

# Archdiocese of St. Boniface Timeline

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An advantage of timelines is that they present facts in an order which makes locating precise information easy. Though they give the appearance of a sequence of objective facts, their information is presented in a very subjective framework. The timeline that follows lists events related to the history of Archdiocese of St. Boniface. Given the nature of the information and the historiographic tradition, it is primarily the clergy's actions and history which are featured. The territory in question is that of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface, which has seen numerous modifications since its creation in 1847 and its last reduction in 1952.

Precise dates should be approached with caution. The date of a foundation might refer to the arrival of the first priest, the year a priest first took up residence, the canonical erection of a mission or the later canonical erection of a parish. Lastly, some dates correspond to the establishment of a religious community, such as the Oblates founding missions, houses, or residences.

If these dates suggest a certain beginning, they are not being placed in their proper context. For example, when Father Albert Lacombe, O.M.I. came to Rat Portage in 1880, the Canadian Pacific Railway company, half of whose workers were Catholic, was tasked with completing the Winnipeg-Fort William stretch. In 1879, the Hudson's Bay Company established the region's principal trading post in Rat Portage. It became the central point through which travelers and goods bound for Fort Frances passed on Lake of the Woods' steamships. The first baptism recorded in Rat Portage was Céline Morin's and the first marriage was between Hugh Faloney and Joanna Christina. For Oblate Manitoba's mission vicariate, it was a period of relaunching the development of missions to Indigenous peoples, with the construction of numerous residential schools at the turn of the century.

This timeline, arbitrary and incomplete as it is, only represents a single stretch of the journey of research, analysis, and interpretation. Compiled in the digital age, this document could be called dynamic, and thus collective. It can be added to and linked to other texts. Therefore, this timeline can serve as a starting point for developing a greater understanding of the past.

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# Archdiocese of St. Boniface Timeline – Before 1817

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## **1646-10-09**

Marie of the Incarnation mentions in a letter “a great sea beyond the Hurons”, meaning either Lake Michigan or Lake Superior.

## **1659-1660**

Pierre-Esprit Radisson and Médard Chouart des Groseilliers reach the shores of Lake Superior and beyond. Desgroseillers was perhaps a soldier or lay aide in the Jesuit mission in Huronia. They baptise two hundred babies threatened by a pandemic. (Francis J. Schaefer, *Groseillers and Radisson The first French Travellers and Lay Missionaries in Minnesota, in Acta et Dicta*, p.219-240 and p. 238.)

## **1665**

Father Claude Allouez, S.J., founds the St. Esprit, or La Pointe, Mission in Chagouamigon (*La Pointe du Saint-Esprit* on Chequamegon Bay), the first mission in Western Canada. (Antoine Deschambault, *La dévotion mariale au Manitoba*, SCHEC, 1953-1954, p. 58-60 and Léon Pouliot, Allouez, Claude, *Dictionnaire biographique du Canada*).

## **1667**

Father Nicholas, S.J. is in La Pointe. (Antoine Deschambault, *La dévotion mariale au Manitoba*, SCHEC, 1953-1954, p. 58-60).

## **1669**

Father Jacques Marquette, S.J reaches the La pointe du St. Esprit Mission (Chequamegon Bay, western edge of Lake Superior). (Antoine Deschambault, *La dévotion mariale au Manitoba*, SCHEC, 1953-1954, p. 58-60 and J. Monet, Marquette, Jacques, *Dictionnaire biographique du Canada*).

Father Claude Dablon, S.J., arrives in Sault Ste. Marie with the title of “Superintendent of the Missions of the North-West”. (Antoine Deschambault, *La dévotion mariale au Manitoba*, SCHEC, 1953-1954, p. 58-60 and Marie-Jean-d’Ars Charette, Dablon, Claude, *Dictionnaire biographique du Canada*).

## **1679**

Father Antoine Silvy, S.J. accompanies Louis Jolliet all the way to James Bay and upon his return founds a mission at Lake Nemishaw (Nemiscau). (Antoine Deschambault, *La dévotion mariale au Manitoba*, SCHEC, 1953-1954, p. 58-60 and Victor Tremblay, Silvy, Antoine, *Dictionnaire biographique du Canada*).

## **1680**

Father Louis Hennepin, Récollet, who was accompanying René-Robert Cavelier de la Salle, is captured by the Sioux north of Saint Anthony Falls (Minneapolis) and taken prisoner. Upon later encountering Sieur Greysolon du Lhut, the French, including Hennepin, set out for Canada.

## **1684-1685**

Father Silvy spends the winter at the fort on Hayes River.

**1686**

Father Silvy accompanies the Chevalier de Troyes, who captured the English forts on James Bay: Monsipi (Moose Factory or St. Louis), Rupert (Fort Charles), and Kashechewan (Albany).

**1687-1693**

Father Silvy stays at Fort Ste. Anne (Albany). (Antoine Deschambault, *La dévotion mariale au Manitoba, SCHEC*, 1953-1954, p. 58-60).

**1694-09-22**

Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville's ships enter the mouth of the Nelson River. The fleet's chaplain is Father Gabriel Marest, S.J. He would stay at York Factory (or Fort Bourbon) for two years. (Antoine Deschambault, *La dévotion mariale au Manitoba, SCHEC*, 1953-1954, p. 58-60 and Bernard Pothier, Le Moyne d'Iberville et d'Ardillières, Pierre, *Dictionnaire biographique du Canada*).

**1697**

The Reverend Fitz-Maurice (Fitzmaurice de Kerry) accompanies d'Iberville when he takes back York Factory (Fort Bourbon). (Antoine Deschambault, *La dévotion mariale au Manitoba, SCHEC*, 1953-1954, p. 58-60).

Claude Charles Le Roy de la Potherie writes a History which also discusses Father Marest. (Antoine Deschambault, *La dévotion mariale au Manitoba, SCHEC*, 1953-1954, p. 58-60).

**[1708-1712]**

A chaplain is present in Fort Bourbon (York Factory). This fort remains in French hands until 1713.

**1727**

The French begin construction of a fort (Beauharnois) at Lake Pepin (Frontenac, Minnesota). The St. Michel Archange Mission is founded by Fathers Michel Guignas, S.J. and Nicolas de Gounor, S.J., who leave in 1728. (Mary Aquinas Norton. *Catholic Missionary Activities in the Northwest 1818-1864*. Washington: The Catholic University of America, 1930, p.13.)

**1731-26-08**

Father Charles Mesaiger, S.J., accompanying Pierre Gaultier de Varennes de La Vérendrye, reaches Grand Portage (near Pidgeon River or "rivière aux Tourtes").

**1732**

Father Charles Mesaiger, S.J. reaches Fort St. Charles, which he leaves in the Spring of 1733. (Antoine Champagne. *Nouvelles études sur les La Vérendrye et le poste de l'Ouest*. Québec: Les Presses de l'Université Laval, 1971, p.p.113-117)

Father Michel Guignas returns to Fort Beauharnois (Minnesota).

**1735**

Father Jean-Pierre Aulneau, S.J. reaches Fort St. Charles.

**1735-10-23**

Arrival of La Vérendrye and Father Jean-Pierre Aulneau, S.J. at Fort St. Charles on Lake of the Woods.

**1743**

Father Claude Godefroy Coquart reaches Fort La Reine.

**1750**

Father Jean-Baptiste de la Morinie reaches Fort La Reine.

**1763**

Pontiac destroys the trading post at Sault Ste. Marie.

**1787-02-12**

Birth of Joseph-Norbert Provencher in Nicolet, QC.

**1811-1812**

The Reverend Charles Bourke spends the winter at York Factory as chaplain to the first expedition of Selkirk's colonists. (Antoine Deschambault, *La Compagnie de la Baie d'Hudson et la religion*, LCSB, vol XLV, February 1946, issue 2, p. 31). On August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1812, the first contingent of colonists reaches the Red River.

**1816**

The Reverend Antoine Tabeau is sent to Western Canada to evaluate the possibility of establishing a mission at Red River. He travels no further than Rainy Lake. Given the troubles following the Battle of Seven Oaks, he gives a negative report.

**1817**

A petition demanding a resident priest, signed by 22 people from the Red River, is sent to Archbishop Plessis.

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# Archdiocese of St. Boniface Timeline - 1818 to 1849

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## **1818**

The Reverend Tabeau gives his report to Archbishop Plessis. He recommends against opening a mission in Red River. (DBC, T. VI, p.826)

## **1818-07-16**

Under pressure from Lord Selkirk and a petition from the Métis, Plessis decides to open a mission in Red River. The Reverends Joseph-Norbert Provencher and Sévère Dumoulin, as well as seminarian Guillaume Edge arrive at Red River.

## **1818-07-19**

The Reverend Joseph-Norbert Provencher celebrates the first mass on Manitoban territory at Point Douglas.

## **1818-10-20**

The border between the United States and Canada is established at the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel, placing the young St. Francis Xavier Mission in Pembina under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Louisiana. In 1803, the territory west of the Mississippi which included North Dakota was part of the Louisiana Purchase. (Mary Aquinas Norton. *Catholic Missionary Activities in the Northwest 1818-1864*. Washington: The Catholic University of America, 1930.)

## **1819**

The Reverend Tabeau comes once again to Rainy Lake. (McCarthy p.6)

## **1820-02-01**

The Reverend Joseph-Norbert Provencher is named Bishop of Juliopolis. He accepts the position of Auxiliary Bishop of Quebec and Vicar General of the Diocese of Quebec and is consecrated on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1822. He was responsible for the Yamachiche cure in the meantime. (Gaston Carrière, *Mgr Provencher à la recherche d'un coadjuteur*, SCHEC, 1970, p.73)

## **1822-05-12**

Consecration of the Reverend Joseph-Norbert Provencher.

## **1823**

Establishment and consecration of the first non-Roman Catholic church in Red River, the future Anglican cathedral.

## **1823-07-23**

Birth of Alexandre-Antonin Taché in Rivière du Loup, QC.

## **1824-11-01**

The Reverend Jean Harper is the first priest ordained in Red River.

## **1829**

Angélique and Marguerite Nolin open a Catholic girl's school in St. Boniface.

## **1831-06-17**

The Reverend Georges-Antoine Belcourt arrives in Red River.

**1834**

Establishment of the new Baie St. Paul Mission in Prairie à Fournier on the left bank of the Assiniboine River, 37 km from St. Boniface

**1837**

The Most Reverend Provencher, well respected by the Hudson's Bay Company, is appointed to the Assiniboia Council, and sits on the finance committee.

**1838**

Opening of the Wabassimong Indian Mission, which would be abandoned before the end of 1847.

**1839-03-26**

A fire destroys the big wooden house in St. Boniface which housed the industrial school. The HBC grants Bishop Provencher a sum of 50 pounds sterling to re-establish the industrial school.

**1841-01-09**

Alexander Taché enters the St. Sulpice seminary in Montreal.

**1841-12-02**

Arrival of the Oblates in Canada.

**1844-04-16**

The Red River district is separated from the Diocese of Quebec and erected as the Apostolic Vicariate of Hudson Bay and James Bay with Bishop Provencher as Apostolic Vicar.

**1844-06-21**

Arrival of Grey Nuns Marie-Louise Valade, Eulalie Lagrave, Gertrude Coutlée, and Hedwidge Lafrance in St. Boniface, MB.

**1845-08-25**

Arrival of Oblates Father Pierre Aubert and Brother Alexandre-Antonin Taché in Red River.

**1845-08-31**

Taché is ordained as a deacon by Bishop Provencher. (Jean-Guy Nadeau in *Dictionnaire biographique du Canada*.) In his 1866 work *Vingt années de missions dans le Nord-Ouest de l'Amérique*, Alexandre Taché writes "The next Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, Brother Taché, who had turned twenty-two during the voyage, was ordained as a deacon by Bishop Provencher." (p. 10, translation)

**1845-10-12**

Brother Alexandre-Antonin Taché, O.M.I. is ordained to the priesthood in St. Boniface, MB.

**1846-06**

Father Aubert takes charge of the Notre Dame de la Merci Mission in Wabassimong.

**1846-07-24**

Erection of the diocese of Victoria.

Arrival of Father François-Xavier Bermond, scholastic Brother Henri Faraud, and coadjutor Brother Louis Dubé.

**1847-06-04**

The Apostolic Vicariate of Hudson Bay and James Bay is elevated to the rank diocese and becomes the Diocese of the North-West, part of the ecclesiastical province of Quebec. Provencher becomes the Bishop of the Diocese of the North-West and the St. Boniface church becomes its cathedral. In a reply to Provencher, Archbishop Signay writes in 1845 "Casuists have little to say on previously-unknown Apostolic Vicariates, but it is readily apparent there the only place for a proper cathedral church is the main town of a diocese" [translation].

Father Alexandre-Antonin Taché becomes the first Catholic missionary to visit Lake Athabasca. He returns in 1848.

Bytown (Ottawa) is erected as a diocese, the first division which would reduce the initial territory of the Apostolic Vicariate of Hudson Bay and James Bay.

**1849**

The Reverend Louis-François Richer, alias Laflèche is appointed Bishop Norbert Provencher's coadjutor with right of succession. Mr. Louis-François Laflèche declines the nomination. (Arthur Carrière. "Mgr Provencher à la recherche d'un coadjuteur", *Sessions d'étude*, La Société canadienne d'histoire de l'Église catholique, 1970, issue 37, p. 84.)



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# Archdiocese of St. Boniface Timeline - 1850 to 1894

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## **1850-06-24**

Father Alexandre-Antonin Taché, O.M.I. is named Bishop of Arath and Bishop Provencher's coadjutor.

## **1850-11-23**

Consecration of the Most Reverend Alexandre-Antonin Taché, Bishop of Arath, by Bishop Mazenod in the Viviers Cathedral in France. He also becomes the first superintendent of the Red River Vicariate of Missions.

The Diocese of the North-West changes its name to the Diocese of St. Boniface. (Acta, 1862, vol. 226, p.54. Cited in Arthur Carrière, "Mgr Provencher à la recherche d'un coadjuteur", *Sessions d'étude*, La Société canadienne d'histoire de l'Église catholique, 1970, issue 37, p.89-90.)

## **1853-06-07**

Bishop Joseph-Norbert Provencher dies at age 66.

## **1854-08-14**

Three Brothers of the Christian Schools, Alexandre-Joseph Gadenne (Andronis), Nicolas Mouard (Arcisse-Marie), and Pierre Adhémar (Anselm) arrive from France. Bishop Taché houses them in the Bishop's Residence, where they take charge of the boy's school.

## **1855-08-23**

Birth of Louis-Philippe Adélarde Langevin in St. Isidore de Laprairie, QC.

## **1857**

Vital-Justin Grandin, O.M.I. is named Bishop of Satala and coadjutor of Bishop Alexandre Taché, O.M.I. He is consecrated on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1859. On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1871, he becomes the first bishop of St. Albert.

## **1857-03-25**

Louis Riel receives his First Communion in the St. Boniface Cathedral.

## **1857-11-30**

Canonical erection of the St. Norbert Parish.

## **1857-12-11**

Father Justin-Vital Grandin is named coadjutor bishop of St. Boniface and is consecrated on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1859.

## **1858**

Father Simonet celebrates the first mass in Pointe des Chênes (Ste. Anne).

Father Joseph Lestanc is appointed resident curate in St. Norbert, MB. (Oblates)

## **1859**

Father Jean-Marie LeFloc'h is given the responsibility of serving the Métis of Pointe des Chênes until 1868. (Oblates)

**1859-06**

Arrival of the *Ansom Anthrup*, the first steamship in the Forks and St. Boniface, MB.

**1860**

The Oblates found the St. Charles Mission. (Oblates)

The Oblates take charge of St. Boniface College following the departure of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. Management is entrusted to Father Jean-Marie LeFloc'h. The Reverend Georges Dugas would be director of the College from 1866 to 1870. In 1870, the Oblates once again take charge of the College. In 1878, the College was put in secular hands. (Oblates)

**1860-09-12**

Bishop Taché consecrates a school for the Métis in St. Vital, run by the Grey Nuns. It will become the St. Vital Parish.

**1860-12-14**

The Cathedral built by Bishop Joseph-Norbert Provencher burns down.

**1861**

Foundation of the St. Laurent Mission.

**1861-04-04**

Consecration of the St. Vital school's chapel.

**1862-05-13**

Erection of the missions of the Athabasca and Mackenzie districts as the Apostolic Vicariate of the Mackenzie River (which became the Apostolic Vicariate of Athabasca from 1901 until 1927, when it became the Apostolic Vicariate of Grouard). From the beginning, even in official correspondence, the vicariate was called the Vicariate of Athabasca-Mackenzie. (Oblates)

**1862-06-15**

The Reverend Joseph-Noël Ritchot becomes curate of St. Norbert.

**1862-11-01**

Consecration of the new sacristy serving as a church.

**1863-11-01**

Official inauguration of Taché's Cathedral, despite only having walls, roofing, and a vault. "A church 36 meters long, ... four walls, whose rough and bare stone were not covered with the crudest mortar" [translation]. The cornerstone had been blessed on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1863.

**1863-12-14**

Erection of the Apostolic Vicariate of British Columbia. (Oblates)

**1864-11-30**

Erection of the religious vicariate of Mackenzie, the first reduction of the religious vicariate of the Red River.

**1865**

The Oblates found the St. Alexander Mission. (Oblates)

Foundation of the Sacré Coeur de Jésus Parish in Qu'Appelle, SK. In 1909, it served the Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs (Assiniboine Reserve), Notre Dame de Grâces (Paskwa Reserve), St. Joseph (Sioux Reserve), St. Grégoire Thaumaturge (Piapot Reserve), Notre Dame des Anges (Touchwood Hills), St. Félix de Valois (Colonie Sauvage), Muscapeetun, and Katepwe Missions.

**1865-10**

Foundation of the St. Florent Mission in Qu'Appelle.

**1866**

The Oblates found the Sacred Heart House (Qu'Appelle). In the General Chapter of 1933, it was said that the Lebret mission was founded in 1868 and became an Oblate house in 1888. It would become the Sacred Heart Parish in Lebret. In 1964, it served Fort Qu'Appelle and Fort San. (Oblates)

**1867-07-03**

Bishop Taché is named an Assistant at the Pontifical Throne with the privilege of the violet zucchetto.

**1868-03-20**

Erection of the Vicariate of the Saskatchewan River missions. This territory would become a diocese on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1871.

**1869**

The Oblates found the Fort Garry Mission.

The Métis, under the leadership of Louis Riel, resist Canada's unilateral take over.

**1869-06-15**

Bishop Taché celebrates the new Assiniboia Mission's first mass in a boarding house located on Notre Dame Avenue in Winnipeg.

**1870**

Foundation of the mission in Pointe à Grouette, which would become Ste. Agathe.

**1870-03-02**

Birth of Arthur Béliveau in Mont Carmel, QC.

**1870-05-12**

The *Manitoba Act* receives royal assent. This leads to Manitoba officially becoming the fifth province to join Confederation on 1870-07-15. According to the Act,

In and for the Province, the said Legislature may exclusively make Laws in relation to education, subject and according to the following provisions: --

(1) Nothing in any such Law shall prejudicially affect any right or privilege with respect to Denominational Schools which any class of persons have by Law or practice in the Province the Union: --

(2) An appeal shall lie to the Governor General in Council from any Act or decision of the Legislature of the Province, or of any Provincial Authority, affecting any right or privilege of the Protestant or Roman Catholic minority the Queen's subjects in relation to Education:

(3) In case any such Provincial Law, as from time to time seems to the Governor General in Council requisite for the due execution of the provisions of this section, is not made, or in case any decision of the Governor General in Council on any appeal under this section is not duly executed by the proper Provincial Authority in that behalf, then, and in every such case, and as far only as the circumstances of each case require, the Parliament of Canada may make remedial Laws for the due execution of the provisions of this section, and of any decision of the Governor General in Council under this section. (*Manitoba Act*, 1870, s. 22)

(See also the similarity in Article 93 of the *Constitution Act*, 1867).

**1871**

The Grey Nuns found St. Boniface Hospital, which replaces the medical services they offered since 1844. It is Western Canada's oldest hospital.

**1871-05-03**

St. Boniface College is legally incorporated by Father Théophile Lavoie, O.M.I.

**1871-05-27**

Publication of the first issue of *Le Métis*. The last issue would appear on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 1881.

**1871-09-22**

St. Boniface is elevated to the rank of metropolitan seat with the foundation (1871-09-22) of the Diocese of St. Albert (Edmonton from 1912) and the Most Reverend Taché becomes Metropolitan Archbishop of the ecclesiastical province of St. Boniface.

Erection of the Diocese of St. Albert (renamed Edmonton in 1912). (Oblates)

**1874-08-22**

Arrival of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, S.N.J.M., in Manitoba: Sister Marie-Jean-de-Dieu (Marie-Clémence Cadieux), Sister Marie-Florentine (Georgina Duhamel), Sister Electra-du-Sacré-Coeur (Mary Ann Lynch) and Sister Marie-Elie (Elzire Nault).

**1875-06-24**

The first organ is installed in the Cathedral.

**1876**

Foundation of the St. Charles Parish in Macdonald.

Foundation of the St. Alexander Mission (Fort Alexander) which would become an Oblate residence in 1911 and an Oblate mission in 1946. In 1964, it served Black River, Manigotagan, Grand Marais, Scantebury, and Traverse Bay, as well as Beaconia, Belair, Balsam Beach, Bissett, Maryglen, Stony Point, and Victoria Beach in the summer.

**1876-04-06**

Canonical erection of the Ste. Marie Parish in Winnipeg.

Canonical erection of the St. Charles Parish in Winnipeg.

Canonical erection of the St. Francois Xavier Parish.

**1876-04-10**

Canonical erection of the St. Laurent Parish. In 1909 it served the St. Ambroise (Île de Pierre), Notre Dame de la Paix (Pointe aux Lièvres), Notre Dame de Grâces (Posen), Pointe des Chênes, and lac des Îles Missions.

Canonical erection of the St. Paul Parish in St. Eustache.

**1876-04-11**

Canonical erection of the Ste. Anne des Chênes Parish.

Canonical erection of the Ste. Agathe Parish.

**1876-06-04**

Canonical erection of the St. Boniface Cathedral Parish.

**1876-09-01**

Resident priest in Fort Alexander.

**1877**

Foundation of the Notre Dame de Lorette Parish in Lorette.

Foundation of the St. Joseph Parish.

**1877-01-04**

Canonical erection of the St. Pierre Mission.

**1877-01-15**

Canonical erection of the St. Jean Baptiste Parish.

**1877-10**

The first locomotive in the Forks and St. Boniface, the *Countess of Dufferin*, arrives on a barge propelled but the steamship *Selkirk*. Its arrival symbolises the end of the era dominated by the steamship.

**1879**

The Oblates found the St. Michel Mission in Selkirk. In 1909, it served the Notre Dame du Lac Mission in Lac du Bonnet.

**1879-04-22**

Canonical erection of the St. Pie V Mission in Letellier.

Canonical erection of the St. Léon Mission. In 1909, it served the LaRivière and St. Patrice Missions in Manitou.

**1880-08-02**

Arrival of Fathers from the Society of Mary (Marianists) in Manitoba.

Father Albert Lacombe, O.M.I. becomes the first resident priest in Rat Portage (Kenora).

**1881**

Foundation of the Notre Dame du Portage Parish (Kenora).

**1882-01-27**

Canonical erection of the St. Cuthbert Parish in Portage la Prairie. In 1909, it served the Newton Siding, McGregor, High Bluff, Burnside, Bagot, Neepawa, O'Gilvie, Gladstone, O'Donnell, Rignold, and Rossendale Missions.

**1882-07-11**

Creation of the Apostolic Vicariate of Pontiac, encroaching on a part of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface's territory. (The Catholic Encyclopedia, vol 11)

**1882-09-02**

Creation of the Diocese of New Westminster.

**1883**

Foundation of the St. Eustache Parish.

**1883-12-06**

Canonical erection of the St. Alphonse Mission. In 1909, it served the Baldur Mission.

**1883-12-09**

5 nuns from the Faithful Companions of Jesus arrive in Brandon and take charge of the school. (A.-G. Morice, *L'Église catholique dans l'Ouest canadien*, vol. 3, 1922 ed., p. 37-38)

Canonical erection of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mission in Emerson, served by Winnipeg's Ste. Marie Church.

Canonical erection of the St. Augustine of Canterbury Parish in Brandon. In 1909, it served the Notre Dame du Perpétuel Secours (Souris), St. Austin (Austin), St. Vulstan (Rapid City), Minnedosa, Carberry, Forrest, Oak River, Hamiota, Beresford, Menteith, Fairfax, Carrol, Kemnay, Alexander, Chater, Dougals Sewell, Melbourne, and Sidney Missions.

**1883-12-15**

Canonical erection of the St. Joachim Parish in LaBroquerie.

**1884**

Foundation of the St. Alphonse Parish.

Foundation of the Sts. Anges Industrial School (Qu'Appelle, Lebret). It had the status of a mission in 1884, a residence in 1911, and a house in 1948. In 1964, it served Assiniboine (Sintaluta), File Hills (Colony, Agency, Little Black Bear), Muscowpetung, Pasqua, Piapot, Indian Hospital, Fort Qu'Appelle, and Standing Buffalo. (Oblates)

**1885**

Foundation of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Winnipeg.

Foundation of the *North West Review* newspaper.

**1885-07-22**

An initial group of Jesuits arrive in Manitoba to take charge of St. Boniface College.

**1885-08-29**

First printing of the newspaper *The Norwest Review*, Western Canada's first Catholic paper.

**1885-11-16**

Louis Riel is hanged in Regina, North-West Territories (Saskatchewan 1905).

**1886**

Foundation of the Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Parish (Pine Creek, Camperville), which became an Oblate residence in 1911 and an Oblate house in 1946. (Oblates)

Foundation of the Holy Rosary Parish in Regina. In 1909, served the St. Mary's, Sacré Coeur (Arat), Strasbourg, Milestone, Westview, Stony Beach, Chamberlain, Craik, Davidson, Lonslaketon, St Pie V (South Grenfell), Wilcox, Lang, and Rouleau Missions.

**1887-03-18**

Bishop Taché establishes a regular noviciate in St. Laurent. The noviciate is moved to St. Charles on March 11th, 1897 and to the Ste. Famille Juniorate in St. Boniface on May 11th, 1909. It returns to St. Laurent on June 29th, 1924 and finally settles in St. Norbert on July 17th, 1950. (Oblates).

**1888**

Foundation of the Sacré Cœur Mission in Pukatawagan. (Oblates)

Foundation of the St. Andrews Parish in Moosomin, Sk.

Foundation of the St. Jean Parish in Grande Clairière. In 1909, it served the St. Jérôme (Deleau), Pipestone, Hartney, Napinka, Melita, Pierson, Lander, and Belleview Missions.

Foundation of the Assumption Parish in Kaposvar, SK. In 1909, it served the Ste. Élisabeth de Hongrie (Stockholm), Benchonzie, Petit Lac Manitou, and Arbury Missions.

**1889**

Foundation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Fannystelle.

Foundation of the Holy Spirit Parish (Polish) in Winnipeg. In 1909, it served the St. Paul (Beausejour), Sts. Peter and Paul (Broken Head), Très St. Sacrament (Gonor), Notre Dame du Mont Carmel (Pleasant Home), St. Augustin (Whitemouth), St. Michel (Cook's Creek), Sts. Cyril and Methodius (Gimli), St. Isidore (Stuartburn), Holy Trinity (Overstone), Assumption (Sifton), Very Holy Rosary (Valley River), East Selkirk, Victoria Park, Ethelbert, Pine River, Grubert, and Fork River Polish Missions.

Foundation of the St. Athanasius Parish in Oak Lake. In 1909, it served the Virden, Elkhorn, Lenore, Griswold, and Alexander Missions.

Foundation of the Ste. Marguerite Parish in Fort Francis ON. In 1909, it served the Mine Centre, Atikokan, Big Fork, Bear's Pass, and Farrington Missions.

**1889-07-24**

The St. Boniface provincial council, which had started on July 16<sup>th</sup>, closes.

**1889-08-16**

Canonical erection of the St. Pie V Parish in Letellier.

Canonical erection of the St. Joseph Parish.

**1889-09-08**

Canonical erection of the St. Athanasius Parish in Oak Lake.

**1890**

The Oblates found the Hungarian Mission (Kaposvar). (Oblates)

Foundation of the St. Alexander Parish in Fort Alexander. In 1909, it served Berens River, Hole River, Bad Throat, Balsam Bay, and Black River. In 1950, it served the Manigotagan, Hole River, Black River Missions.

**1890-03-19**

French is officially eliminated from the courts and Legislative Assembly of Manitoba. The public Catholic and Protestant education system in Manitoba is also abolished.

**1890-07-16**

Canonical erection of the St. Léon Parish.

**1890-08-16**

Canonical erection of the St. Hyacinthe Parish in La Salle.

**1890-10**

Erection of the Apostolic Vicariate of Prince Albert.

**1891**

State of the diocese: **Churches, chapels, oratories, and schools of the Archdiocese of St. Boniface**

**1891**

Creation of the Apostolic Vicariate of Saskatchewan.

**1891-08-15**

Arrival of the Canons Regular of the Immaculate Conception in Notre Dame de Lourdes.

Canonical erection of the Notre Dame de Lourdes Parish. In 1909, it served the Ste. Monique (Rathwell), St. Oyend, St. Lupicin, and Sacred Heart of Jesus (Treherne) Missions. In 1950 it served Cardinal.

**1892**

Foundation of the St. Gerard Parish in Bruxelles. In 1909, it served the Glenboro and Swan Lake Missions.

The Trappist Monastery is established in St. Norbert.

Foundation of the Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Parish in Camperville. In 1909, it served the Notre Dame de l'Assomption Mission of Waterhen River.

Foundation of the St. Felix Parish in Dunrea. In 1909, it served the St. Antonius (Deloraine), Boissevain, Belmont, Hohenfeld, Lac Black, Killarney, and Lena Missions.

The Oblates found the Ste. Rose du Lac Mission. (Oblates)

**1893**

Foundation of the Ste. Amélie Parish.

The Oblates found the St. Pierre Mission (for the Indigenous population) and the Ste. Marguerite Mission (for the non-Indigenous population) in Fort Frances.

**1894**

Foundation of the St. Joseph Parish in Balgonie, SK.

Foundation of the Notre Dame de Lourdes in Couchiching, ON. In 1950, it served the Manitou, Northwest Bay, Red Gut, Seine River, and Lac la Croix Missions.

**1894-05-18 au 21**

Father Soullier, O.M.I. visits Qu'Appelle and the Oblates meet with Indigenous leaders.

**1894-06-22**

Death of Archbishop Alexandre-Antonin Taché.

**1894-10-22**

Birth of Georges Cabana.



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# Archdiocese of St. Boniface Timeline - 1895 to 1914

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## **1895**

Father Ambroise Comeau becomes the first Oblate principal of the St. Boniface Industrial School, founded in 1890. 110 students attended the school. (Oblates)

Foundation of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission (Fort Frances), which became an Oblate residence in 1911. In 1964 it served Bamhart, Barwick, Big Fork, Black Hawk, Burtiss, Clearwater Lake, Crilly, Dear Lock, Devlin, Emo, Farrington, Finland, Flanders, Glenorchy, Lavallee, Mine Centre, and North Branch. (Oblates)

Foundation of the Fort Pelly (St. Philip's) Residential School. It had the status of a mission in 1895, a residence in 1911 and a house in 1946. In 1964, it served Keesekoose and Keyet Côté. (Oblates)

## **1895-03-19**

Consecration of the Most Reverend Adélard Langevin, O.M.I., 3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Archbishop of St. Boniface.

## **1895-03-29**

Canonical erection of the St. Claude Parish.

Canonical erection of the St. Oyend Parish.

Canonical erection of the Ste. Rose de Lima Parish on Dauphin Lake.

## **1895-06-18**

Mother Honorine de la Croix (Adrienne Chanut), Sister Marie-Joseph (Bontron) and Sister Marie-Octavie (Montet), Chanoinesses Régulières des Cinq Plaies du Sauveur (Canonesses regular of the five wounds of the Saviour or Soeurs du Sauveur) arrive in Notre Dame de Lourdes (Manitoba). They had left their mother house on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. They were the 3<sup>rd</sup> order of nuns (1st French congregation) to settle in Manitoba.

## **1896**

The Oblates found the Our Lady of Hope Mission (Touchwood Hills – Lestock).

Foundation of the St. Benoit Parish in Makinak.

Foundation of the Our Lady of Hope Parish in Touchwood Hills, SK. In 1909, it served the Head Long, Gorden, and Poorman Missions.

Foundation of the Our Lady of the Way Parish in Pinewood, ON, with cures in Emo, Stratton and Sutherland, Barwick, Rapid River, Manito, Sutherland, Swift, and Sleeman. (Oblates)

Foundation of the Our Lady of the Way Parish in Pinewood, On, which served Emo, Stratton and Sutherland, Barwick, Rapid River, Manito, Sutherland, Swift, and Sleeman. (Oblates)

## **1896-01-30**

Canonical erection of the St. Adolphe Parish.

**1897**

Foundation of St. Anthony's Residential School (Kenora). It had the status of a mission in 1897, a residence in 1911, and a house in 1946. In 1964, it served French Portage, North West Angle, Clear Water Bay, Dalles, Grassy Narrows, Rat Portage, Shoal Lake, White Dog, Minaki, and Jones. (Oblates)

**1898**

Arrival of the Misericordia Sisters in Winnipeg. They set up Misericordia Hospital in Winnipeg.

Arrival of the Redemptorists in Manitoba. They take charge of the Brandon Parish. (A. McBriarty, *The History of the Redemptorists in Western Canada, Report 1946-47*, The Canadian Catholic Historical Association, p.73-94)

Foundation of the Sacred Heart, formerly Crooked Lake, Mission in Marieval, which became an Oblate residence in 1911. In 1909 it served the Lizard Point Mission. (Oblates)

Foundation of a mission on the reserve in Lizard Point, which would be dependent on Sandy Bay (Marius). (Oblates)

**1899**

Foundation of the Notre Dame du Suffrage Mission in Sandy Bay, which became an Oblate residence in 1911. In 1964, it served Amaranth, Langruth, Marius, and Sandy Bay Reserve. (Oblates)

Foundation of the St. Louis in Keewatin, ON.

Foundation of the St. Nicholas (Rusyn) Parish in Winnipeg without permission from Archbishop Langevin. In November 1903, the first priest from the Order of St. Basil the Great arrive in Winnipeg at Archbishop Langevin. They take charge of the St. Nicholas Parish in January, 1904. In 1909, it served the East Selkirk, Broken Head, Cook's Creek, and St. Norbert Missions.

Foundation of the Our Lady of La Salette Parish in Forget, SK. In 1909, it served Arcola, Carlyle, Dalesboro, Coteau, Creekman, Stoughton, Cannington, Gap View, Heward, Filmore, Tyvan, and Osage.

Foundation of the St. Raphael Parish in Cantal, SK.

Opening of a bilingual teacher training school. 30 instructors give courses among the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

**1899-09-05**

The Marianist Brothers take charge of Provencher School, which 171 boys were attending. Leo XII establishes a permanent delegation in Canada.

**1900**

Foundation of the Our Lady of Victory Parish in Laurier. In 1909, it served the Our Lady of the Nativity (McCreary), Elliott, Glenella, Tenby, and Plumias Missions.

Foundation of the St. Daniel Parish. In 1909, it served the Notre-Dame Mission in Carman.

Foundation of the St. Maurice Parish in Bellegarde, SK.

Arrival of Premonstratensian A.J. Van Heertum in Regina to minister to parishioners there, many of whom spoke German. He stayed there for three years. (A.-G. Morice, *L'Église catholique dans l'Ouest canadien*, vol. 3, 1922 ed., p. 392).

**1901**

Foundation of the Ste. Elisabeth Parish.

Foundation of the Ste. Croix Mission in Cross Lake, Selkirk

**1901-07-22**

The basins of the Mackenzie and the Yukon are established as the Apostolic Vicariate of Athabasca.

**1901-07-31**

Arrival of the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Hyacinthe, S.J.S.H.

**1902**

Foundation of the St. Jean Baptiste residence in Duluth, which became an Oblate house in 1911. (Oblates)

Foundation of the parish in St. Antoine des Prairies, Saskatchewan.

Foundation of the Notre Dame du Suffrage Parish in Sandy Bay. In 1909, it served Ebb & Flow, Notre Dame (Folgoë and Dog Creek), Fairford, Kinosota, Crane River, Gympsumville, Rolling River, Lac Clair, Elphinstone, Woodside, Westbourne, Long Plain, Bas Wood, and Post Manitoba.

A Catholic mission is opened in Ste. Madeleine, a little community located near St. Lazare. In 1913, a chapel would be constructed by a dozen Métis families who were forced to leave their lands in Baie St. Paul, St. Francois Xavier, and St. Norbert after 1870.

In November, Archbishop Langevin presents a nursing diploma to each nun from St. Boniface Hospital who passed the exams.

**1902-01-15**

First printing of *Les Cloches de Saint-Boniface*.

**1902-06-03**

Death of Bishop Vital Justin Grandin.

**1902-07-10**

Birth of Maurice Baudoux in La Louvière, Belgium.

**1903**

Foundation of the de St. Georges Parish.

Foundation of the Infant Jesus of Thibeuville Parish in Richer.

Arrival of the Basilian Fathers in Winnipeg. (A.-G. Morice, *L'Église catholique dans l'Ouest canadien*, vol. 3, 1922 ed., p. 341).

Foundation of the St. Antoine Parish in Aubigny.

Foundation of the Ste. Elisabeth of Hungary Parish in Huns' Valley. In 1909, it served the Très Ste. Trinité Mission in Cedoux.

Foundation of the St. Jean de Cant Parish in Shoal Lake. In 1909, it served the Rossburn, Stratclair, Newdale, Russell, and Snake Creek Missions.

Foundation of the St. John the Baptist Parish in Estevan, SK. In 1909, it served the Roche Percée, Hirsh, Oxbow, Frobisher, Coalfield, and Marienthal Missions.

Foundation of the Our Lady of Assumption Parish in Mariapolis.

Foundation of the St. Adélard Parish in Selkirk, MB, served by St. Laurent.

Foundation of the St. Hubert Parish, SK. In 1909, it served the de St. Bernard (Moosomin), St. Joseph (Whitewood), Flet Wood, Holy Name of Mary (Broadview), and St. Luc Missions.

Foundation of the St. Francis Regis Parish in Wauchope, SK. In 1909, it served the High View, Notre Dame de l'Espérance (Dumas), and Kennedy Missions.

#### **1903-06-19**

The Diocese of Victoria is elevated to the rank of Archdiocese.

#### **1903-08**

In April, Fathers Loriau and Thibault of the Priests of Chavagnes arrive in Manitoba. In August, they settle in Cartier, in the St. Adolphe Parish, where they open a Juniorate. (*100 ans de courage et de foi Paroisse de Saint-Adolphe 1896-1996*. Saint-Adolphe Parish, 1996, p. 14-15.)

#### **1903-09-11**

Mgr Noël Ritchot gives the Lemay house to the Misericordia Sisters. They call the house Asile Richot (Richot orphanage) and begin taking in abandoned babies. Managed by the Local Board of Winnipeg's Misericordia Hospital, it was run by nuns from St. Norbert from October 1st, 1913 onwards. A second building was built (1911-1912), designed by architect and entrepreneur J. A. Sénécal. The institution was also known as the Crèche de Saint-Norbert (St. Norbert nursery). On August 9, 1848, the property was sold to the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Between 1904 and 1947, at least two thousand children were recorded in the Crèche de Saint-Norbert's books.

#### **1903-09-27**

Ordination of Louis-de-Gonzague Bélanger, the first priest born in Manitoba, on April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

#### **1903-10-13**

Canonical erection of the St. Georges of Chateaugay Parish in St. Georges.

#### **1904**

Arrival of the Sisters of the Cross in Manitoba

Arrival of the Clerics of St. Viator in Makinak.

Foundation of the Sacré Coeur Parish in Winnipeg.

Foundation St. Joseph's Parish (German) in Winnipeg.

Foundation of *Glos Kanadejski* (Voice of Canada). (Oblates)

Foundation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Montmartre, SK. In 1909, it served the Notre Dame de Bonsecours, St. Joseph of Sobieski, Glenavon, and Kipling Missions.

Foundation of the Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Rainy River, ON.

Foundation of the St. Ignace of the Willows Parish in Willow Bunch, SK

Foundation of the St. Paul Parish in South Qu'Appelle, SK.

Foundation of the St. Gerard Majella Parish in Yorkton, SK. In 1909, it served the St. Cunegunda (Polish, Otthon), Holy Trinity (Hungarian, Otthon), Notre Dame du Mont Carmel (Plainview), Assumption (Logberg), St. Josaphat (Angrove), Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Kowalowka), Sts. Peter and Paul (Dobrowody), Gregorow, Theodore, Tetlock, Beaverdale, Mulock, St. Michael (Hirzel), Jaroslaw, Insinger, Antonowka, Czechow, Eden Valley, Tufnell, Plainview south, Canora-North, and Springside Missions.

#### **1904-03-24**

The Congregation of the Missionary Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart and of Mary Immaculate's novitiate is canonically erected and accepts its first members. (*Chroniques des Missionnaires Oblates du Sacré-Coeur et de Marie-Immaculée*, Vol. 1, p. 21).

**1904-09-16**

Erection of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, ON.

**1904-10-05**

The religious vicariate of Red River's missions are made a Province. (Oblates)

**1905**

Foundation of the St. Alexander Parish in Woodridge. In 1950, it served the Carrick, Florze, Sandilands, and St. Labre Missions.

Foundation of weekly magazines *L'Ami du Foyer* and *L'Ange du Foyer*, at first published separately then subsequently merged. Soon 7000 people had subscribed. (Oblates)

Foundation of the Our Lady of Victories Parish in Esterhazy, SK. In 1909, it served the Dongola and Grove Park Mission, as well as the Our Lady of Grace Mission of Landshut and Langenberg.

Foundation of the St. Francis de Sales Parish in Saskatchewan.

Foundation of the Ste. Famille juniorate. In September, 13 students started classes under the direction of Father Adélarde Chaumont, O.M.I.

Foundation of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Norway House. (Oblates)

Opening of the St. Margaret's Residential School (Fort Frances). It had residence status in 1911. In 1964, it served Big Island, Couchiching, Manitou, Lac la Croix, North West Bay, Red Gut, Rice Bay, Seine River, and Standjigaming. (Oblates)

Opening of the Sandy Bay Residential School. (Oblates)

Foundation of the Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish in Gimli. In 1909, it served the St. Anthony of Padua, Our Lady of Carmel, and Immaculate Conception Polish Missions (served by the Oblate priests and the Holy Ghost Church in Winnipeg).

Foundation of the Our Lady of Angels in Maryland, SK.

**1905-01-05**

Canonical erection of the St. Vital Parish in Winnipeg.

**1905-01-22**

Canonical erection of the Sacred Heart Parish in Winnipeg. (1904: foundation of the Sacred Heart residence which became a house in 1912). (Oblates)

**1905-03-16**

Death of Mgr Joseph-Noël Ritchot.

**1905-04-07**

Canonical erection of the Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Île des Chênes.

**1905-06-29**

Canonical erection of the St. Alexander Parish in Woodridge.

**1906**

Foundation of the Ste. Genevieve Parish. In 1950, it served Rosewood and Vivian.

Foundation of the Winnipeg chapter of the Knights of Columbus. (*LCSB*, vol. V, 15 May 1906, issue 10, p.120)

Foundation of the Toussaint Parish in Winnipegosis.

Foundation of the St. Paul Parish in Starbuck. In 1909, it served the Elm Creek, Barnsley, Culross, and Sperling Missions. In 1950, it served Sperling, Darlingford, and Elm Creek.

Foundation of the Ste. Germaine Cousin Parish in Bourassa, SK.

Foundation of the St. Alfred Parish in Morris, MB, served by St. John the Baptist.

Foundation of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Manitoba, served by Ste. Rose du Lac

Foundation of the Ste. Delphine Parish in Saskatchewan. In 1909, it served the St. Stanislas and Melville Missions.

Foundation of the Our Lady of Grace Parish in Sedley, SK. In 1909, it served the St. James (Blumenfeld), St. Wendelin, and Frances Missions.

Foundation of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Qu'Appelle, SK. In 1909, it served the St. Joseph (Indian Head) and Amherst Missions.

Foundation of the St. Vitus Parish in Swift Current, SK. In 1909, it served the St. Isidore (Lac Pelletier), Gull Lake, Herbert, Marquis, and Lac La Plume Jetée Missions.

The Archdiocese of Victoria returns to the rank of diocese. It becomes a suffragan diocese of Vancouver.

#### **1906-04-30**

The Sisters of the Cross arrive in St. Adolphe.

#### **1907**

Pius X condemns modernism.

Foundation of *West Canada*, a German-language publication. (Oblates)

Foundation of the Notre Dame de la Nativité Parish in Somerset.

Foundation of the St. Viator Parish in Dauphin. In 1909 it served the Guardian Angels (Oak Nook), St. Columban (Swan River), Barrows, Grandview, Gilbert Plains, Garland, Ethelbert, Minitonas, and Red Deer Lake Missions.

Foundation of the Toutes Aides Parish, later responsible for the Cayer, Lonely Lake, Crane River, Meadow Portage, Waterhen, and Magnet Missions

Foundation of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Elie.

Foundation of the St. Augustine Parish in Vannes.

Foundation of the St. Joseph Parish in Moosejaw, SK.

Foundation of the Ste. Philomène Parish in Gravelbourg.

Foundation of the Our Lady of Good Help Parish in Grayson, SK. In 1909 it served the St. Elisabeth (Killaly), St. Nom de Marie (Mariahilf), St. Michael (Lemberg), St. John the Baptist (Dysart), St. Patrick (Cupar), St. Henry of Germany (Kronsberg), Southey, Govan, Nokomis, Christina, Wolfsheim, and Weakfield Missions.

Foundation of the Our Lady of Good Help Parish in Tessier, SK. In 1909 it served the Ste. Anne of the Prairies (Delisle) and St. Gerard Majella (Zealandia) Missions.

Foundation of the St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Weyburn, SK. In 1909 it served the St. Francis Regis (Halbrite) and Yellow Grass Missions.

**1907-12-03**

The Apostolic Vicariate of Prince Albert is erected as a diocese.

**1908**

The Oblates found the Polish-language newspaper *Gazeta Katholica*. (Oblates)

Foundation of the Our Lady of Auvergne Parish in Maple Creek, SK.

**1908-01-04**

Canonical erection of the St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Winnipeg.

**1908-02-05**

Canonical erection of the St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish in Winnipeg.

**1908-09-19**

Vancouver (New Westminster) is elevated to the rank of Archdiocese.

**1908-10-04**

The third cathedral is consecrated by Archbishop Adélarde Langevin.

**1908-11-03**

Pius X promulgates the apostolic constitution *Sapienti consilio* by which Canada is no longer a mission territory overseen by the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, passing from *jus missionum* to *jus commune*. Thus, its episcopal sees were placed under the jurisdiction of the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, its vicariates and prefectures under the *Propaganda Fide* and the Ruthenians under the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. (Jean Hamelin et Nicole Gagnon. *Histoire du catholicisme québécois...*, p. 64)

**1909**

The Oblates found the Rusyn-language newspaper *The Canadian Ruthenian*. (Oblates)

Foundation of the St. Denis Parish in Haywood.

Foundation of the Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish in Beausejour. In 1950, it served the Molson, Julius, Brighstone, Cloverleaf, and Stead Missions.

Opening of a kindergarten under the name Jardin Langevin, run by the Missionary Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart and of Mary Immaculate.

**1909-03-13**

Canonical erection of the St. Lazare Parish.

**1909-04-30**

Canonical erection of the St. Malo Parish.

**1909-05-11**

Canonical erection of the St. Paul Parish in Starbuck.

**1909-05-12**

Canonical erection of the Notre Dame de la Nativité Parish in Somerset.

**1909-05-14**

Canonical erection of the Our Lady of Victory Parish in Laurier.

**1909-07-01**

Canonical erection of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Fannystelle.

**1909-07-03**

Canonical erection of the Infant Jesus Parish Richer.

**1909-07-16**

Canonical erection of the Ste. Elisabeth Parish.

**1909-08-01**

Establishment of the Minor Seminary.

**1909-08-12**

Canonical erection of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Elie.

**1910**

Foundation of the Notre Dame du Lac Parish in Lac du Bonnet. In 1950, it served the Crescent Bay School, Great Falls, Landreville, Milner, Pinawa, Pointe du Bois, Seven Sisters, Smith Siding, and St. Gérard Missions.

**1910-01-07**

Canonical erection of the St. Joseph Mission.

Canonical erection of the St. John the Baptist Parish in Fishing Creek.

Canonical erection of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Gruber.

**1910-02-08**

Canonical erection of the Winnipegosis Parish.

**1910-03-04**

Erection of the Diocese of Regina.

**1910-06-05**

Canonical erection of the Holy Trinity Parish in Ethelbert.

Canonical erection of the St. Michael Parish in Mink River.

**1910-07-14**

Erection of the Apostolic Vicariate of Keewatin.

**1911**

Foundation of the Assumption Parish in Transcona.

Foundation of the Inwood Parish.

A new St. Nicholas School is built near the church of the same name.

Canonical erection of St. Peter's Abbey.

**1911-03-10**

The Juniorate housed in the old St. Boniface Industrial School burns down. On August 11<sup>th</sup>, the Juniorate's Oblates move to 233 Carlton Street, Winnipeg. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1914, the Juniorate is housed in the building on Provencher Boulevard in St. Boniface.

**1911-05-18**

Construction begins on the Minor Seminary in St. Boniface, which would become St. Boniface College after the 1922 fire.

**1911-09-07**

Canonical erection of the St. Josaphat's Parish in Sifton.

**1911-12-17**

Canonical erection of the Fisher Branch Parish.



**1912**

Foundation of the Our Lady of the Snow Oblate Mission (Berens River) which became an Oblate residence in 1913.

Foundation of the St. Ambroise Parish in Île-de-Pierre. It is served by St. Laurent.

Foundation of the Rivière aux Pécans Mission (Fisher Branch).

**1912-02-19**

Canonical erection of the St. Hedwig's Parish in Brandon

**1912-02-29**

Canonical erection of the Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish in Beausejour.

**1912-03-24**

Canonical erection of the St. Michael Parish in Cook's Creek.

**1912-05-03**

12 Carmelite nuns arrive in Manitoba.

**1912-05-06**

First day of the first closed retreat in Manitoba.

**1912-06-02**

Canonical erection of the St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Elma

**1912-07-15**

Election of Bishop Nykyta Budka, first Bishop of the Eastern Catholic Church in Canada.

**1912-07-24**

The Most Reverend Olivier Mathieu becomes Bishop of Regina.

**1912-07-26**

The new Carmelite convent opens in St. Boniface.

**1912-08-10**

Arrival of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, P.S.S.F.

**1912-08-19**

Arrival of the Benedictine Sisters in Manitoba.

**1912-09-02**

Canonical erection of the Notre Dame du Portage Parish in Kenora

**1912-11-30**

The Diocese of St. Albert becomes the Archdiocese of Edmonton.

Erection of the Diocese of Calgary.

**1912-12-10**

Canonical erection of the Holy Ghost Parish in Winnipeg.

**1913**

Foundation of a parish in Berens River, MB, served by Selkirk.

Foundation of the parish in Sioux Lookout, ON. In 1950, it served the Allan Water, Fowler, Ghost River, McDougall Mills, Pickle Crow, Robinson, Hudson, Superior Junction, Alcona, Ignace (including Dinorwie), Dymont, Taché, and Wabigoon Missions.

Arrival of the Marist Brothers in Ste. Anne. (Codex historicus, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 1913)

**1913-05-24**

Arthur Beliveau is appointed bishop and coadjutor to Archbishop Adélard Langevin, O.M.I.

**1913-01-22**

Canonical erection of the St. Joseph Parish in Winnipeg.

**1913-02-04**

Canonical erection of the St. Martin of Tours Parish in Swan Lake.

**1913-03-31**

The Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, S.N.J.M., move into their new boarding school on de la Cathedrale Avenue.

**1913-04-01**

The S.N.J.M. convent becomes the Ste. Famille juniorate.

**1913-05-20**

First printing of *La Liberté*.

**1913-07-25**

Bishop Arthur Béliveau is consecrated.

**1913-10-04**

Canonical erection of the St. Antoine Parish in Aubigny.

**1913-10-13**

Archbishop Adélard Langevin consecrates the St. Edward the Confessor Church in Winnipeg.

**1914-01-18**

Canonical erection of the St. Alphonsus Parish in East Kildonan. Construction of a temporary church begins on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**1914-08-27**

Arrival of the Ursuline nuns in Bruxelles.

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# Archdiocese of St. Boniface Timeline - 1915 to 1954

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## **1915-06-15**

Death of Archbishop Louis-Philippe Adélarde Langevin.

## **1915-12-04**

Creation of the Diocese of Winnipeg. Bishop Alfred Arthur Sinnott is its first bishop.

The diocese of Regina, erected on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1910, becomes an archdiocese with the Most Reverend Olivier Elzéar Mathieu as archbishop.

## **1915-12-09**

The Most Reverend Arthur Béliveau becomes the fourth Bishop and third Archbishop of St. Boniface.

## **1916-09-02**

The Redemptorists open a Juniorate in Brandon. (A. McBriarty, *The History of the Redemptorists in Western Canada, Report 1946-47*, The Canadian Catholic Historical Association, p.75)

## **1916-05-12**

The Redemptorists arrive in Ste. Anne, Manitoba.

## **1916-09-18**

Benedict XV publishes a letter, *Commissio Divinitus*, containing his opinion on Regulation 17. He affirmed the Franco-Ontarians right to and education in French and "to defend that which they hold dear" [translation], that is to legal resistance. (Jean Hamelin and Nicole Gagnon. *Histoire du catholicisme québécois...*, p. 98.)

## **1916-12-15**

Canonical erection of the Our Lady of Carmel Mission in Carman.

Canonical erection of the Ste. Geneviève Parish.

## **1917-10-09**

Canonical erection of the Flemish Sacré Cœur Parish in St. Boniface.

## **1918-05-11**

The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood arrive in St. Boniface.

## **1918-06-07**

Benedict XV publishes another letter, *Elitteris*, in which he unequivocally defended Franco-Ontarian rights.

## **1918-12-08**

St. Mary's Church in Winnipeg is made a Cathedral and dedicated to Mary Immaculate.

## **1918-12-10**

Opening of the college in Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan.

**1918-12-31**

Redemptorists Father Alfred Trudel and Brother Eusèbe move into the first rooms in the new monastery.

**1919**

Creation of the International Falls Oblate residence. (Oblates)

**1919-07-01**

Opening of the Sacred Heart votive chapel designed by P. Boyer in Lebret. This postwar chapel, twinned with Montmatre, is the destination of a pilgrimage to the Sacred Heart. (Oblates)

**1920**

Foundation of the Oblate house in Gravelbourg. (Oblates)

**1921**

Canonical erection of St. Peter's abbey as a territorial abbey.

**1921-01-14**

Canonical erection of the St. Lupicin Parish.

**1921-04-15**

Father Damase Dandurand, O.M.I., the first Canadian Oblate and oldest priest at the time, dies at 102.

**1921-10-18**

Consecration of the Most Reverend Joseph Henri Prud'homme, Bishop of Prince Albert and Saskatoon, in the St. Boniface Cathedral.

**1922-05-15**

Canonical erection of the Holy Cross Parish in St. Boniface.

**1922-11-25**

St. Boniface College burns down, killing 10.

**1923-01-04**

Académie Provencher burns down.

**1923-04**

Foundation of the Conseil Provencher 2450 (Knights of Columbus). (*Annuaire du Conseil Provencher*, 1924, Archives de la SHSB 1.2/78)

**1924**

The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette arrive in Manitoba and settle in Beausejour's Catholic parish.

Foundation of the St. Patrick Parish in Manitou, MB, served by Carman.

Foundation of the Notre Dame de Pellevoisin Parish in McIntosh, ON. In 1950, it served the Grassy Narrows, Bonheur, Taché, Minaki, Dinorwie, Eagle River, and Vermilion Bay Missions.

**1924-08-06**

The Our Lady of the Prairies Monastery is erected as a priory.

**1925**

Foundation of the Immaculate Conception Residential School (McIntosh). It was made a residence in 1925 and a house in 1946. (Oblates).

Foundation of the St. Joseph Parish in Dryden, ON. In 1950, it served the Ste. Marguerite Marie Parish in Eagle River, ON.

Archbishop Béliveau founds the Little Missionaries of St. Joseph in Otterburne. The congregation would dissolve in the 1970s, due to the lack of religious vocations.

**1925-07-15**

Erection of the Apostolic Prefecture of the Hudson Bay. (Oblates)

**1926**

Foundation of the Scholasticate in Lebret. (Oblates)

**1926-01-17**

Antoine Hacault is born in Bruxelles, Manitoba.

**1927-02-17**

Official opening of the Sacred Heart scholasticate in Lebret. (Oblates)

**1928**

Foundation of the Sacred Heart Parish in Vassar. In 1950, it served the Piney, Badger, Burn's School, and White Mouth Lake Missions.

**1928-09-12**

The Capuchin Fathers arrive in Manitoba and take charge of the Belgian Sacred Heart Parish.

**1929**

Foundation of the Christ Roi Parish in Indian Springs.

**1929-03-07**

Inauguration of the Sts. Martyrs Canadiens Chapel (the College's former kitchen, now CKSB).

**1929-06-20**

Departure of the Carmelites.

**1929-08-04**

First pilgrimage to St. Joseph in Otterburne.

**1930-01-31**

Erection of the Diocese of Gravelbourg.

**1931**

Bishop Villeneuve founds the de Mazenod Major Seminary in Gravelbourg and places it under the Oblates' management.

**1931-09-29**

The Grey Nuns open a Sanatorium in St. Vital for patients with tuberculosis.

**1931-12-15**

The Apostolic Prefecture of the Hudson Bay becomes an apostolic vicariate. (Oblates)

**1933-06-09**

Erection of the Diocese of Saskatchewan.

**1933-09-21**

Consecration of Bishop Émile Yelle, coadjutor of St. Boniface, in Notre Dame de Montréal.

**1934-09-04**

Canonical erection of the St. Viateur Parish in Otterburne.

**1934-12-04**

Erection of the St. Emile Chapel in St. Vital.

**1935-12-10**

Canonical erection of the Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Ladywood.

**1936**

Foundation of the Bloodvein mission, which became an Oblate residence in 1944. In 1964, it served Little Grand Rapids. (Oblates)

Foundation of the St. Theresa Parish in Hudson, ON.

**1936-06-03**

Académie St. Joseph, run by the Sisters of the Holy names of Jesus and Mary, becomes an affiliated college of the University of Manitoba under the name Collège Saint-Joseph (1936-1965). Officially opening on September 21<sup>st</sup>, it serves as a women's section of St. Boniface College. (Hélène Chaput, *Synopsis S.N.J.M. 1874 - 1984; Une histoire sommaire des soeurs S.N.J.M. au Manitoba*. Saint-Boniface: Académie Saint-Joseph, 1985, p.31-32.)

**1936-12-10**

Canonical erection of the St. Joseph Parish in Dryden, ON.

Canonical erection of the of the Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Rainy River, ON.

**1936-12-12**

Canonical erection of the parish in Sioux Lookout, ON.

**1937**

Foundation of the Holy Trinity Parish in Tolstoi. In 1994, it served the St Isidore Chapel in Vita.

Foundation of the St. Michael Parish in Arondale.

A hospital is opened in Berens River.

Foundation of the St. Anthony Parish in Elma. In 1950, it served Hadashville, Whitemouth, and Rennie.

**1937-01-14**

Canonical erection of the Notre Dame du Chemin Parish in Pinewood.

**1937-03-19**

Canonical erection of the St. Louis de France Parish in Keewatin.

**1937-07-17**

Canonical erection of the Assumption Parish in Transcona.

**1937-11-18**

Canonical erection of the Holy Trinity Parish in Tolstoi.

**1937-12-08**

Canonical erection of the Notre Dame du Lac Parish in Lac du Bonnet.

**1938**

Foundation of *The Indian Record*. (Oblates)

Foundation of the Oblate residence in Ste. Rose du Lac. In 1964, it served Ebb & Flow, Cayer, Eddystone, Ochre River, and Salt Point. (Oblates)

**1938-04-30**

Canonical erection of the Sacred Heart Parish in Vassar.

Canonical erection of the Ste. Jeanne d'Arc Parish in South Junction.

**1938-08-09**

Canonical erection of the St. Alphonse Parish.

**1940**

Foundation of the St. Stanislaus of Koska Parish in East Selkirk.

**1941**

Canadian Publishers Limited, owned by the Oblates, acquires *Le Patriote*. The first issue of *La Liberté et Le Patriote* is published on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**1941-06-30**

The Most Reverend Georges Cabana is consecrated as archbishop-coadjutor of the Most Reverend Béliveau and the Most Reverend Rosario Brodeur is consecrated as Bishop of Alexandria, ON.

**1942**

Foundation of the St. Emile Parish in St. Vital.

**1943**

The Oblates found St. Ambroise station. In 1964, it served Woodlands. (Oblates)

Foundation of the St. Gerard Parish in Elmwood.

Foundation of the St. Patrick's Parish in Atikokan, ON. In 1950, it served the Banning, Bear's Pass, Calm Lake, Crilly, Elizabeth, Flanders, Glenorchy, Kawene, La Seine, Mine Centers, Nickle Lake, and Overflow Sapawe Missions.

Foundation of the Lac Seul parish in Ontario. In 1950, it served the Frenchman's Head, Unaka, Cat Lake, Consummit Lake, Red Lake Rd, Niddrie, Milidge, Pekangikun, and Gold Pines Missions as well as the Indigenous population of Red Lake, Cochenour, Hudson, and Sioux Lookout.

**1944**

Foundation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Treherne. In 1950, it served Rathwell, Holland, and Cypress River.

Foundation of the St. John the Evangelist Parish in Little Grand Rapids.

**1944-03-02**

Canonical erection of the Ste. Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus Parish in Pine Falls.

**1945**

The Oblates take on the responsibility of organizing retreats and acquire a house in St. Boniface which would be known as Maison de Notre Dame du Cénacle (Our Lady of the Cenacle house). (Oblates)

Foundation of the Précieux Sang Parish in St Boniface.

**1945-06-19**

Beginning of a Missionary Congress which included an exposition, conferences, pageants, the unveiling of a monument, etc. (Oblates)

**1945-09-02**

Canonical erection of the St. Eugène Parish in St. Vital.

**1946-01-11**

Canonical erection of the St. Denis Parish in Haywood.

**1946-05-27**

CKSB, the first francophone radio station outside of Quebec, begins broadcasting.

**1946-09-08**

Official opening of the St. Boniface Major Seminary, run by the Oblate priests. It was temporarily housed in the Trappist Monastery Guest House in St. Norbert. In 1948, management of the Major Seminary was transferred to the diocesan clergy. (Oblates) (*Les Cloches de Saint-Boniface*, vol XIV, September 1986, issue 9, p. 214.)

**1946-xx-11**

The reverend [Léo Blais] ..., called on jocists in November 1946 to try and launch a St. Boniface version of the Order of Good Cheer. The first evening social for St. Boniface's catholic youth was organized for November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1946. (Lucien Chaput, *Vive la compagnie! 50 ans d'histoire en danse, chant et musique*. Saint-Boniface: Les Éditions du Blé, 1997, p.3.)

**1947**

Foundation of the St. Alfred Parish in Morris.

Opening of the Notre Dame pool, built by St. Boniface's Catholic parish to "ensure the living of a life worthy of heaven, whether at home, at work, or at play. Notre Dame will be a public pool; however, everyone will know it belongs to a French-Canadian Catholic parish. ...[translation]" (Léo Blais, "La piscine Notre-Dame", *La Liberté et le Patriote*, July 25, 1947, p.4)

**1947-12-21**

Death of the Most Reverend Émile Yelle.

**1948-03-11**

Consecration of the Most Reverend Laurent Tétreault, a White Father in Africa, Bishop of Bukoba.

**1948-09-14**

Official opening of the St. Boniface Major Seminary at 622 Taché Street.

**1948-10-28**

Consecration of the Most Reverend Maurice Baudoux, Bishop of St. Paul, AB.

**1949**

Foundation of the Holy Family Parish in St. Boniface.

Foundation of the Notre Dame du Cap Parish in St. Boniface.

Foundation of the Notre Dame de Fatima Parish in Grande Prairie.

**1949-03-19**

Canonical erection of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mission in Treherne.

Canonical erection of the Our Lady of Cypress Mission in Cypress River.

**1949-05-07**

Canonical erection of the St. Gerard Parish in Bruxelles.

**1949-08-15 to 17**

The Missionary Congress on missionary education in residential schools is held in St. Boniface.

**1949-10-10**

The St. Boniface Cathedral is elevated to the rank of minor basilica.

**1950**

The Oblates found Vermilion Bay station. In 1964, it served Eagle River, Quibell, Robinson Camp, Eagle Lake, Wabigoon, Lac Seul, the Dynment posts, S.L. Hospital, Hudson, and the camps along the C.N.R. and C.P.R. Camp 210. (Oblates)



The Oblates found Grahamdale station. In 1964, it served Ashern, Camper, Mulvihill, Faulkner, Gypsumville, Homebrook, Saint-Marin, Speerhill, and Steep Rock. (Oblates)

The Oblates found Crane River station. In 1964, it served Mallard, Skownan, and Waterhen. (Oblates)

The Oblates found Duck Bay station. (Oblates)

**1950-06-17**

The Oblate noviciate opens in St. Norbert.

**1950-09-26**

Canonical erection of the Notre Dame de l'Assomption Parish in South Junction.

Canonical erection of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Treherne.

Canonical erection of the St. John Berchmans Parish in Holland.

**1951-05-20**

Antoine Hacault is ordained.

**1951-09-26**

Canonical erection of the Ste Marie Parish in St. Vital.

**1952-12-07**

Canonical erection of the St. Maurice Parish in Morris.

**1952-03-04**

The Most Reverend Maurice Baudoux becomes Archbishop-coadjutor of St. Boniface (Canada Ecclésiastique, 1954).

**1953**

Foundation of the Minor Seminary in Fort Alexander. (Oblates)

Foundation of the St. Andrew Bobola Parish in St. Boniface.

**1953-11-11**

The Most Reverend Aimé Decosse is appointed Bishop Gravelbourg SK.

**1953-12-08**

The Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is named the patroness of the ecclesiastical province of St. Boniface. (LCSB vol. LIII issue 1, 01-01-1954)

**1954-01-20**

Consecration of Bishop Aimé Decosse.

Fort Alexander's Indian Council donates a large tract of land for St. John's Minor Seminary. (Oblates)

The Oblates found Lundar station. In 1964, it served Ericksdale. (Oblates)

Jesuit Father Oscar Boily is appointed rector of St Boniface College. He is the first Manitoba-born rector. He was also the last francophone Jesuit in Manitoba. He died in the archbishop's residence in St. Boniface in 1994.

**1954-06-27**

First diocesan pilgrimage to Notre Dame du Laus in Powerview

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# Archdiocese of St. Boniface Timeline - 1955 to 1995

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## **1955**

Foundation of the Christ the King Parish in St. Vital.

The Oblates found Ste. Marie station (Birtle). In 1964, it serves Binscarth, Elphinstone, Gambler Reserve, Lizzard Point Reserve, Okanens Reserve, Rolling River, Valley River Reserve, Griswold, and Pipestone. (Oblates)

## **1955-05-24**

Consecration of the Most Reverend Paul Dumouchel, appointed Apostolic Vicar of Keewatin, the first Junior from St. Boniface to become a bishop. (Oblates)

## **1955-09-14**

Death of Archbishop Arthur Béliveau.

The Most Reverend Maurice Baudoux becomes the fifth Bishop and fourth Archbishop of St. Boniface.

## **1956-10-02**

Canonical erection of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart's Grande Pointe abbey, in Île des Chênes' Notre Dame de la Miséricorde Parish. Their goal was to house a juniorate to recruit teaching brothers. (LCSB, vol. LV #12, 1-12-1956)

## **1957**

Foundation of the Oblate's Fort William Residence (Thunder Bay ON). (Oblates)

Foundation of the Oblate's Précieux Sang Residence. (Oblates)

The Oblates found Pelican Rapids station. (Oblates)

The Oblates found Morson station. (Oblates)

The Oblates found Assumption station (Red Lake). In 1964, it served Cochenour, Slate Lake, Pekagikum, North Spirit Lake, and Poplar Hill. (Oblates)

## **1958-03-02**

First mass at the St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Transcona.

## **1958-11-04**

John XXIII begins his pontifical ministry.

## **1960**

Foundation of the St. Louis de France cure in St Boniface.

## **1960-10-02**

Official opening of the Villa Maria Retreat House in St. Norbert

## **1960-04-24**

CBWTF, a French-language SRC television station, begins broadcasting

**1960-09-01**

Foundation of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Transcona.

**1961**

Foundation of the Sts. Martyrs Canadiens Parish in St. Boniface.

**1961-01-05**

Canonical erection of the St. Bernadette Parish in St. Boniface.

**1962**

Foundation of the Sioux Nations Oblate station. In 1964, it served Crow Portage, Nestor Falls, Whitefish Bay and the logging camps. (Oblates)

**1962-10-11**

John XXIII opens the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council.

**1962-12-14**

Consecration of the Most Reverend Rémi DeRoo, Bishop of Victoria, BC.

**1963**

The Grey Nuns enter into an agreement with municipal authorities to house the Musée de St. Boniface Museum in their convent, built in 1846 and the oldest building in Winnipeg. It is also known as the largest hand-cut oak-log construction in North America.

**1964-07-30**

Reverend Antoine Hacault is appointed Archbishop Maurice Baudoux's auxiliary bishop.

**1964-09-08**

Consecration of the Most Reverend Antoine Hacault.

**1965-12-10**

Canonical erection of the Holy Redeemer Parish of North Kildonan.

**1966-03-13**

Official opening of the St. Louis Centre.

**1968-05**

The closing of St. Boniface Major Seminary is officially announced. Archbishop Baudoux and Bishop Hacault indicate that the seminary will no longer receive aspiring priests starting in September. (LCSB vol.67 issue 1, 04-05-1968, p. 165-167)

**1968-07-22**

St. Boniface Cathedral fire.

**1972-04-30**

The Most Reverend Raymond Roy is appointed Bishop of St. Paul, AB. He is consecrated as bishop on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1972.

**1972-07-17**

Consecration of the 6<sup>th</sup> church and 4<sup>th</sup> Cathedral of St. Boniface.

**1972-10-28**

The Most Reverend Antoine Hacault is appointed Archbishop Coadjutor.

**1974-02-19**

Consecration of the Most Reverend Noël Delaquis, Bishop of the Diocese of Gravelbourg, SK.

**1974-09-07**

The Most Reverend Antoine Hacault succeeds Archbishop Maurice Baudoux and becomes the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop and 5<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of St. Boniface.

**1976**

The Trappist Monastery in St. Norbert (Our Lady of the Prairies) closes. The Cistercians move to Holland, Manitoba.

**1978**

Foundation of Winnipeg's Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, the city's first Indigenous parish. (Oblates)

**1978-08-26**

Albino Luciani is elected John Paul I.

**1978-10-22**

John Paul II begins his pontifical ministry.

**1979-09-08**

Canonical erection of the Mary Mother of the Church Parish in Fort Richmond, in St. Norbert.

**1983-12-03**

Beginnings of the Laotian Catholic community.

**1983-12-30**

Beginnings of the Vietnamese Catholic community.

**1984-09-16**

Pope John Paul II celebrates mass in Bird's Hill Provincial Park.

**1986-02-06**

Death of the Most Reverend Georges Cabana, Archbishop emeritus of Sherbrooke.

**1988**

Foundation of the Christ Our Saviour Parish in Steinbach.

**1988-07-01**

Death of Archbishop Maurice Baudoux.

**1989-05-30**

Canonical erection of the St. Timothy Parish in St. Vital.

**1990-09-16**

Foundation of the Our Lady of Hope Parish in Anola.

**1991-08-18**

The Kateri Tekakwitha Parish's first church opens in Winnipeg. It is the first urban Indigenous community to have its own church. (Oblates)

**1994-03-18:**

The Most Reverend Pierre Fisette is ordained Bishop of Hearst.

**1995-06-14**

Consecration of Bishop Raymond Roussin in the St. Boniface Cathedral.

**1995-12-21**

Death of the Most Reverend Pierre Fisette, Bishop of Hearst.

# History of the Diocese in 1947

[Article de Les Cloches de Saint-Boniface par monseigneur Cabana \(pdf\)](#)

In October 1946, the Société historique de Saint-Boniface began a series of historical accounts of Franco-Manitoban parishes called "Le Manitoba à vol d'oiseau" ("a bird's-eye view of Manitoba"). These talks were broadcast by CKSB. As a part of the series, Mgr Cabana gave a talk presenting an overview of the diocese's history entitled "La Prodigieuse expansion du diocèse de Saint-Boniface" ("the prodigious expansion of the Diocese of St. Boniface"). His approach holds interest as a 1940's perspective on the history he surveys. In that context, the history of the clergy took precedence and religious practice and ecclesiastical organisation were used as a measure of success.

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