

**HOLY CROSS IN ENGLISH CANADA
(A BRIEF OVERVIEW)**

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(PREAMBLE):

In 1841, six years after Father Moreau began Holy Cross, Father Edward Sorin was sent to Indiana, U.S.A. ~~the~~^{So} the young Congregation moved into the New World. Six years later, at the request of Bishop Bourget of Montreal, Father Moreau sent a group of Brothers, accompanied by three Sisters and one Priest (Father Reze), to establish a school for boys at Ville St-Laurent.

In 1855, although such things as "Provinces" were as yet not clearly defined, Father Sorin was named "Provincial" of Indiana..and Father Reze was named "Provincial" of Canada. (These positions ~~only~~ became official **only** in 1866, when the Provinces were formally established). It was in that same year (1866), that Father Camille Lefebvre was sent to St. Joseph's, New Brunswick to establish a College similar to that in Ville St-Laurent. Both of these Colleges were bi-lingual, accepting English-speaking as well as French-speaking students.

From its origins, it seems that the PROVINCE CANADIEN had some members whose mother-tongue was English. Some of these served on the staff of St-Laurent College, and some at St-Joseph in New Brunswick. ^{1.} (In the early obituaries, prior to 1943, we find the names of five Priests and two Seminarians who were English-speaking.)^{1.}

During those years there were also a number of Canadians who went South to join Holy Cross in the United States..and some of these returned to work in the two Colleges in Canada. ^{But,} When St-Laurent College ceased to be bi-lingual (in 1924), these ^{ENGLISH-SPEAKING} Religious either returned to the United States..or went to St-Joseph, ^{NEW BRUNSWICK} which remained bi-lingual.

By the year 1943, there were fourteen English-speaking priests among the two hundred or so members of the PROVINCE CANADIEN. (Four of these ^{ENGLISH-SPEAKING PRIESTS} were missionaries in India.)

At the Provincial Chapter of 1943, these English-speaking priests made a request that an English-speaking Vice-Province of Holy Cross be established in Canada. A motion to this effect was unanimously passed by the Chapter. ^{THIS MOTION} (was later ratified by the General Chapter on July 1,

1. "A CHRONICLE" (Fr. Bob MacInroy).. p. 2.

1946.) Father William F. McGinnis was appointed to be the first Vice-Provincial.

The first years of the new English Canadian Vice-Province were ^{DIFFICULT} lean years, financially. In the Autumn of 1943, the Administration took up residence in a duplex on Carleton Avenue in Westmount..which they rented with one hundred (\$1.00) Mass stipends given to them by ~~the~~ ^{ST-JOSEPH'S} Oratory!

The following year (1944), Archbishop Charbonneau offered them Holy Cross Parish in Ville Emard. Father William Maloughney was named Pastor. Father McGinnis moved the Provincial Office to the Rectory at 1944 Jolicoeur Street.

Of the fourteen priests who became the new Vice-province:
- 4 were in India (George Breen, Harold Breen, Leo Goggin,

William Murphy)

- 6 were at Holy Cross Parish (W. Maloughney, T. Kearney, H. Murphy, F. Cashen, T. Hennessey, W. McGinnis)

- 3 were at St-Joseph, N.B. (J. Brown, B. Hogan, E. McCarthy) - 1 was at ^{ST-JOSEPH'S} Oratory (A. Toner)

Before the new Vice-Province was formed, some Canadians

had joined Holy Cross in the United States. Four of these, who were seminarians, decided to join the new Vice-Province. Two (Pat Fogarty, Paul Kingston) were ordained in 1945, and two (Con Kingston, Bill Boland) in 1948. The first "recruit" for the new Vice-Province was Ken Burns, a student from St-Joseph University in New Brunswick. He also was ordained in 1948.

Over the next six years, there were twelve more ordinations for the Vice-Province. (A. Mazerolle, B. Waugh, L. Keleher, R. O'Connell, F. Theriault, J. MacDonald, L. Bechamp, A. Bates, B. Murchland, W. White, W. Belyea, H. MacGillivray.)

In the summer of 1947, Archbishop John T. McNally of Halifax invited Holy Cross ^(I.E. FATHER McGINNIS) to send priests to his Diocese. Father John Brown became assistant at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Halifax, Father Bernard Hogan ^{BECAME ASSISTANT} at St. Mary's Basilica. Father William Maloughney was named Pastor of the Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rockingham. ^{JUST OUTSIDE HALIFAX} ~~ROCKINGHAM~~
This small Parish had no rectory, so he lived at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity (Mount Saint Vincent), WHICH IS on the hill, just above the church.

About this same time, Cardinal McGuigan of Toronto

was inviting Holy Cross to consider founding a High School in East Toronto. Later, however, the Cardinal proposed that we open a school in Welland, in the Niagara Peninsula.

AND So, that same year (1947), two priests (Father ^{TED} McCarthy and Father ^{PAT} Fogarty) were sent to Welland early in July. ~~and~~

THEY frantically began to prepare the "Cooper House"..a large brick residence, purchased by the Archdiocese..to make it into a school. In September, the opening of the school had to be delayed for a week, because the students ^{HAD NO} desks. ^{THEY} had not yet arrived! ^{THE FOLLOWING SPRING,} By April 1948, however, construction had begun on a new school building..and, eleven months later, on Saint Patrick's Day, students and teachers occupied the new Notre Dame College School building.

By 1956, there were thirty-six priests in the English Canadian Vice-Province. The average age of these Religious was under thirty-five. They had established themselves in three widely separtared parts of ~~Canada:~~ ^{THE COUNTRY} Halifax, Montreal, and Welland. They were engaged in three distinct ministries: ^{TEACHING} in schools, ^{ASSISTING} in parishes..and ~~the~~ the operation of a Mission Band which preached Parish Missions and Retreats.

In 1958, the Vice-Province became a Province, with Father Arnold Toner as the first Provincial Superior. At

this point, there were forty-two priests, five seminarians, thirteen novices, and twenty candidates.

Over the intervening years, Holy Cross has made a considerable impact on English Canada. From its beginning, a Mission Band preached Parish Missions, and gave Retreats to both lay people and clergy across the country from ^{THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC:} Newfoundland to British Columbia. English Holy Cross priests have served in parishes in many Dioceses..in the Diocese of Halifax (6 parishes), Saint John ^{N.B.} (2 parishes), Edmonton, ^{ALBERTA} (12 parishes), Moncton ^{N.B.}, Montreal, ^{AND IN} Toronto, Hamilton, St Catharines ^{ONTARIO..}, Vancouver, and ^{RECENTLY} St. John's, Newfoundland. We have opened ~~two~~ High Schools in Welland, St. Catharines, and Niagara Falls, ^{ONTARIO.} We have provided ~~staff~~ ^{TEACHERS} for St. Joseph's University, St. Joseph's N.B., St. Thomas University, Fredericton, N.B., Brock University, St. Catharines, Ont., Newman Theological College, Edmonton, Alta., St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, Sask., ^{A NUMBER OF OUR PRIESTS HAVE ALSO TAUGHT AT} ~~and~~ [^] Notre Dame University, Indiana.

We have also, since our origins, provided chaplains to the military, chaplains to hospitals, to schools, convents, motherhouses. We have operated Retreat Houses in Saint John, N.B., Clifton Hill, England, and Gorebridge,

Scotland.

English Canadian Holy Cross priests have served the missions in Bengal, Assam, South India, Burma, Bangalore, Chittagong, Haflong, Yercaud, Bombay...as well as in Mexico, Dominica, Trinidad-Tobago, and Peru.

Among our members we ~~have~~ ^{HAVE ONE} Archbishop, a former Prefect Apostolic, and an Archdiocesan Theological College President.

There is very little in the way of ministry that we have not been engaged in across this country..and across the world!...including such things as: ~~service~~ ^{MINISTRY} to the deaf... ~~to~~ to handicapped children..psychiatric counselling..clinical pastoral programs..and ^{ALSO} ministry to people with AIDS.

That -- ^{BRIEFLY} in a word -- is a ~~rough~~ rough sketch of "HOLY CROSS IN ENGLISH CANADA"... ~~more~~ more specifically, of the origin* and history of the English Canadian Province of Holy Cross.

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cf: 1943-1984 A CHRONICLE by ROBERT MACINROY C.S.C.

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