
DEATH OF FATHER JOSET.

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A FAMOUS INDIAN MISSIONARY.

**F**ATHER JOSEPH JOSET, the famous Indian missionary, expired in Aug., at Desmet Mission, Idaho, amidst the sorrowing Cœur d'Alene Indians, whose spiritual guide he had been for the past fifty years. Calmly, peaceably, as one in a sweet sleep, he gave up his great soul into the hands of his Maker, exhausted by long years of faithful service.

He was the last of the noble band of Jesuit missionaries of which Father DeSmet was the leader, which had come from distant Europe as early as 1840, and had taken up his abode among the Flathead and Pend d'Oreille tribes. Thence, the fathers had separated to spread the word of God among the numerous scattered, roving bands of Indians, settling among them and founding missions at their rallying places.

For the past ten years his advanced age rendered an active missionary life impossible, and he never went beyond the mission precincts, save to take an occasional horseback ride. In 1896 he was forced to give up the last consolation that had been left him—an occasional sermon to his beloved Indians—and after that he seldom came in contact with his spiritual children, receiving now and then a visit from his grateful Cœur d'Alenes.

Father Joset died at a time when not only all the Cœur d'Alenes gathered together at Desmet mission, but when the number is largely augmented by the advent of Kalispels, Kootenais, Spokanes, Simpishquens, Sinkomens and others, for all of whom the zealous priest had devoted fifty-six years of his life. They have now the one consolation of tendering to their beloved father the last sorrowful testimony of their love and veneration.

Rev. Joseph Joset, S. J., was born August 27, 1810, at a little village among the Bernese Alps, not far from the important city of Freiburg, where he pursued his classical studies, and