

September 22

- 1889** *Father Verjus, appointed Vicar Apostolic of New Britain, is ordained Bishop at Yule Island. On December 28 the appointment was changed to Episcopal Coadjutor to Mgr. Navarre.*
- 1925** *Translation of the remains of Mgr. Navarre (1836-1912) to Yule Island.*
- 1956** *Though the MSC worked in Surigao since 1908, an MSC House was canonically erected only in 1956.*

The first representation of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

The moment had come to fulfil our promise in a formal way and to make the title we had given to Mary, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, known publicly. Back in 1856, we had written the title on the pedestal of a statue representing Mary Immaculate. This statue, standing in our garden under a bower of linden trees, was venerated by us every day. We could not keep this precious treasure hidden any longer.

A question arose of choosing the theme for the stained glass window that was to decorate Our Lady's shrine. What form should be given it? What should be its striking features? It would need to bring out Jesus' goodwill towards his Mother, and the power of the Mother's influence over the Heart of her Son.

It was then that we fastened on the idea of representing the Blessed Virgin standing, crushing the head of the accursed serpent with her foot; holding her hands out to the faithful; inviting them to come to her to obtain the favours they want. Before her stands the Child Jesus, at the age of twelve. With one hand he shows his Heart, with the other he points to his Mother, making us understand that it is to her we should go, if we want to obtain the graces of which he is the source.

(Histoire d'Issoudun, p. 368f)