

Finding Aid

**N. B. Parish Registers:
La Cathédrale Immaculée Conception, 1880-1920"**
[microfilm]

MCC-00168

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Introduction

This microfilm provides information about parish records regarding the parish of La Cathédrale Immaculée Conception, New Brunswick. The reel contains information of the parish registers for the years 1880-1920.

Access

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

Scope and Content Notes

"N. B. Parish Registers: St-Hilaire, 1869 - 1920" contains such information as baptism records, marriage records, death records, communion records, etc. Three (3) volumes were filmed on this microfilm reel: v.1 1880 - 1900; v.2 1900 - 1912; v.3 1913 - 1920.

Historical Note

Till 1872, the people in the community of "le Petit Sault" (Edmundston) had to travel to Saint-Basile, County of Madawaska, New Brunswick to fulfill their religious duties. But with the years, the small community is growing and in need of a parish of their own with a resident priest.

The first step is founding a mission with the name of "Notre-Dame du Petit-Sault" or "Notre-Dame-de-Madawaska in 1872. Bishop James Rogers of the Chatham diocese, authorize the construction of a small chapel on a piece of land donated by Mr. Francis Rice. Every Sundays for 8 years, priests from Saint-Basile came to celebrate mass.

In 1880, the people of the Notre-Dame du Petit-Sault's mission demand a resident priest. Bishop Rogers decides to bring the two missions of Notre-Dame du Petit Sault and Saint-Jacques to the status of parishes and ask abbot Louis-Côme d'Amours to take over. Father d'Amours will first reside in Saint-Jacques and then moves in the Costello house located on Canada Road in now Edmundston. In 1881, construction of the first church is begun and is open to the parishioners during the summer of 1882 and the chapel is then used as the presbytery.

In 1908, after father d'Amours dies, abbot William J. Conway, successor, stays for 53 years till

his death on 16 January 1961.¹

Related collection: MCC-00181 “N.B. Parish Registers: Cathédrale Immaculée Conception, 1880-1993.

¹Translated from la “Revue de la Société Historique du Madawaska - Livre-souvenir préparé par Jacques G. Albert” 1995