

**Finding Aid**

**“N. B. Parish Registers:  
St-Joseph  
St-André  
Notre-Dame des Prodiges  
Ste-Anne”  
[microfilm]**

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### **Introduction**

This microfilm provides information about birth, confirmation, marriage, and burial parish records regarding the parishes of St-Joseph, St-André, Notre-Dame des Prodiges, Ste-Anne, New Brunswick.

### **Access**

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

### **Scope and Content Notes**

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### **Historical Note**

#### **Saint-Joseph**

In 1914 the inhabitants of Saint-Joseph want to build a chapel but because of a lack of funds and misunderstanding for a specific site, the project isn't realized before 1919 when the Bishop of Chatham entrust, in Monsignor Conway of Edmundston, the charge of solving the problem. Being known as a diplomat and a builder and with the decision of the community, they choose a building site for their church. The people show a remarkable enthusiasm in building the church which opens in November of 1919 and the first mass is celebrated on November 9, 1919 by Monsignor Conway. The mission of Saint-Joseph is canonized in 1924 and founded as a parish.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Saint-André**

Many families establishing themselves in Saint-André are from Québec and others are from Acadian descent (Cormier, Godreau, Cyr, Mazerolle). Before the construction of their church in 1904, the people of Saint-André had been going to church in Saint-Léonard, Grand Falls, and Van Buren. The foundation of a distinct parish by Monsignor Barry is very welcome by the

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population of Saint-André which are in majority French.<sup>2</sup>

### **Notre-Dames des Prodiges (de Kedgwick)**

Before 1915, the parish of Kedgwick is served by priests coming from the Diocese of Bathurst. From 1907 through 1911, mass is celebrated here and there: in the woods, in houses, and even in barns. In 1911 Mrs Joseph Girard donates land with a wooden structure to the parish. That wooden structure becomes the first chapel used for a year before the construction of another wooden chapel in 1912. It is in 1915 that the parish welcomes their first resident priest, father Jean-Baptiste Thibault who serves the parish for 25 years till March 7, 1940, the day he died.<sup>3</sup>

### **Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska**

From 1872 to 1886, the parish is served under different parishes and parish registers are as follows:

September 1872 to May 1874: Saint-Basile

May 1874 to October 1876: Saint-Léonard-Parent

October 1876 to September 1886: Saint-Basile

Traveling along the transcanada highway, from the east or the west, we come upon this immense and magnificent church in Sainte-Anne. It was built in 1923 in the back of the first chapel which is the old cemetery site. The exterior of the church is built of stones collected from lands of different parishioners.<sup>4</sup>

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