

2014—Reindeer Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC was ordained on May 31, 2014. He immediately began visiting Cree reservations in northern Saskatchewan, Canada. This was his 'downtime' prior to beginning his assignment as director of the Association of



Marian Helpers on July 28. Fr. Chris said, "I know that if you truly want to minister to those in the greatest need, those who have nothing, those who have been absolutely forgotten, then minister to the Native Americans."

On **Corpus Christi Sunday**, an incident occurred that helped set the tone for Fr. Chris' priestly ministry. He was leading a Eucharistic procession through the neighborhoods when two young men stopped him and shouted vulgarities aimed at the Blessed Sacrament.

"I was at complete peace," Fr. Chris recalls. "All I did was grip the Monstrance tightly because I knew they wanted to desecrate the Eucharist in some way. They threatened me, but they were more concerned with wanting to desecrate the Eucharist. Then one of them grabbed the Monstrance, and the moment he grabbed it, **his hand was thrown off the Monstrance, and it appeared to have burned his hands**. He gripped his hands in pain. We all saw it. The man then stepped back, and the two of them got out of the way."

Father Chris continues, "God once in awhile gives a sign, and man did He give a sign! I left Canada with a renewed wonder for **the truth of the Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament**."