

Harry Morin

Anna Ryding: Well I wanted to ask you, did everyone belong to the mission here? Like, everyone went to church?

Harry Morin: Me?

Anna Ryding: No, everyone in the community. All the people.

Harry Morin: Mostly. Not now, but years ago, everybody used to go, even the old ladies. The ladies, like us, we used to go with our moms, Sundays, come home with them dinner too, and, but now, half of, there's more people, like forty years, not even a quarter went to church on Sundays, but there's no priest eh, half of the time we got no priest eh. There's only one little Philippine priest we got eh.

Wayne Morin: So back then there was lots of priests?

Harry Morin: Oh we used to have four or five of them...sister and brothers and everything. But now, we had to, the people had to clean up their own church and no sisters, two sisters, but I don't, even them, you don't see in church like they used to. The sisters used to go to church even three, four times a day, but now, they work in the hospital, sometimes they work all day Sunday, instead of going to church. Way different than years ago.

Anna Ryding: Did they, the priests, did they used to speak Cree?

Harry Morin: Yeah, pret near all of them did there...the people...but now, they don't now, they don't. There's an old priest we had, we got...he used to be South End ah, he can speak Cree, but he's not too good eh.

Wayne Morin: Which one is that?

Harry Morin: Father Turcotte.

Wayne Morin: Turcotte, yeah. He's French eh? He speaks French?

Harry Morin: French mostly, yeah. He's the only one in his family to become a priest eh, he said, my family, we were poor, he says we lost our dad, he said, and he's was worse now to three or four of them brothers were joined to be a priest, they say three months younger than me, 87 in November and January 24, but he looks so old he can hardly walk.