

Fort Yates Catholic Indian Mission

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Sitting Bull and it was deemed unwise to grant him a public funeral. His grave is in the abandoned military city cemetery all by himself alone. The Policemen's graves occupy a conspicuous place in St. Peter's cemetery and a beautiful granite stone commemorates their noble deed of Dec. 15, 1890. Every year on Memorial Day the entire population of Fort Yates and vicinity makes a pilgrimage to the graves of the heroes of that occasion and patriotic addresses, songs and similar demonstrations are engaged in. I believe these are the main features you desire to know. Being quite busy at all times you must excuse my long delay in not answering your kind communication at an earlier date.

Hoping these few hastily written lines will somewhat assist you in your research of the past history of Sitting Bull and his followers I am with best wishes and sincerest regards

Yours
very respectfully
Rev. Bernard Strassmair.

P. S.

For further information I would refer you to Major James McLaughlin's book "My Friend the Indian" a truthfully written book and carefully edited. Also to P. C. Byrnes's book "Soldiers of the Plains" edited by Minton, Balch & Co., New York City, N. Y. This book describes minutely the Custer