Two hundred years ago, a future leader was born in France.

Twenty-eight years later, as a young Catholic priest, he would place his faith in Our Lady and boldly found the University of Notre Dame du Lac.

His name was Father Sorin.

The bicentennial of Rev. Edward Frederick Sorin, C.S.C.
February 6, 2014
Father Sorin adopted the role of the founder of the University of Notre Dame.

The indelible images of the older Father Sorin, 28 years old when he established the University of Notre Dame, the founder of the University of Notre Dame. Even today, much of his life's work stands near the Main Quad of the University of Notre Dame. He was not only a priest; he also was an energetic young priest with a bold vision for the future.

When this school, Our Lady's school, grows a bit more, I shall raise her aloft, so that, without asking, all men shall know why we succeeded here.

Speaking of the fire, Father Sorin said, “I came here as a young man and dreamed of building a great university in honor of Our Lady. But I built it too small, and she had to burn it to the ground to make the point. So, tomorrow, as soon as the bricks cool, we will rebuild it, bigger and better than ever!”

M discriminatorily the University’s new county school building and its doors would be open.

And so, Father Sorin, Father Corby, and school boards everywhere will remember Father Sorin Harald, a beloved landmark and an inspiring symbol treasured by everyone who loves Notre Dame.