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Subject Kodasema

Dear Fr. Wrembeck,

I refer to your kind email from last November which is copied below incase you have deleted it. I contacted Urmas Tamm but he was unable to give me any information on early Kodasema. He says some information is in the book you mention, but I am not able to read either Estonian or German. However Toivo Reitalu who is Estonian living in Tartu, is giving a talk to young people from the Church in Tallinn on 19 March (very soon!) to tell them something about Kodasema history. So we are trying to get more information on that. I will copy this email to him, so he might contact you direct if that is all right? Toivo will be able to read your book of course.

What I am not clear about (amongst other things) is:

- what did the Jesuits do at Kodasema?
- when were the Jesuit priests sent to Siberia?
- to where in Siberia?
- how many were sent?
- what did they do there?
- how long did they live there?
- did none of them return?
- was Henri Werling a priest?
- do you know when the wooden second storey and loft were added to the old single storey building?
- who gave Kodasema and its land to a local person, hoping to avoid it passing into communist hands?

Sorry to ask all these questions, but your help will be very much appreciated.

When you have time to reply, please send a copy of your email to Toivo as well: toivo@lahte.edu.ee Thank you, and many greetings from John Methuen

Dear Mr. John Methuen, CWrembek@aol.com 27 Nov 2004

Yes, I do know, of course, Fr. Vello Salo; and of course I do know the house in Kodasema since about 1992, when I first celebrated a Holy Mass there. Last summer (2003) I visited Kodasema again, together with the provincial of the Jesuits. He wanted to see that place, where up to 1941 two or three Jesuits had been living and working, and where, after the war, starting from 1954, the Jesuit Henri Werling was living for the last 7 years of his life. Unfortunately it seems to be impossible to get exact and concrete information about the place or room where he was staying. Together with the Polish Jesuit-brother Kantski, I have written a book on the Jesuits

in Estonia from 1923 to 1961 (when Werling arrived in Estonia, when
Werling
died). This book is available in Tartu, in Estonian and German language.
But there are not too many informations for your purpose, I guess. Yet
some
can be found, especially for the time when English Jesuits were there in
Kodasema. Just contact Mr. Urmas Tamm: 07-448701 in Tartu and ask him.
If you have further questions, please ask me again. Your Fr.
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