

## Coeur d'Alene's Old Mission State Park Vocabulary List

**Altar**-An elevated place where religious ceremonies may be performed.

**Auger**-A tool for boring holes.

**Bitterroot**-A plant with a starchy root that resembles a forked radish gathered and stored as a food for area tribes.

**Black Robe**-Name given to Jesuit Priests by area tribal members due to the black robes that the priests wore for clothing.

**Broad axe**-Axe with large flat, wide cutting edge

**Brother** - A member of a religious congregation or order that is not ordained but does take vows.

**Cavalry**-A body of troops mounted on horseback

**Camas**-A plant with a starch bulb gathered, cooked and stored as food by area tribe members.

**Caretaker**-Person or group that takes care of goods, property, or another person.

**Chalice**-A special cup used during religious ceremonies.

**Chapel**-A small building for Christian worship, typically one attached to an institution or private house. The Parish House had a private chapel

**Church**-A building used for public Christian worship.

**Digging stick**-A tool used to dig bulbs and roots.

**Façade**-The face of a building. The Mission façade holds up four urns and the Cataldo Cross.

**Father** – A Jesuit priest who is ordained.

**Gauntlet**-A glove that protects the hand.

**Glass transom**-A horizontal window, usually above a door. Father Ravalli painted the glass transom with the sacred heart above the front entrance door of the Mission.

**Gristmill**-A mill for grinding grain.

**Haying**-To prepare grass or alfalfa for animal feed.

**Hewn**-To shape with an axe.

**Huckleberry**-Purple edible berry related to the blueberry. Juice from the huckleberry was used to stain the ceiling in the Mission.

**Jesuit**-A member of the Society of Jesus, a Roman Catholic order of priests devoted to missionary and educational work.

**Mission**-A building or monument constructed by religious missionaries as a place of worship.

**Mortise**-A rectangular hole in a piece of wood that receives a tenon of another piece to form a joint.

**Novice**-Someone who has joined a religious order, but has not yet taken the final vows.

**Paten**-A plate used for religious ceremonies.

**Parsonage**-Residence provided by the church for its working members.

**Pea**-A vegetable plant with pods containing edible seeds. Jesuits grew vegetable gardens with peas and introduced the pea to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. The "*Coeur d'Alene*" word for 'peas' is liipwe [lee-puh-WEH].

**Plane**-A tool for smoothing a wood surface.

**Planks**-A long thick board, more than two inches thick.

**Sacristy**-A room in a church where sacred articles are kept.

**Saplings**-Young trees that are bendable and moveable. Grass woven between willow saplings and smeared with mud created the walls in the Mission.

**Tenon** - A projecting piece of wood designed to fit into a mortise.

**Timber**-A finished piece of wood.

**Urn**-A vase-like container used to hold things. There are four decorative urns on top of the Mission façade.

**Vestment**-Clothing or robes worn by priest or other members of clergy.

**Vow** – A promise or oath.

**Wattle and daub**-Process used for making walls, in which a woven lattice of grass (wattle) is held in place by a series of small saplings or poles attached to bigger timbers then smeared (daubed) with a sticky mud. The interior walls of the Mission are formed with this process.

