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home is in Drexel, Pa., was the first flight nurse to return from a combat area. She told how more than 18,000 patients were evacuated by air from North Africa, where she served. The soldier's knowledge that he will receive prompt medical care does much to keep up his fighting morale, she said.—*New York Times*.

AURIESVILLE Shrine of Our Doctor Saint

The Mohawk village of Ossernenon has long since fallen to the ravages of time. The braves have all crumbled to dust in the brown soil of the valley. Their squaws are dead and gone, and the redskinned children no longer laugh on the banks of the Mohawk.

But Ossernenon is not forgotten. How could it be?

Today it is Auriesville, New York, the sacred shrine of America's first canonized martyr, Saint René Goupil.

Pilgrims come to reverence the soil consecrated in his blood. They kneel in trusting prayer in the Chapel of the Martyrs. They make their Via Crucis over the village site, and up the red hill of prayer and suffering where Saint René and Saint Isaac Jogues found the strength to give their lives for Christ.

They crowd about the altars of Auriesville while priestly hands raise the Sacred Host. And they remember the hands of Saint René Goupil—a surgeon's delicate hands, strong hands, bleeding hands, hands ready to give all to God!

Saint René, bless us!—our hands, and our hearts, all that we are and all that we have. That we may be entirely His, and give all gladly to Him!—[Ralph E. Lynch, S.J., in *The Pilgrim*.]

