

## Omak, WA

Located in a distinctly rural, arid, Western locale, this is one of the remaining placements which directly inherit the tradition of Jesuits being invited to minister to Native American populations in the Northwest, and is the first JVC placement in the "lower 48." Serving the Colville Reservation, an 11-



tribe confederation, the mission and school are seven miles away and a world apart from Omak (4,700). The town of Omak is located 110 miles NW of Spokane and 140 miles NE of Seattle, and has 25% of its population living in poverty. The Volunteers live at St. Mary's Mission on the Paschal Sherman Indian School grounds, which is part of the reservation. This is the oldest JVC placement (1965) outside Alaska.

