

34th Family Gathering 2001

September 3rd, 2000
Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec

Following the meeting that took place in Cap-de-la-Madeleine the members of the Administrative Council of the Association of the Ouellet/Ouellette sincerely thank the Oblate Fathers of Marie Immaculee and especially Father Yoland Ouellet for his support, efficient collaboration and his participation at the festivities. This year again we had a sunny day.

More than 160 people from various regions of Quebec, New Brunswick, Manitoba, and Massachusetts were present at the meeting. Among them were young Marie Philippe Tremblay , 10 years old from the Northern Shores of Quebec and Marie Suchet, 97 years old from Montreal. Also were present Mr. and Mrs. Adrien Ouellet , married 59 years and all of their children from Saint-Mathieu. We were honored by the presence of Mgr Gilles Ouellet, from Rimouski.

Richard Ouellet from Montreal, author of the Ouellet-te d Amérique Dictionary encouraged the participants to purchase this First Edition.

Our Honorary President for the day was Father Yoland Ouellet, O.M.I., our pastoral animator. Mass at the Basilica, photos of the participants, a tour of the area , a delicious meal served at La Maison Madonne and the Annual General Meeting were the main events of the day. A draw for various prizes such as money, a magnificent tablecloth from Victoire, and a book by Jeannine Ouellet, was very much appreciated by all. We admired icons created by Lise Ouellet. Therese Ouellet-Ouellet, wife of Ernest, a member of the Executive committee, recently published an anthology of poems (Reves du Soir) : on Page 89 one of the poems ,Sol Ancestral , was inspired by the Ouellet-te family.

The President recalled the presence of the first Ouellet in the region, west of Trois-Rivieres, in Yamachiche (1803), in Maskinongé (1753) and in l Assomption (1756) and east at Deschambault (1790).

The Basilica, Notre-Dame du Cap is the work of André Ouellet, architect and project manager from Beauport, and a family cousin and Adrien Dufresne, architect and engineer also from Beauport.

The fonts are the work of Rejean Ouellette from St-Marc-des Carrieres, who is a member of the consulting committee.

The following members are also members of the "Club des 100": Monique (#2491), Rose de Lima (#1301), Therese (#898), Gerald (#2432), Rejean (#1870), Rosaire (#1315), Roger (#999), Ernest (#819), Raoul (#159), Alphonse (#1652), Richard (#1577), Yvon (#2610), Ferdinand (#1881), and myself (#2168).

Three new members joined the Club of 100: Roger (#2637) from St-Raymond, Guy (#2507) from Grand Sacconex, Switzerland, and Julien from Amqui.

Thanks to all for your generosity and our sincere congratulations for joining the Club.

During the General Assembly the following were elected to the administrative council: Jeannine Ouellet from Riviere-du-Loup, Victoire from Saint-Romain, Micheline Larose-Ouellet from Montreal North, Alphonse Ouellet Director General, from Levis, Ferdinand Ouellet from Saint-

Roch -des Aulnaies, Richard Ouellette from Saint-Elie d'Orford, Florent Ouellet from Levis, Richard Ouellet from Montreal and Bernard Ouellette from Saint-Andre-d'Argenteuil. This memorable day will be recalled in the annals of the Ouellet-te Association of America. The participants will long remember this fabulous day.