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Derivation of "St. Eugene Mission"

"Mission" derives from the Latin word "mittere" - "send" - "mittere" refers to the Gospel where Jesus Christ says to his Apostles and their legitimate successors:
"Ego mitto vos ..." "I will send you to preach the Gospel."

A missionary is one who is sent for this purpose.

A Mission is the place where he makes his headquarters.

A Catholic Missionary usually puts his Mission under the protection of some special Saint. For he believes that a man who has spent a most perfect life here upon earth, must be a friend of God and that this friendship is a certain right to protection for those that implore it.

At the start some 35 years ago St. Eugene has been chosen as special Patron for this Mission.

He has been Bishop of Carthage Africa at the end of the fifth Century. And during the bloody persecution against the Catholic Church, St. Eugene died A.D. 505, in the exile at Langue-doe, Langue-doe which was then subject to Aharic King of the Visigoths.

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The name Eugene = Eugeni^{us} = Ευγεν^{ης} Ιερευ^ς
from the greek language and literally means
well born or high born.
Ευ : well, Ιερευ^ς : born.

For many interesting particularities about the
life of St. Eugene refer:

Lives of the Saints

By the Rev. Alban Butler

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St. Eugene Mission is nothing but an Indian village
of 200 inhabitants - Cranbrook 1/2 mile south
on the Crow's Nest Line is the nearest station.
White settlers are living in close proximity -

James Wagner
missionary

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