

The Keleher Cross

Location:

Corner of 6th line and Side Rd 16 of Pilkington Township—near Weissenburg

The original cross at this site was erected in about 1908 by James Keleher. It was erected as a memorial to his pioneering parents who purchased the farm in 1869 and in thanksgiving for the prosperity the family enjoyed in the new land. In 1916 Joseph P Moyer who had purchased the farm, deeded 10 square feet of land surrounding the shrine to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton. This ensures the safety of the site. The cross was refurbished in 2010 by local volunteers.



Maintenance of the Shrines

Over the years, the original wayside crosses at these locations either deteriorated or were vandalized but all of them have been replaced. The remains of one of the original crosses was moved to Doon Pioneer Village on July 20 1975. Joseph Zinger, on behalf of the Historical Society, presented the only remaining corpus to Alf Shenk, curator of Doon Village, Kitchener. Mr. Shenk assured the society that it would be placed upon the remains of the original cross that is on display at Doon. In 1982 Mr. Antonio DaSilva constructed 3 new corpuses. Over the years the shrines have been maintained by local residents. We thank them for keeping these shrines beautifully maintained and decorated as a reminder of our early pioneers.

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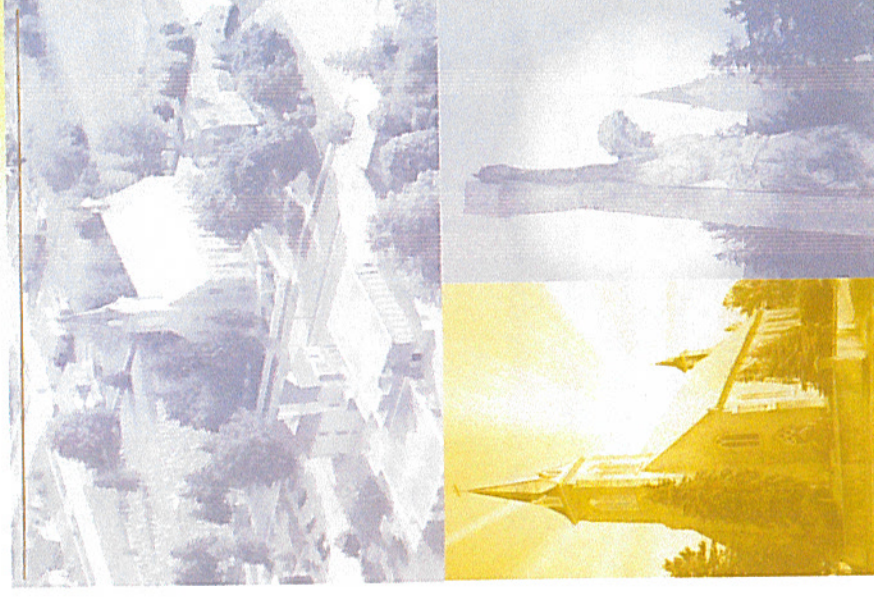
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Heritage Day Wayside Cross Tour



Maryhill is the setting for three Heritage Shrines, also known as Wayside Crosses, constructed in the 1800's by our forefathers to commemorate their safe passage from Europe to North America. These roadside shrines lie within the boundary of St. Boniface Catholic Church.