CENTENNIAL SNAPSHOTS

8. Father Dmytro Hawryluk, CSSR

Born 3 October 1896 of Yurij Hawryluk and Maria Merluk in Kniazhe, district of Sniatvn, then in the Austrian Empire. Dmytro completed his elementary school in Kniazhe and his secondary school (gymnasia) in Sniatyn. As a student of the gymnasia, he enlisted with the Ukrainian Sich Riflemen and was a lieutenant-ensign in the Ukrainian Galician Army under Austria. After the War, he completed his philosophical studies in the major seminary in Stanislaviv. He joined the Redemptorist noviciate in June 1922 and was professed 6 July 1923 in Zboiska. He made his theological studies in the Redemptorist major seminary in Beauplateau, Belgium, Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky ordained him on 26 July 1926 in Lviv. Father Dmytro taught in the minor seminary in 1927-28 and preached missions and retreats in Halychyna. The young priest was transferred and on 15 October 1932, he arrived in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. In addition to pastoral work in the Yorkton



and Ituna districts, he gave missions and retreats in Canada and was known as a powerful, emotional preacher. He was superior and pastor in Ituna where, through his efforts, a new monastery was built. By his zealous work, he contributed to the organization of numerous branches of the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood in Saskatchewan, to the organization and the acquisition of the first church dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Wynyard, Saskatchewan and to the building of St. Nicholas' Church in Parkerview, Saskatchewan. He also contributed several articles in Ukrainian to the religious monthly, *The Redeemer's Voice Magazine*, and to the annual *Redeemer's Voice Calendar-Almanac*. Many of his catechetical articles were gathered together into substantial booklets and sold in the thousands throughout North America. He was a zealous priest and distinguished by a great devotion to the Most Holy Mother of God. Father Dmytro Hawryluk spent his last months in St. Boniface Hospital suffering from heart disease and died 3 September 1950 in Langley Prairie, British Columbia, where he had gone to rest. He is buried in the Sacred Heart parish cemetery which he had done so much to beautify in Ituna, Saskatchewan. He was 53. Vichna Pamiat'!



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