

Passport Stop: Formosa



We may not be able to travel to Rome to see the Holy Doors but we are able to travel within our Hamilton diocese. In our Diocese, Bishop Crosby has designated six pilgrimage churches – one in each Deanery, which will welcome you, the pilgrims. Today we will be travelling to the Bruce-Grey Deanery and the home parish of Father Paul's mom.

The second church in our bulletin planning tour will be:

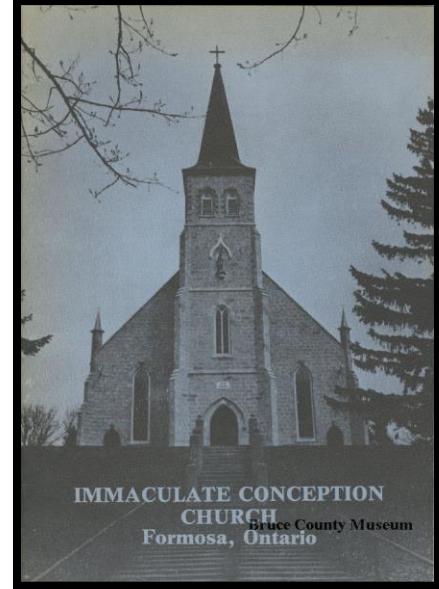
Immaculate Conception Church

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Weekend Mass Sat 7:00 pm Sun 11:00 am

Weekday Mass Tues 7 pm and Fri 9 am



A Little History:

The Church of the Immaculate Conception in Formosa, Ontario, Canada was built to serve a thriving German Roman Catholic community. The church has a rich history that includes the construction of a stone church, built out of locally quarried stone, over an earlier wooden building. The first church was a log building completed in 1857. The construction of the new church began in 1875 and was completed in 1883. The church is known as the "Cathedral of

the North" and is a focal point of the village. It features a simple form, boldly modelled tower and spire as well as Gothic style altars carved by Nicholas Durrer, a local craftsman and parishioner. The church was restored and renovated in 1974-1975 and remains a religious centre for the surrounding area.



Fun Fact: The story of the church's construction was used as a fictional backdrop in Jane Urquhart's novel, "The Stone Carvers". The novel follows three generations of a Canadian family, starting in 19th century Ontario with a Bavarian wood carver and an immigrant German priest on a mission to found a church in an isolated town.

