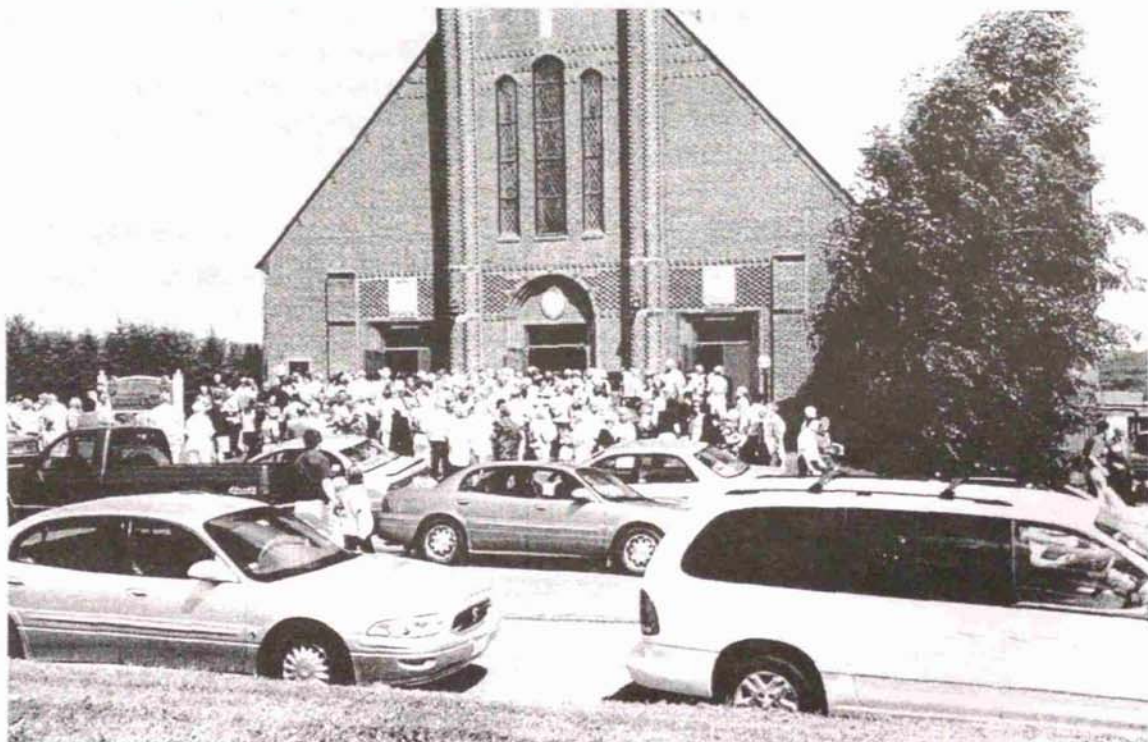
In Marc Chasse's book "Les Belles Histoires du Couvent de Ste-Agathe," Paul Marin wrote: "The religious community of the Daughters of Wisdom, through their humility and grace, have enriched the little village of Ste. Agathe and the St. John Valley for a century. We are the beneficiaries of their selfless devotion, their hard work and sacrifices. It is right and fitting that in this hundredth year anniversary we celebrate and acknowledge their dedication."

Indeed it is good for us to be here to celebrate you and give you thanks. Merci pour toutes que vous avez faites pour nos generations, merci. Thank you.

Peace



Rev. Philip Cyr, Bishop Richard Malone, and Rev. Michael Gendreau



Daughters of Wisdom attending Centennial Celebration

Sr. Laura Algiere D.W.	Coram, New York
Sr. Irene Arsenault	Lewiston, Maine
Sr. Jacqueline Ayotte	St. Agatha, Maine
Sr. Joan Ayotte	St. Agatha, Maine
Sr. Sylvie Bélanger	Metro Manila, Philippines
Sr. Marthe Bosse	Lefavre, Ontario
Sr. Rachel Bouchard	Brooklyn, New York
Sr. Jeannine Boutin	West Islip, New York
Sr. Veronica Byrne	Middle Village, New York
Sr. Joan Canfield	Hamden, Connecticut
Sr. Diane Capozzi	Rome, Italy
Sr. Marie Chiodo	Silver Springs, Maryland
Sr. Rosemary Connelly	Wethersfield, Connecticut
Sr. Candide Corriveau	St. Agatha, Maine
Sr. Virginia Cunnif	Farmingville, New York
Sr. Patricia Curreri	Broad Channel, New York
Sr. Lucie Daigle	Sound Beach, New York
Sr. Claudette Danis	Montréal, Québec
Sr. Thérèse Doucette	St. Agatha, Maine
Sr. Louise Dufour	Springfield, Virginia
Sr. Carmelle Dugas	Ottawa, Ontario
Sr. Evelyn Eckhardt	Ozone Park, New York
Sr. Lucie Gagnon	Edmundston, New Brunswick
Sr. Pierrette Gagnon	Papua, New Guinea
Sr. Violaine Gagnon	Montréal, Québec
Sr. Simmone Gaumond	Ottawa, Ontario
Sr. Bernice Gibson	Montréal, Québec
Sr. Thérèse Gibson	Coram, New York
Sr. Ann Gray	Ozone Park, New York
Sr. Rose Marie Greco	Litchfield, Connecticut
Sr. Diane Guerrette	Wolcott, Connecticut
Sr. Linda Joseph	Ottawa, Ontario
Sr. Denise Hebert	St- François, New Brunswick
Sr. Maureen Hurley	Lewiston, Maine
Sr. Margaret Kelliher	Lindenhurst, New York
Sr. Joan Klemballa	Mullins, West Virginia
Sr. Rachel Lajoie	Edmundston, New Brunswick
Sr. Joan Leavey	Islip, New York
Sr. Agathe Leclair	Ottawa, Ontario
Sr. Aline Lemieux	Red Deer, Alberta
Sr. Marilyn Lieber	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Sr. Grace Malonzo	Portsmouth, Virginia
Sr. Margaret McCabe	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Sr. Mary Eileen McCarthy	Farmingville, New York
Sr. Agnes McColgan	Ozone Park, New York
Sr. Eileen McGowan	Middle Village, New York
Sr. Margaret McPeak	Riverhead, New York

Sr. Aurelie Michaud	Lewiston, Maine
Sr. Gabrielle Michaud	St. Agatha, Maine
Sr. Brigitte Michaud	Montréal, Québec
Sr. Louise Michaud	Ottawa, Ontario
Sr. Solange Michaud	St. Basile, New Brunswick
Sr. Aline Milliard	Bethel, Vermont
Sr. Rachel Morency	Edmundston, New Brunswick
Sr. Candide Morin	St. Côme, Québec
Sr. Mary Morrow	New Hyde Park, New York
Sr. Jeanne Nicknair	Lewiston, Maine
Sr. Ann Nielsen	Brooklyn, New York
Sr. Thérèse Normandeau	Montréal, Québec
Sr. Alice Paquette	Toronto, Ontario
Sr. Emelda Parent	Sound Beach, New York
Sr. Dolores Pelletier	Lake Grove, New York
Sr. Patricia Pelletier	Oakdale, New York
Sr. Mary Pfeifer	Portsmouth, Virginia
Sr. Annette Picard	St. Agatha, Maine
Sr. Sara Proctor	Ruskin, Florida
Sr. Simone Re	Montréal, Québec
Sr. Dorothy Reilly	Ozone Park, New York
Sr. Elaine Renaud	Ottawa, Ontario
Sr. Doris Rodier	Papua, New Guinea
Sr. Joan Rohan	Farmingville, New York
Sr. Emma Rohn	Middle Village, New York
Sr. Nicole Rousse	St-François, New Brunswick
Sr. Patricia Schmidt	West Hartford, Connecticut
Sr. Marilyn Soeder	Brooklyn, New York
Sr. Camille Solis	Farmingville, New York
Sr. Marie Sopr	Springfield, Virginia
Sr. Claire Sullivan	Coram, New York
Sr. Marie Immaculata Vane/Riverhead,	New York
Joyce D. Smillie, D.W. Associate	Watertown, Ct



Ceremony at the Notre Dame de la Sagesse Cemetery

Friends and family members gathered at the Sisters' cemetery for special prayers in memory of the Daughters of Wisdom buried there. The Sisters buried there include:

Soeur Ste. Placidie – 1911
Soeur Victorine de St. François – 1927
Soeur Anselme – 1930
Soeur Gerard Majella – 1938
Soeur St. Sernin – 1939
Soeur Celestine de St. Paul – 1940
Soeur Edouard de l'Enfant Jesus – 1941
Soeur Marie Rose – 1942
Soeur Leonie de la Croix – 1943
Soeur Marie Eugenie de la Croix – 1946
Soeur Ste. Emmerentienne - 1949
Sister Nathalie Marie – 1953
Sister Maria de Bethlehem – 1953
Soeur Yvonne Marie – 1960
Soeur St. Justin – 1961
Soeur Modeste de St. Augustin – 1965
Soeur Alfred de St. Gabriel – 1966
Sister Catherine of Jesus – 1969
Soeur Ida Soucy – 1981
Sister Catherine of the Cross – 1995
Sister Cecile Bouchard – 1997
Sister Yvette Raymond – 1998
Sister Cecile du Christ Roi – 2001

Also buried in this cemetery:

Berthe Thérèse Etenaud – 1906
Papias Dionne - 1907
Rev. N. Canuel – 1918
Rev. Ernest Etenaud – 1921
Julie Martin Dionne – 1924
Delina Guerrette – 1941
Anastasia "Tazzie" Paradis - 1958



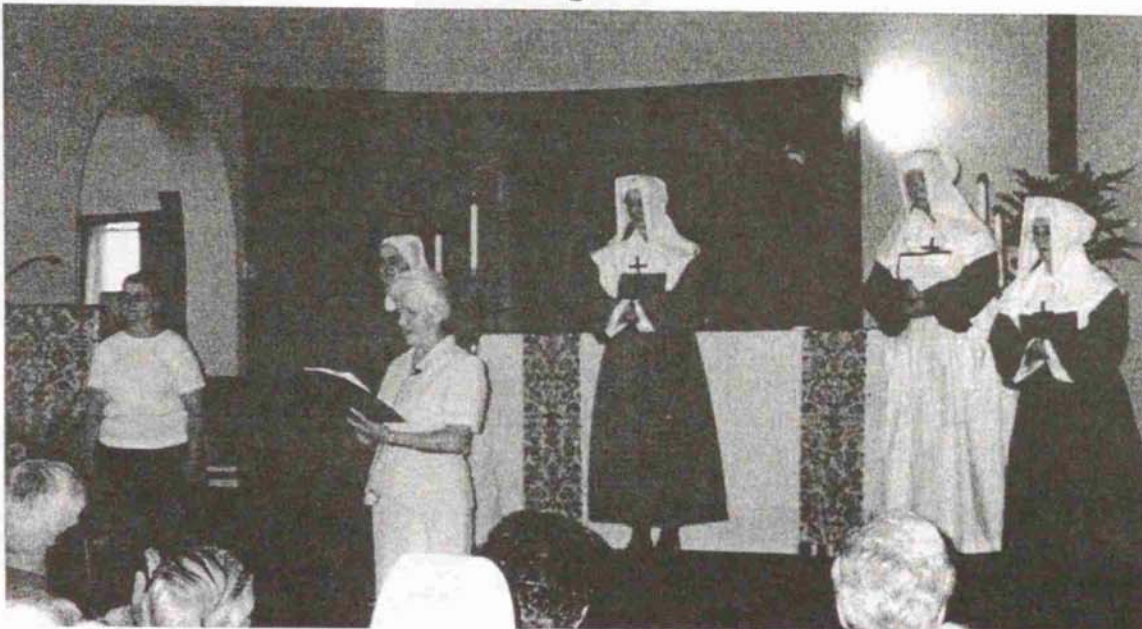
Each Sister present placed a rose on individual gravesites. Pictured above is Sister Gabrielle Michaud who placed a rose on Soeur Victorine's gravesite.

At the Norte Dame de la Sagesse Cemetery



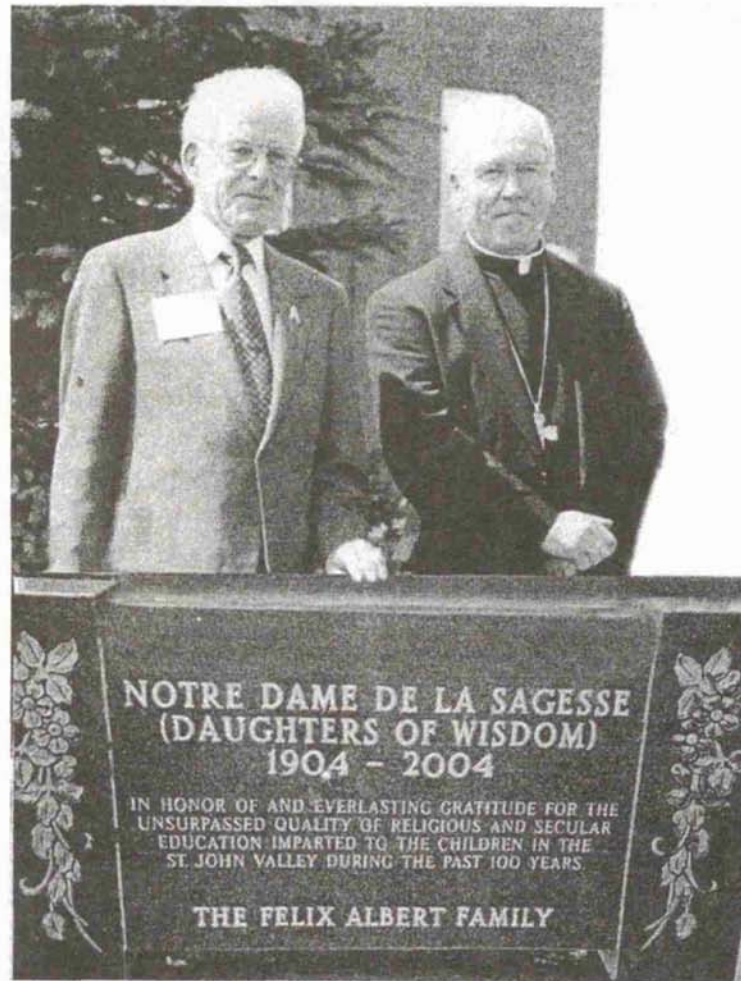
Left to right: Paul & Rachel Raymond with Elizabeth, Marie Louise Raymond, Maurice Raymond, David Bouchard, Rita & Romeo Bouchard, Sr. Dorothy Reilly, Rita Dube, Jeannette Morin, Sr. Mary Pfiefer, and Sr. Grace Malonzo.

“Daring To Dream”



Saturday afternoon presentation, “Daring to Dream,” featured several dramatic monologues with different Sisters taking on personalities from the past. Left to right: Sr. Patricia Pelletier, Sister Laura Algieri, Sister Evelyn Eckhardt (holding the book), Sr. Irene Arsenault, Sr. Ann Gray and Sr. Maureen Hurley.

Dedication and Unveiling of Daughters of Wisdom Monument



The Felix Albert family donated a monument at Montfort Heights dedicated to the Daughters of Wisdom. In photo: Leo Albert, representing the Felix Albert family, and The Most Reverend Richard Malone, Bishop of Portland. The inscription on the monument reads,

In honor of and everlasting gratitude for the unsurpassed quality of religious and secular education imparted to the children in St. John Valley during the past 100 years.

Daughters of Wisdom Celebration Banquet

Welcomes were extended to the capacity crowd by Judy Ayotte Paradis who served as emcee; Diane Belanger Castonguay, Board of Selectmen; Sr. Evelyn Eckhardt, Daughter of Wisdom Provincial; Terry Marin Ouellette, President of the Ste-Agathe Historical Society; and Fern Ayotte Desjardins, Superintendent of MSAD #33. Sr. Jackie Ayotte and Sr. Joan Ayotte were honored for organizing Daughters of Wisdom Day. Sr. Evelyn Eckhardt presented a plaque to Leo Albert, a benefactor whose generous donation underwrote much of the cost of the celebration. The plaque given in name of the Daughters of Wisdom read: "in gratitude for your most generous gift which continues the legacy of your family in supporting the life and mission of the Daughters of Wisdom these many years." Sr. Evelyn Eckhardt also presented a plaque to Philip Morin from the Daughters of Wisdom, "In loving gratitude for outstanding research and study that has kept alive the names, faces and mission of the Daughters of Wisdom in northern Maine. You have re-told our story with loving care, and for this we are profoundly grateful." Sr. Carmelle Dugas, member of the Canadian Council of the Daughters of Wisdom, offered remarks and presented a ficus tree in honor of the centennial. The ficus tree is a reminder that, "Wisdom is a tree of life for those who embrace her."



Sr. Carmelle Dugas, Member of the Canadian Council, and Sr. Evelyn Eckhardt, U.S. Provincial of the Daughters of Wisdom.



Leo Albert, Fern and Frank Desjardins



Dorilda Michaud Daigle, Sr. Aurelie Michaud, D.W. and Norman Daigle.

Summerfest Parade 2004

According to the Town Clerk, Joan Ouellette, the population of St. Agatha is 802 people and if you live in St. Agatha, you probably got a call from Mary Ann Chamberlain, Manager of the St. Agatha Federal Credit Union, to register for the Long Lake Summerfest Parade. There were 82 entries for the Summerfest Parade on Sunday, August 1st. If you remember, the parade was rained out on Saturday and a few entries were destroyed by the wind driven rain. It seems like everyone from St. Agatha was in the parade so we are appreciative of all the friends and relatives from away that lined Main Street to watch the parade. Included in this newsletter are only a few of the awesome entries that were in the Summerfest Parade.

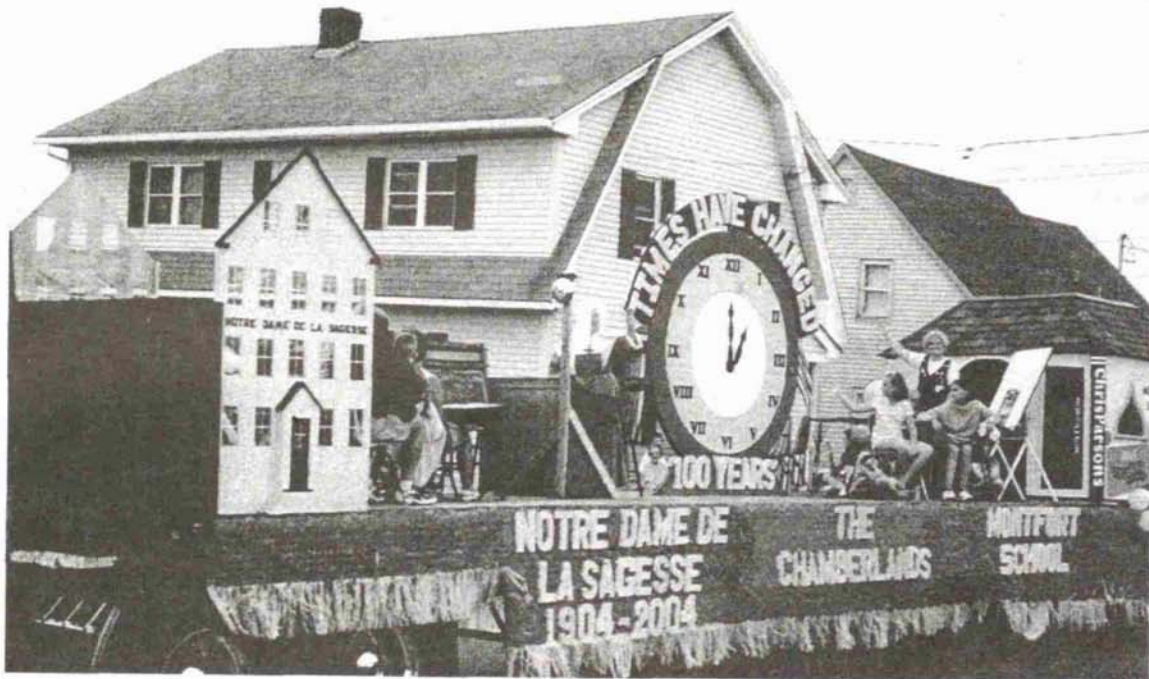


Members of the Cyr-Plourde Legion Post 145 led by Ret. Col. Philip Michaud.

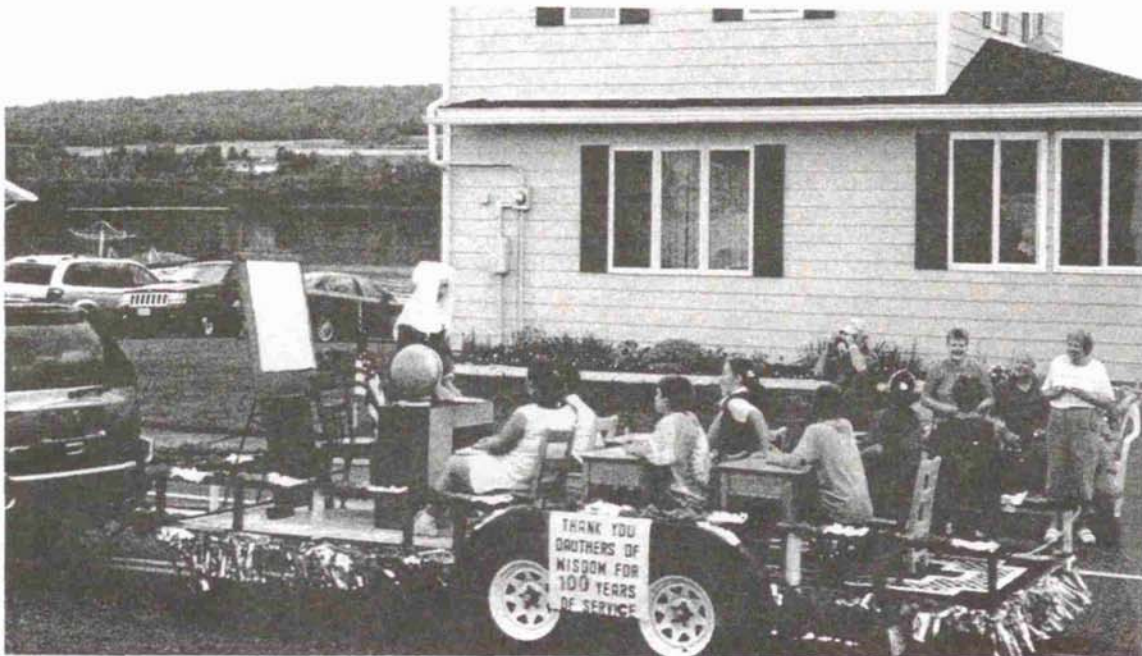


Knights of Columbus Council 7920 led by Grand Knight Valere Guerrette

Times Have Changed



The Chamberlands' float with a façade of Notre Dame de la Sagesse Convent at one end and Montfort School at the other.



A classroom with a Daughter of Wisdom at the teacher's desk. Portraying the Daughter of Wisdom is Angela Chamberland Houghton from Manchester, N.H.



St. Agatha Rec. Dept.



The Morneaults

Left to right: Jamie Morneault, Stacy Morneault, Rita Morneault, Adrien Morneault, Jeannine Morneault and Robertine Morneault Hewette.



Ste- Agathe Historical Society Float with "June" and Gloria Gervais and grandchildren, Mya Cyr (behind P p re "June") and Jeremy Cyr.



The Town of St. Agatha Most Senior Citizens –
Rosaire Lagassey and Catherine Morneault.

St. Agatha Volunteer Fire Department BBQ

The smell of BBQ chicken penetrated the air and many families and friends gathered at the fire station to enjoy the good company and the good food.



Dr. Tom Chasse, Diane Franck, Carol Franck Chamberland, "Bert" Franck, Emile Chasse, and Janelle Franck Albert.

From the Class of '63

Christine Deschaine Grover,
Dr. Tom Chasse, and Carlene
Cyr Dumond.



Pioneer Educational Foundation

Wisdom High School Pioneer Educational Foundation was founded originally in 1993 and activated in 2004. The Pioneer Educational Foundation was conceived to support the educational endeavors of the graduating seniors of Wisdom High School. It is a non-profit organization made up of volunteers. It is of primary importance of this organization that the students continue their education beyond high school.

The Foundation is supported with annual membership dues and memorial donations and contributions from alumni families, teachers and friends.

Officers:

President – Percy Thibeault '64
Vice President Ned Berce
Secretary Patricia Gendreau Bourgoïn '61
Treasurer Sandra Chasse San Antonio '72

Board of Directors:

John Labrie '74, Kevin Lavoie '85, Andre Ouellette '79,
Cleo Paradis Ouellette '53, Cindy Michaud St. Jarre '86,
Monique Corriveau Pelletier '82, Lester Michaud '66,

Application For Membership (Annual Dues \$5.00) or Memorial Gift can be sent to:

**Pioneer Educational Foundation
P.O. Box 51
St. Agatha, ME 04772**



Board of Directors Cindy Michaud St. Jarre (left) and Secretary Patricia Gendreau Bourgoïn (right) with Carlene Bourgoïn Raymond.

Arts Crafts Fair



Lise Sirois

Lise Sirois, Chairperson, for
The Arts & Crafts Displays,
enrolled over twenty local crafters
for the Summerfest week-end.

List of Crafters At the Summerfest

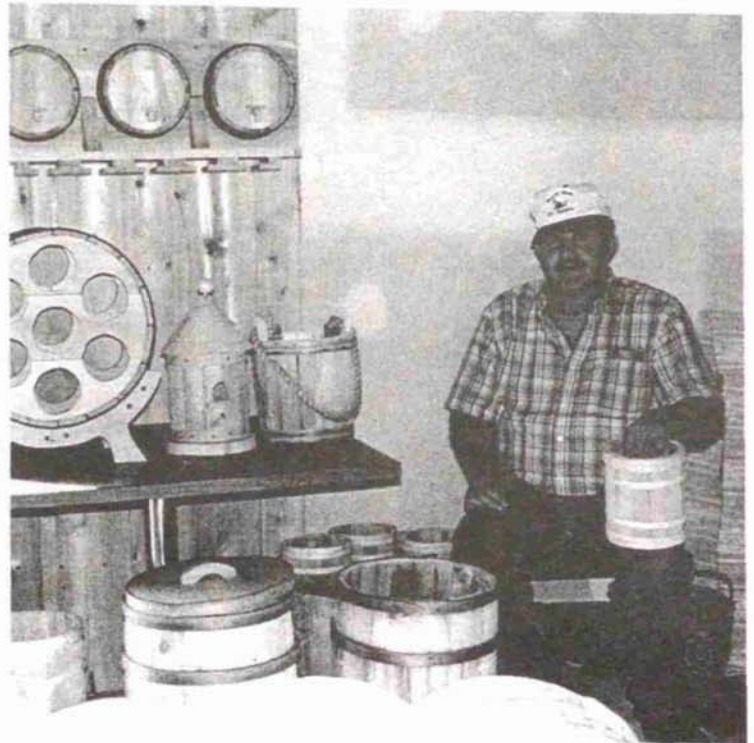
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Alban Thibodeau
Reginald Beaulieu
Susan Gerard
Paula Robertson
Louis Michaud
Jan Young
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Lisa Bosse
Stella Ouellette
Joe Roy
Lorette Albert
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Judy Tardif



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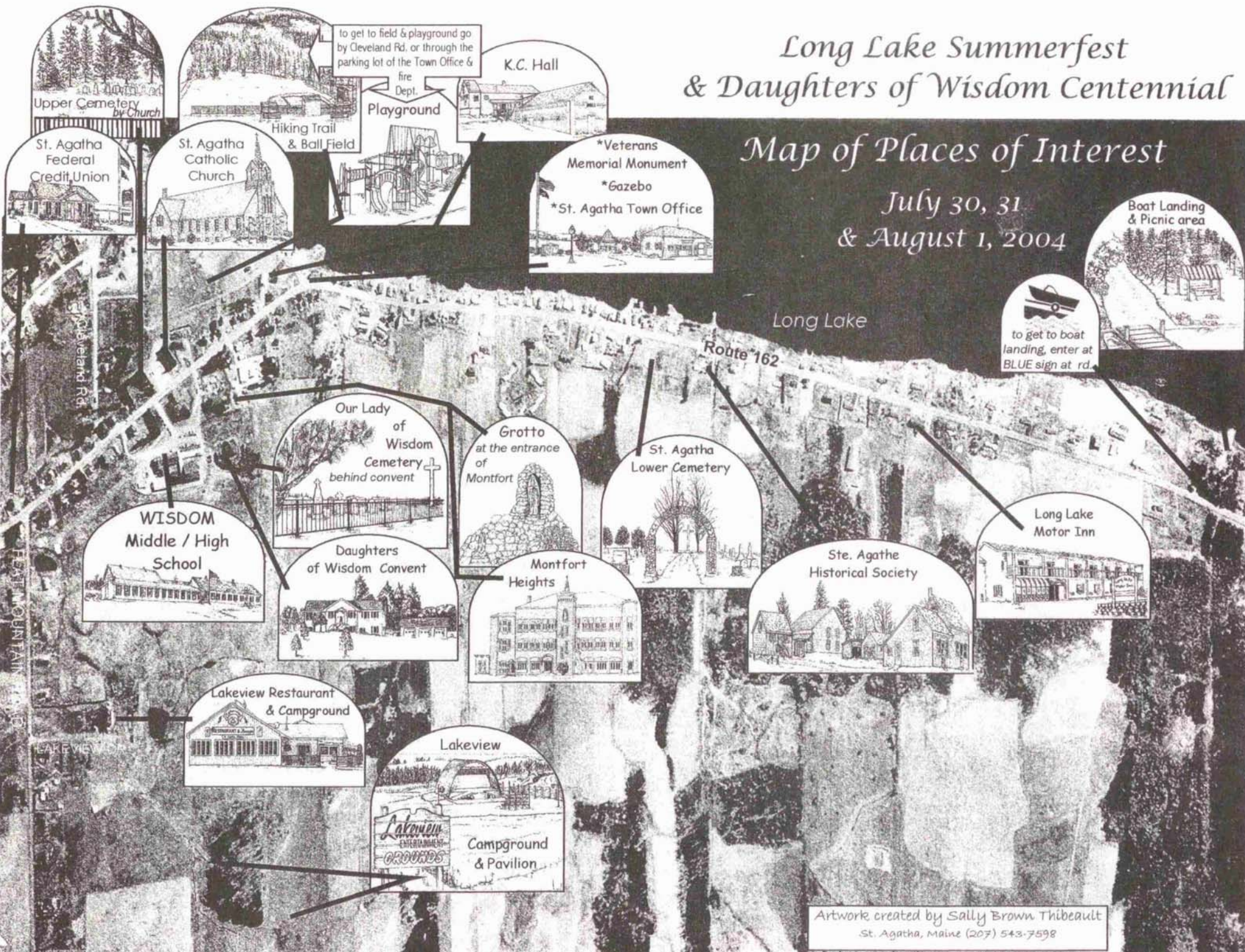


Reginald Beaulieu

Long Lake Summerfest & Daughters of Wisdom Centennial

Map of Places of Interest

July 30, 31
& August 1, 2004



to get to field & playground go by Cleveland Rd. or through the parking lot of the Town Office & fire Dept.

Boat Landing & Picnic area
to get to boat landing, enter at BLUE sign at rd.

Artwork created by Sally Brown Thibeault
St. Agatha, Maine (207) 543-7598

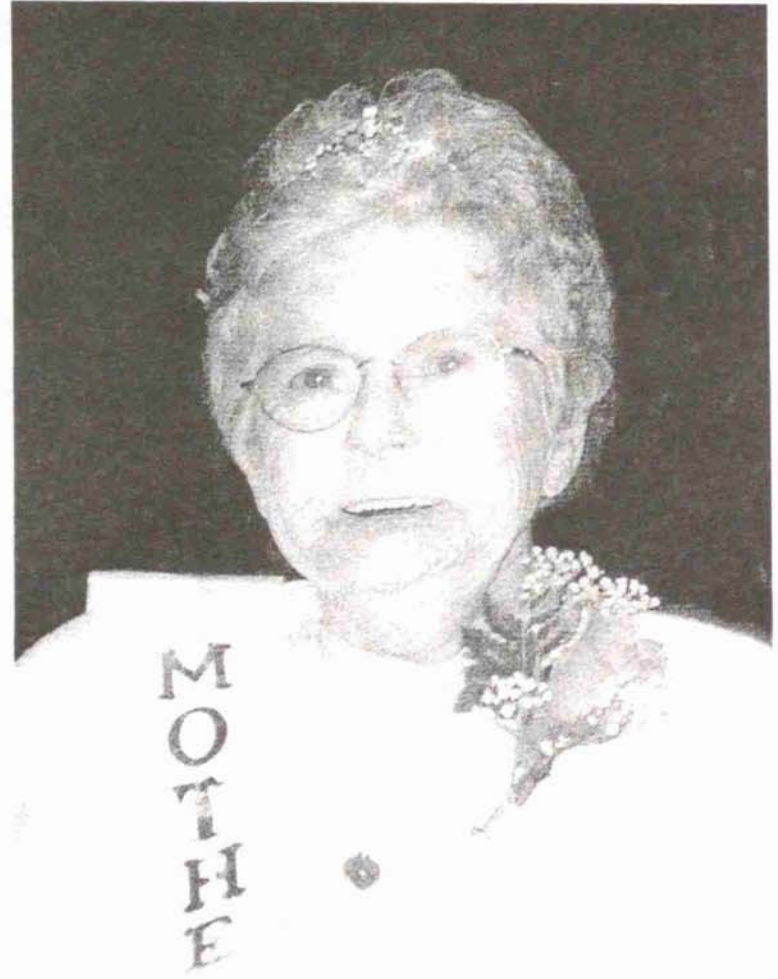
EDWINA DUMOND DUFOUR
2004 MOTHER OF THE YEAR

In May, 2004, Mrs. Edwina Dufour was crowned this year's Mother of the Year by Les Dames de Ste-Anne. Friends and family gathered at the 4:30 Mass in St. Agatha to celebrate the event.

Mde. Edwina was born on December 29, 1925 at Cyr's Cove in St. Agatha, the daughter of Alcime and Leda Dumond. At the age of 17, she left home to work in Lewiston, until her mother passed away in 1946. She then returned home to St. Agatha to help her sister Alphaena take care of her 3 youngest siblings.

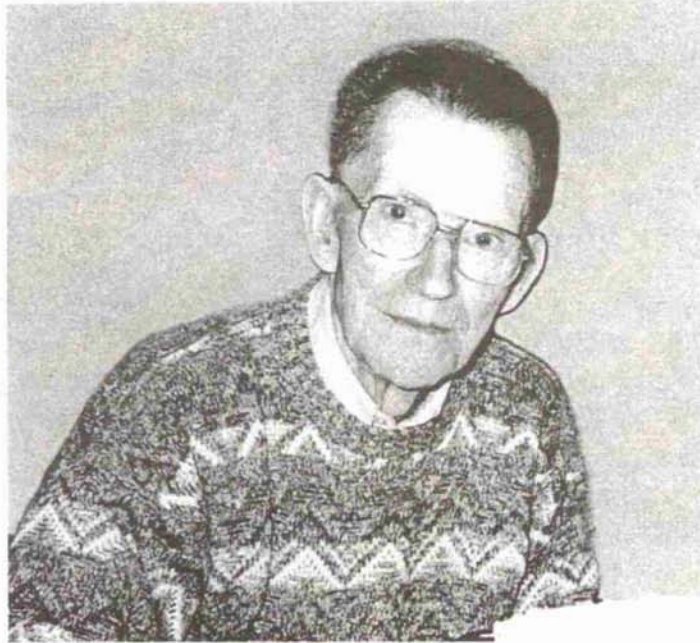
On November 25, 1947, Edwina married Armand Dufour. Together they had 7 children: Arnold, Allen, Danny, Davis, Galen, Gary and Lisa. They also raised Edwina's youngest brother Gerald, who was only 2 years old at the time of his mother's death. As a homemaker, Edwina was kept busy tending to their garden, picking and canning vegetables, sewing clothes and knitting slippers and socks for her own family, as well as friends and neighbors.

Edwina eventually went to work at the convent as a cook for the Daughters of Wisdom, a post she kept until the age of 75. She now serves as a Eucharistic Minister and is an active member of the Ladies of St. Anne. She can always be counted on to volunteer her time or cooking talents for fundraising events.



Congratulations Mde. Edwina!

In Memoriam



Louis Labrie

Louis Labrie, born at Lac à Basil in Fort Kent on March 22, 1916, the son of Jean Baptiste & Marie Vaillancourt Labrie, died June 20, 2004. Louis was active in many organizations, including Director of Federal Land Bank, Selectman for the Town of St. Agatha, School Board member, Director of the St. Agatha Federal Credit Union, and Board Director for the Ste-Agathe Historical Society.

Louis was married to Lorette Boucher of St. Agatha on September 13, 1941. They raised six daughters, Louise, Diane, Judy, Carol, Therese, Elaine and one son, Danny. All family members were involved in the farm, whether it was from taking care of the animals to cutting seed, picking potatoes and of course, tending to a large garden. Danny left teaching in 1974 and took over the family farm. Although Louis retired in 1981, he still kept track of what went on in the day to day operation of the farm. The farm has now grown, with Danny and Roberta's two older sons, Keith and Duane, joining in the running of the farm in 1989.

Louis was devoted to his family and his wife, Lorette, who currently resides at the St. Joseph Nursing Home in Frenchville. Louis will be remembered as a man with a strong sense of work ethics, of family, and of Christian values. He is surely missed.

Deceased Ste-Agathe Historical Society Board Members

Clarence Michaud	1988	Sr. Lily Martin	1993
Jack Michaud	1995	Reid Chamberland	1999
Rosaire Michaud	2002	Louis Labrie	2004

STE-AGATHE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

OCTOBER 2003 TO SEPTEMBER 2004

In memory of Mrs. Lillain (Bourgoin) Chasse: Terry Ouellette; Jim & Theresa Foster; Lucien & Connie Desrosier

In memory of Mrs. Leanne Cyr: Lucien & Connie Desrosier

In memory of Mrs. Cora (Ayotte) Albert: Joseph & Gloria Gervais

In memory of Mr. Valere Chamberland: Therese C. Albert; Stan Albert; Terry Ouellette

In memory of Mr. Hal Porter: Francis & Claudia Morin

In memory of Mrs. Nancy (Desrosiers) Chute: Lucien & Connie Desrosier

In memory of Mr. Earl B. McGlaughlin Jr.: Terry Ouellette

In memory of Mrs. Aline (Albert) Michaud: Stan Albert

In memory of Mr. Xavier Chasse: Stan Albert

In memory of Ms. Therese J. Gervais: Terry Ouellette; Florine Michaud; Philip Morin; Lucien & Connie Desrosier

In memory of Mr. Frank W. Bycenski: Terry Ouellette

In memory of Mr. Fernand Plourde: Bob & Pat Bourgoin

In memory of Mrs. Jeannette (Cyr) Hebert Gagnon: Francis & Claudia Morin; Stan Albert; Philip Morin; Terry Ouellette; Lucien & Connie Desrosier

In memory of Mr. John Levesque: Lucien & Connie Desrosier

In memory of Mr. Louis Labrie: Terry Ouellette; Directors of Ste-Agathe Historical Society; The Labrie Family

In memory of Mrs. Lois (Hovey) Plourde: Stan Albert

Cecile Martin Ouellette Marshall

How many people can say that William McKinley was President when they were born? Cecile Marshall can. She was born on July 2, 1901 and has just celebrated her 103rd birthday.

The daughter of Belone and Angelique Franck Martin, Cecile was born in St. Agatha, the only girl in a family of 6 children. She attended school and was a 1918 graduate of Notre Dame de la Sagesse High School.

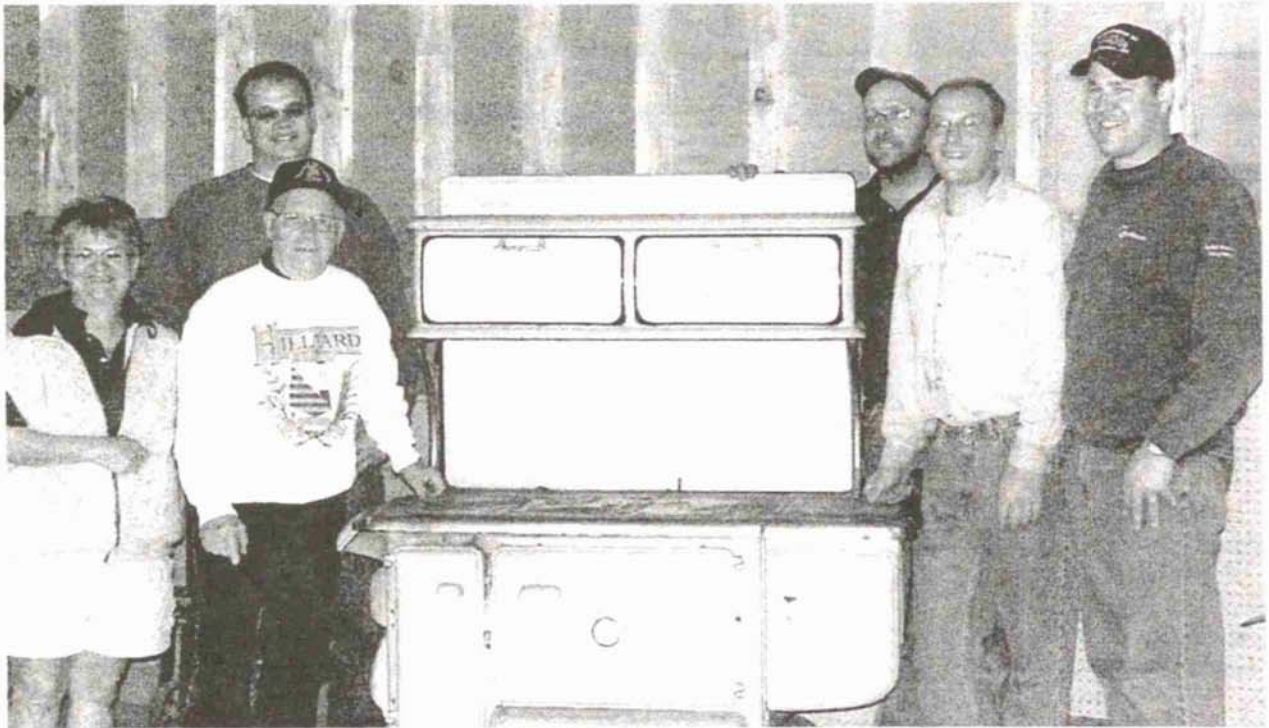
Cecile married Guillaume "Willie" Ouellette on January 29, 1923. The couple moved to Old Town, Maine where Willie worked for the railroad. Cecile was busy raising their five children. In 1944, Willie was killed in an accident, and Cecile found herself needing to go to work. She began working for the telephone company, where she worked for many years. It was there that she met her second husband, Arthur Marshall. They were married in 1952 and were together for 30 years. He died in 1982.

Today, Cecile lives in her own apartment in Madison, Maine. Not only does she live on her own, she still knits and crochets and does the Jumble puzzle in the newspaper every day. Devoted family members stop by during the day to visit and her granddaughter, Nancy O'Connell, helps Cecile with supper and stays overnight with her. She is the holder of the town's Boston Post Cane, which recognizes Cecile as it's oldest resident.



Cecile Marshall, celebrating her 90th birthday in 1991, with her younger brother, Donat Martin and her daughter, Priscilla Ouellette

Six-Burner Kitchen Stove Acquisition



Gerald and Rose Marie Dubois donated this unique kitchen stove made by the Wehrle Co., of Newark, Ohio. This stove was originally owned by the Pierre Cyr family of Lille, ME. The Dubois purchased that home in 1973 and when they moved to St. Agatha brought the stove with them. Rose Marie Dubois remembers making *ployes* on this stove when she was employed at the Cyr residence. In the spring of 2004, they decided to donate it along with an old washing machine and a butter churn to the Ste. Agathe Historical Society. It took four strong men to move this rare collector's item. Pictured here with Terry Ouellette and Gerald Dubois are the movers: left Mark Chamberland, right John Picard, Bobby Michaud and Dale Chamberland. The cream-colored stove can be seen at the Preservation Center located behind the Ste-Agathe Historical House at 534 Main Street. The Society received numerous acquisitions during the past summer and they are listed in this newsletter.

DONATED ITEMS

The following items were donated to the Ste. Agathe Historical Society during 2004:

Gerard Morin -----various books, tablecloths, religious statues,
photographs, mink stole

Gerald & Rose Nadeau-----1 tin bank, 1 book of prayers

Philip Morin-----1 book

Stan Albert-----1 baked bean glass jar, tablecloths & napkins

Emile Chasse -----2 teacher's certificates in the name of Lillian P.
Bourgoin Parent, 1 framed artwork

James & Rita Morin Chamberland-----1 blackboard

Alma Chasse-----1 photograph, 1 Ministry handbook

Walter Fournier-----1 glass butter churn

Florine Morin Michaud-----1 wooden file box, 1 1999 Centennial rubber stamp,
1 ruler from P.V. Roy

Therese Ringuette-----1 song book

Paul & Avril Marin-----1 photograph

Fernande Ayotte Desjardins-----thesis on Religion in the St. Agatha schools

Therese Albert-----2 cassettes featuring Ida Roy

Therese Albert Cyr-----3 photographs

Roger & Antoinette Lizotte-----family photo album of descendants of Victorie &
Zeline Lizotte

Philip & Constance Guimond-----1 Last Rites set

Armand & Gloria Gagnon-----1 military scrap book of Philippe Gagnon,
2 books, 7 photographs

Luella Cyr Laprise St. Pierre-----2 framed photographs

Ross & Judy Paradis-----1 Haircut & Shave sign, 1 House of Representative pager

Helen Melvin-----2 books, 2 sets of encyclopedias, collection of music notes

Linda Davenport Picard-----1 dresser, 1 corner hutch

Francis & Claudia Plourde Morin-----1 Custom's Officer cap, collection of pens, rubber stamps,
ink bottles, 1 pin cushion, 1 Picture View

Candide Daigle Sedlick-----1 book - "Memories and Genealogy of a Daigle Family"

Bob & Viola Lavertu Chamberland-----1 framed photograph of Olivier & Maria Chamberland

DONATED ITEMS

Darius & Rolande Levesque-----1 statue of St. Theresa

Gerald & Rose Marie Parent Dubois-----1 hand & foot butter churn, 1 wooden
wringer washing machine, 1 kitchen
stove, 1 egg checker, 5 burlap bags

Guy Dubay-----2 Catechisms

Roland & Bernadette Michaud Dubois-----1 St. Agatha High School girl's gym suit

Rebecca & Christine Roy-----1 hand braided rug

MBNA-----2 computers

Paul & Shirley Morin Chasse-----3 telephones

Carole Plourde-----microwave

Phil & Linda Belanger Bouchard-----1 Last Rites crucifix, 1 religious statue, 1 catechism,
1 "Waterball" fire extinguisher

Susan & Thomas Gerard-----1 seamstress dress form, 1 yarn spin counter

Arthur Albert, Jr-----1 framed picture of "Dispersion des Acadiens"

Jeanne Chamberland-----1 hand drill, 1 serving tray, 6 vases, 1 mason jar

Bertrand Leclair-----2 religious statues, 1 ceramic crock, 1 potato basket, 1 saw
1 mirror, 1 two handled knife, 2 bottles, 1 match holder,
1 rolling pin, 1 salt shaker, 1 grater, 1 wooden mold,
1 mousetrap, 1 wooden tool box

Gennaro & Rose Flores-----3 Allagash photographs

Knights of Columbus-----collection of music albums, 1 Mass book, 1 photograph

Clifford Gervais-----3 baques, 1 double blade knife, 2 hooks

Bob & Collette Bouchard-----1 framed 1917 St. Agatha High School diploma

Gary & Sandra Bourgoïn Babin-----2 slates from the St. Agatha Church roof

Marie Jeanne Hebert Cowen-----2 framed photograph of early St. Agatha

Donna Chalou Regan-----1 Daughter of Wisdom doll

Paula M Robertson-----1 potato picking ticket

Jesse & Nancy Michaud-----5 original posts from the Notre Dame de la
Sagesse Convent porch

Jean Paul & Anne Chamberland-----1 school desk with attached chair

Joseph "June" & Gloria Plourde Gervais-----1 IBM electric typewriter

Un Gros Merci!!!

**Annual Meeting
July 12, 2004
Preservation Center**



Front: Connie Desrosier, Philip Morin, Gloria Gervais and Terry Ouellette.
Back: Kate Hebert, Jackie Michaud, Carole Plourde and Gerald Dubois.
Not in photo: Judy Chamberland, Roger Morneault,
Harold Chamberland and Fernand Sirois.

Notre Dame Committee

The Notre Dame Committee members, Sr. Jackie Ayotte, Philip Morin, and Carole Plourde finally get the printed copy of *Les Filles de la Sagesse Ste-Agathe, Maine 1904-2004*, a few weeks before the Long Lake Summerfest weekend.





Heritage Trail Guides & Volunteers

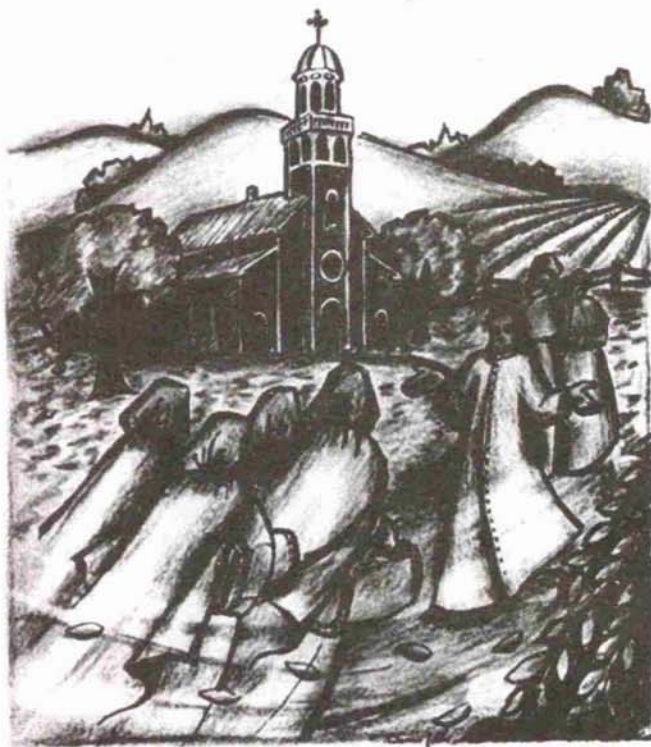
What are they holding? They are holding five posts that come from the front entrance of the Notre Dame de la Sagesse Convent. The convent was demolished in 1968 and Patrick Albert, on leave from the U.S. Army, helped his father, Arthur Albert, with the demolition project. Patrick gave the five posts to Nancy Lizotte. Unfortunately, upon his return to duty, Patrick was deployed to Viet Nam and was killed on August 20, 1969. Thirty-six years later, Nancy and Jessie Michaud decided to donate the posts to the Ste-Agathe Historical Society. What will the Society do with the posts? They're looking for suggestions.

In photo from left to right: Heritage Trail Guides Carole Plourde, Francoise Plourde, Rose Poulin and Donna Boucher. Bob Bourgoïn and Lewis Michaud were volunteers at the Preservation Center during the past summer. It is often necessary to be two guides on hand to receive visitors since there are two locations, the Historical House and the Preservation Center. We wish to extend a special thanks to the volunteers who willingly gave up many afternoons to be at the Center. The Heritage Trail Guides are funded in part by the Maine Acadian Heritage Council.

LES FILLES DE LA SAGESSE

STE-AGATHE, MAINE

1904 - 2004



Included in *Les Filles de la Sagesse, Ste-Agathe, Maine, 1904-2004*, are the names and a brief biography of each Sister that ever served in St. Agatha. The 349 page centennial publication, put together by the Notre Dame Committee, Philip Morin, Sr. Jackie Ayotte, and Carole Plourde, outlines the history of the Daughters of Wisdom in St. Agatha, Madawaska, and Lille. The book includes historical photographs and documents, a historical overview of the order, and the Valley at the time of their arrival in 1904.

Les Belles Histoires

Les Belles Histoires du Couvent de Ste-Agathe, compiled by Dr. Marc Chasse, is a collection of stories written by former students who attended Notre Dame de la Sagesse Convent. This book shows how the Daughters of Wisdom provided a home away from home for generations. One hundred and nineteen former students sent in their stories. Through them all you will find a special respect and reverence for the Daughters of Wisdom.



du couvent de Ste-Agathe

As compiled by Dr. Marc Chasse

KEEPSAKES

The following items can be ordered from the Ste. Agathe Historical Society:

Les Filles de la Sagesse St-Agathe, Maine 1904 – 2004 *	\$30.00
Les Belles Histoires du couvent de Ste-Agathe *	\$25.00
Le Centenaire de St. Agatha Maine.....	\$25.00
History of Ste. Agathe Parish 1889 – 1989.....	\$10.00
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St. John Valley Souvenir Postcard Book.....	\$12.00
Genealogist's Handbook for Upper St. John Valley Research by G. L. Findlen...	\$19.95
"As Luck Would Have It" by Henry Albert.....	\$15.95
Year 2005 Calendars.....	\$ 7.00

*New items

To place an order by mail, circle each item that you would like to receive, specifying how many. Please include \$3.00 for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item to cover mailing costs, and mail to:

**The Ste. Agathe Historical Society
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Upcoming Projects

4th Quarter 2004

The 26th Annual Ste. Agathe Historical Society Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2004 at the Wisdom High School cafeteria. This year's theme is the recent Summerfest and the Daughters of Wisdom Centennial celebration. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. The public is invited and tickets may be purchased beforehand from any one of our directors.

Year 2004

The Ste. Agathe Historical Society continues to upload photographs of our museum's collection of artifacts to the Maine Memory Network's website: www.mainememory.net. Please be sure to take a look at what we've already added to the site.

We are still working on compiling the story of "Les Familles de la Montagne Platte". We certainly appreciate the numerous photographs and stories that we have already received from families that lived there or are descended from families that lived *sur la* Montagne Platte, but there are many stories that have not yet been told. Become a part of history by letting us borrow your family photographs so we can scan them and include them in the book. All photographs will be returned to their owners and any input would be greatly appreciated.

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We would like to recognize Phil Morin, Sr. Jackie Ayotte and Carole Plourde for their endless donation of time and determination in the compiling of our book, "Les Filles de la Sagesse – Ste. Agathe Maine, 1904 – 2004". Their tireless efforts have culminated in a beautiful tribute to the Daughters of Wisdom and their influence on our community.

Also, we cannot close without acknowledging Dr. Marc Chasse for his efforts in compiling the stories in "Les Belles Histoires du couvent de Ste-Agathe", as well as the donation of his time while videotaping all the festivities during this past Summerfest / Daughters of Wisdom Centennial celebration.

Copies of both books, as well as the videotapes, can be purchased from The Historical Society.

As always, we are grateful to our loyal and generous patrons without whom this newsletter and our yearly calendar would not be possible.

Thank you for your continued support!



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