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N.B. PARISH REGISTERS: CATHÉDRALE L'IMMACULÉE- CONCEPTION, 1880-1993 [microfilm]

Provenance: Provincial Archives of New Brunswick *Accession Number:* MCC-00181

Collection Title: N.B. Parish Registers: Cathédrale L'Immaculée-Conception, 1880-1993

Date Range: 1880-1993 *Shelflist Numbers:* UF198-201

Physical Characteristics: 4 35mm microfilm reels *Condition:* Excellent

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Introduction

This finding aid provides information about four microfilm reels of parish records and finding aids created by La Cathédrale L'Immaculée-Conception at Edmundston N.B. The reels contain images of parish registers for 1880-1921; an index of births, marriages, and deaths (1880-1991); and a list of confirmations (1882-1993).

Concordance

This microfilm edition was created by the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick in 1993. Original PANB reel numbers are:

<u>AA/AA #</u>		<u>PANB #s</u>
UF-0181 (1/4)	=	A4523 / F15723
UF-0181 (2/4)	=	A4524 / F15724
UF-0181 (3/4)	=	A4525 / F15725
UF-0181 (4/4)	=	A4526 / F15726

Access

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

Scope and Content Notes

These four reels are part of a larger 8-reel set of complete parish records (1880-1993) microfilmed in 1993 by the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. The records included on these reels fall into three groupings:

- UF-0181 (1/4) Births/Marriages/Deaths 1880-1991
(*Alphabetized, arranged by year*)
Indexes prepared by parish staff, later typed. Both handwritten and typed versions are included.
- UF-0181 (2/4) Registers of confirmation 1882-1993
(*Alphabetized, arranged by year*)
Lists of individuals confirmed prepared by parish staff, later typed. Both handwritten and typed versions are included.
- UF-0181 (3-4/4) Parish registers 1880-1921
(*Chronological daily entries*)
Original day-by-day register entries by parish priests. The first volume has been transcribed; the typed transcription is included on Reel 3.

Related Archival Collections

The full PANB microfilm edition of 8 reels also includes the remaining parish registers covering the period January 1921 through July 1993. These microfilms can be viewed at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick and at le Centre de documentation et d'études madawaskayennes, l'Université de Moncton, Campus d'Edmundston.

Date Range

The date range of the microfilms in this collection is 1880-1993. However, it should be understood that our copy of this collection does NOT include the four reels containing films of registers dating after 1921. Events which took place from 1922 and 1993 are referred to in the indexes on our four reels, but for the register entries for those events you will want to visit PANB or CDEM (see above)

Historical Note

The mother parish for the Upper Saint John Valley was Saint-Basile, erected in 1792 at Saint-Basile in what was then the Province of New Brunswick. It served as the only parish for the region until 1838, when Saint-Bruno was erected at what is now Van Buren ME to serve the eastern end of the Valley. Sainte-Luce (at what is now Frenchville ME) was erected in 1842 to serve the Valley from Saint-Hilaire westward. The central part of the Valley continued to be served by Saint-Basile until well after the Webster-Ashburton Treaty divided the banks of the Saint John River between New Brunswick and the United States, when the parish of Saint-David was erected on the Maine shore in 1868.

New parishes continued to be split off from Saint-Basile as changes in population required. Sainte-Anne-de-Madawaska (which included some territory from Saint-Léonard-Parent, itself split from Saint-Bruno in 1868) was erected in 1872. Immaculé-Conception was erected in 1880 to serve the rapidly-growing population of Edmundston. Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, mission of Saint-Basile located at Rivière-Verte since 1890 (with its own chapel since 1910) was erected in 1923.

Immaculé-Conception began as a mission of Saint-Basile in 1872 under the name "Notre-Dame du Petit-Sault" (an early name for the Edmundston area) or "Notre-Dame de Madawaska." RP Louis-Côme d'Amours was appointed the first resident priest in 1880 and began building the first church in 1881. Following his death in 1908, he was succeeded by Mgr William Conway who served for 52 years (1908 - 1961). The present cathedral was completed in 1925

Eventually Edmundston required a second parish, and Notre-Dame des Sept Douleurs was erected in 1938.

Related Collections

An earlier microfilm project was carried out in the late 1950s by the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Church. They microfilmed registers through 1920 for most of the parishes on the New Brunswick side of the Valley (apparently, permission was denied for filming on the American side). The LDS microfilm is in negative (white-on-black) format and is not as easy to read as the PANB films. It also contains no information after 1920 and contains no indexes. The Acadian Archives does have copies of the LDS films for La Cathédrale l'Immaculé-Conception:

MCC-00168 "N.B. Parish Register: Cathédrale l'Immaculé-Conception, 1880-1920"