

district, while there are many others, where there are about the same number of families, as Sifton, Stuartburn, Shoal Lake, File-Hills, Fort Pelly, etc. etc.

These various centres are being visited from Yorkton, some once a month, like Jaroslaw and Logberg, others once in two months, like Dobrawodu, Gregorow, Hirzel, Beaverdale; others even only three or four times a year. Besides these, I have to visit other places outside of my district, where some of the people do not see a priest for years. Thus, last January, I went to Wishart, where there is a Ruthenian colony of 40 families that had not seen a priest for four years. In some of these families there were two children to be baptized. I received letters from several colonies, which I am obliged to abandon, as neither my time nor my strength allow me to attend to all of them. The reader will easily understand, that I can do no more than simply pass through these colonies. I hear confessions as much as my strength will permit me, then I baptize the children, solemnize marriages and give them a short instruction. This is all the religious consolation I am able to give to these people. Is this sufficient? A thousand time, no. Everything has yet to be organized.



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WHAT WE REQUIRE

To inculcate, or preserve Catholic life among this multitude of people, who are being harassed by the novel ideas they find in Canada: It is not sufficient to baptize their children, to hear their confession once a year, or sometimes only once in two or three years, to remain only a few hours in their midst and then desert them again for several months and leave them under the care of their