

Loretto Sisters plan pilgrimage

JOLIET — One hundred years ago this Aug. 17 the Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly known as the Loretto Sisters, brought their work from France to the United States.

Their foundation here was at Joliet, and the earthly remains of

those pioneering women lie in nearby Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

To prepare for the centenary celebration this summer, the Loretto Sisters who serve at St. Catherine of Alexandria in Oak Lawn, at St. John of the Cross in Western Springs, at St. John Vianney in Northlake, at Loretto in Wheaton and at St. Adrian, St. Bernard, St. Bride, St. Cyril and at Loretto Adult Center in Chicago, as well as in California, Arizona and Michigan, will make a pilgrimage April 20 to Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Sister Angelina Shannon, superior general, will join the returning Loretto Sisters and their friends at the 2 p.m. graveside service. The cemetery is on Route 30, west of Interstate 80.

From there, the pilgrimage of thanksgiving and reparation will continue on to St. Mary's Carmelite Church, Ottawa and Clinton in Joliet, where Joliet Bishop Joseph Imesch will celebrate a 3 p.m. Mass. A reception will follow in the Carmelite Priory Hall.