



THE REV. IGNATIUS J. DUMBECK, S.J.
Birthday marks 70 years as a Jesuit.

Jesuit having triple celebration

A veteran Indian missionary who has spent more than 50 years as a Jesuit priest will celebrate his 90th birthday at St. Ignatius, Mont., Sunday.

The Rev. Ignatius J. Dumbeck, S.J., will celebrate his birthday, 70 years as a member of the Jesuits, and 57 years as an ordained priest.

A thanksgiving dinner will begin at 4 p.m. The bishop of Helena, Mont., the Most Rev. Elden Curtis, and the Very Rev. Thomas R. Royce, S.J., provincial of the Oregon Province, will preside at Mass.

Dumbeck was named after Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order. He entered a Jesuit novitiate in 1912 and was ordained in 1926.

During his career, Dumbeck studied in Spokane, at St. Michael's school of philoso-

phy, and served as associate pastor of St. Patrick's parish from 1945 to 1947 and from 1957 to 1963. From 1963 to 1964, he served at St. Aloysius.

But Dumbeck's main career was as a missionary to Indian tribes in the Northwest. His first assignment as a priest was to the Crow reservation at St. Xavier Mission in Hardin, Mont. From 1929 to 1936, he was assigned to Holy Family Mission on the Blackfoot Reservation.

From 1937, he was sent to serve the Colville Indians at St. Mary's Mission, Omak, Wash., and St. Michael's Mission, Inchelium, Wash.

Dumbeck still serves the mission at St. Ignatius, conducting early morning Mass, visiting patients at a nearby hospital and conducting all the mission bookkeeping.