



LAY BROTHER AND TREE—the Order of Jesus during the past 50 years was recognized last Sunday at a high mass. Brother Sorisio, who was honored 50 years ago, stands beside a McIntosh apple tree he planted in 1915 at St. Ignatius where the Mission will observe its centennial anniversary of its founding in 1916. His service to the Order of Jesus during the past 50 years was recognized last Sunday at a high mass. He has spent almost 40 years at St. Ignatius where he has been a brother in the Society of Jesus.

Brother John Sorisio Celebrates Golden Jubilee As Jesuit

ST. IGNATIUS—Brother John Sorisio has been with the St. Ignatius Mission where he has been since Oct. 5, 1914. He was born in northern Italy in the province of Alexandria near Villa Deati in the town of Zopco. His parents were Sorisio Cesere and Babzola Gusepina. He was born on July 22, 1877.

He emigrated to the United States Jan. 13, 1901, to San Jose, Calif. He spent a year in San Francisco before entering the order in San Jose when he was 27 years old.

Brother Sorisio recalls the great San Francisco earthquake which occurred during the five years he spent as a novitiate at Los Gatos. A chimney collapsed in a kitchen he had left but 10 minutes before.

His service to his church prior to his arrival at St. Ignatius mission included two years at St. Joseph's in Seattle and three years among the Nez Perce Indians at Umatilla, Ore.

During his first years at St. Ignatius he supervised the planting of an orchard which still stands today.

Because of his long connection with the parish and the church, Brother Sorisio is recognized as an authority on the backgrounds of many of the early day families.

Brother Sorisio continues as the head gardener of the Jesuit properties, and spends every working day keeping the gardens and orchards productive.

Several priests and brothers from Spokane and Missoula were at St. Ignatius Sunday to be with Brother Sorisio at the time of his golden jubilee.