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- 1945-1957 Bishop of Gaspé (Second)
- 1894- Born Friday May the 1st at Bouctouche N.B. Son of Joseph LeBlanc and Marie Cormier.
- Educated;
- Classical Studies at Caraquet college N.B.
- Theological studies seminary Halifax.
- 1921- Ordained priest by His Excellency Edward LeBlanc. Bishop of Saint John N.B. on Sunday May the 15th. At the St John's cathedral, Saint-John, N.B.
- 1924- Studied in Rome.
- 1925- Doctor of Theology Rome.
- 1940- Consecrated bishop by His Excellency Bishop Melançon. Archbishop of Moncton, Tuesday, February the 11th at Assumption Cathedral.
- 1945- Elected to the see of Gaspé December the 22.
- 1945- Enthroned bishop of Gaspé. (second) on May the 8 at the Christ the King Cathedral, Gaspé.
- 1957- Died Friday, May the 17 in highway accident at St-Majorique de Fontenelle Gaspé, in 64th year of his age, the 36th year of his priesthood and the 17th year of his episcopate.
- Buried in the Jacques Cartier cemetery Gaspé.

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MGR. PAUL JONCAS .

- 1952- Vicar-General of Gaspé.
- 1919- Born, December 31, at St-Maurice Gaspé.
- 1945- Ordained priest by his Excellency Charles-Eugène Parent, Archbishop of Rimouski, on May 27, at St-Maurice Church, St-Maurice, Gaspé.
- 1946- Licence in theology Laval University, Quebec.
- 1950- Doctor of canonical Law Rome.
- 1952- Appointed Vicar-General of Gaspé on September the 8.
- 1954- Domestic Prelate.

CANON HONORE CAVANAGH.

- 1955- Chancellor of Gaspé.
- 1918- Born, March the 6th at St-Omer Bonaventure.
- 1944- Ordained priest by his Excellency F.X. Ross bishop of Gaspé on June 18th at St-Omer church, St-Omer Bonaventure.
- 1955- Appointed chancellor of the diocese of Gaspé on September the 8.
- 1956- Appointed chief canon July the 6.

THE REVEREND FATHER JEROME DUGUAY.

- 1957- Secretary to the bishop and master of ceremonies.
- 1921- Born, October the 2nd at Grand River Gaspé.
- 1950- Ordained priest by His Excellency Albini Leblanc, bishop of Gaspé on June the 8th.
- 1957- Appointed secretary to the bishop, and master of ceremonies of December the 4th.

STAFF OF THE BISHOPRIC

HIS EXCELLENCY ARCHBISHOP-~~BISHOP~~ PAUL BERNIER

1957- ~~Archbishop~~-Bishop of Gaspé. (Third)

1906- Born January 18, at Saint Sauveur, Quebec. Son of Joseph Aruthur Bernier, organist, composer and professor of music at Laval University, and of Marie Louise Côté. His father was organist at Saint Sauveur from 1906-1914; at Notre-Dame de Jacques Cartier from 1914-17, and at St.-Jean Baptiste from 1917-1943.

Archbishop-Bishop Bernier is a nephew of Reverend Father Hippolyte Bernier, a former parish priest of Lauzon. He is a nephew of Alphonse Bernier, a former deputy minister for Levis, in the Provincial House; also a nephew of Doctor Eudore Bernier of Beauceville. His grandmother Melvina Turgeon was first cousin to Cardinal Louis Nazaire Begin, a former archbishop of Quebec. Doctor Charles Eugene Côté, Deputy Minister of Saint Sauveur and speaker of the Legislative Assembly 1912-16, was a brother of his mother.

EDUCATION:

1912- Primary studies: The sisters of Charity in Quebec, at the Jardin de L'Enfance of Saint Sauveur, and at the Pensionnat St. Louis-de-Gonzague.

1916- Entered the little Seminary of Quebec.

1924- Bachelor of Arts, Seminary of Quebec.

1924- Bachelor of Science, Seminary of Quebec.

1928- Doctor of Theology, Grand Seminary of Quebec.

1928- Ordained priest by Cardinal Raymond-Marie Rouleau, O.P.

Archbishop of Quebec, on Sunday, June 17th, at Saint Sauveur Church, Quebec.

- 1928-1930- Secretary of the Metropolitan Curia of Quebec.
- 1930- Master of Ceremonies to Cardinal Raymond-Marie Rouleau O.P. Archbishop of Quebec, on his mission to Rome for the beatification of the Canadian Martyrs.
- 1930-1932- Private Secretary of Cardinal Jean-Marie Rodrigue Villeneuve, O.M.I. Archbishop of Quebec, the successor of Cardinal Rouleau.
- 1932-35- Superior Studies in Rome.
- 1935- Doctor of Canonical Law Angelico Pontifical, University of Rome, and a diploma of the Bibliothèque Apostolique Vaticane.
- 1936- Organized the Second Week's missionaries studies in Canada.
- 1938- Thesis of his Diocesan was published for parochial law.
- 1938- Appointed Cancellor of the Archbishop of Quebec, and Vice-Official of the Metropolitan tribunal.
- 1940- National Secretary of the Clergy Missionary Union(French Section) and of the Missionary Cooperation National Committee.
- 1942- Organized the first National Congress of the United Missionaries Cooperation.
- 1942-47- Appointed by the Episcopal Assembly president of the Catholic programs of the interdioceses committee at State Radio Place.
- 1939- Became a Member of the University in the teaching profession.
- 1939-47-Professor of Constitutional Law and Ecclesiastic procedure in faculties of Canonical Law at Laval University. (first)
- 1944-47- Professor at Ottawa University.
- 1943- Appointed by the Canadian Episcopal permanent Secretary of the Conference Catholique Canadienne, Ottawa.
- 1943-47-Appointed French (first) secretary of the Conference Catholique of Ottawa.
- 1947- Called to Rome and appointed State Secretary of Sacredness

and extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs.

- 1948- Appointed by the Pope, auditor in charge of 'ad interim' of the apostolic nunciature of Panama Affairs.
- 1951- Elevated to the rank of the Advisor of Nunciature.
- 1952- Appointed Nuncio Apostolic of Costa Rica and Panama and titular Archbishop of Lattaquish and of Syria.
- 1957- Elected to the See of Gaspe, September 9th.
- 1957- Enthroned Bishop of Gaspe(third) on Wednesday, December 4th.
- Note.1940- Made preparations for the publication of the Decrees of the Diocesan Synod.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

POINT NAVARRE

The shrine began with the arrival of the first Servite, (Reverend Father Jean Marie Watier) at the parish of Saint Marjorique Fontenelle, after Father Casey parish priest of Saint Marjorique, at that time had exchanged several letters with the Provincial of the Servites of Mary.

On January 23rd. 1938, the third Sunday after Epiphany by the 4:30 p.m. train, the Master of Novices and Professor of Ottawa, left the capital of Canada for Gaspé, and from there to Saint Marjorique for the purpose of seeing if this parish and the adjoining mission of Point Navarre could be accepted to His Order.

In March of the same year, His Excellency Bishop F.X. Ross went to Ottawa to confer with the Provincial in order to obtain Fathers to take charge of the parish of Saint Marjorique.

Reverend Father J.M. Watier of the order was appointed ^{Rector} ~~the parish~~ of the widely scattered parish. He arrived at Gaspé, April 29th. by train. Pierre Marie Fournier son of Evariste met the new priest at the station and brought him to Saint Marjorique,

At the opening of the Devotions of the month of May, Father Casey announced to the faithful the arrival of the Servite Father to the parish and then sang "Deo Gratias".

On May 2nd. Father Watier paid his first visit to Point Navarre. There he called at the school and interviewed the teacher, (Angelina McCoy) May 8th., the first mass of Point Navarre was celebrated in the little school at the end of the bridge by Reverend Father Watier. The same day he visited an 88 year old man. (O. Vezina).

May 27th. His Excellency Bishop Ross visited Father Watier.

May 28th., Father Lavigne arrived from Ottawa to work with Father

Watier as assistant priest.

May 31st. Father Casey left Saint Marjorique for Montreal.

June 1st. two neighbouring priests Father Vaillancourt and Father Rivard visited Father Watier.

THE SHRINE

On May 8th. 1938 Father Watier blessed the first statue of our Lady of Sorrows. A gift of Reverend Father Beniot M. Mattempe of the order of the Servites of Mary.

On Saturday July 2nd. 1938 Bishop F.X. Ross purchased from Henry Stanley Sr. a plot of land for the purpose of building a shrine. The following year November 13th. the Bishop gave the land to the Servite Fathers.

December 11th. 1938 the first donation was received from Dr. C.E. Pouliot who generously gave \$50.00 towards the construction of the shrine.

Monday April 17th. 1939 Father Watier celebrated a mass in the forest before the woodsmen began the work of cutting the wood (25,000 board feet) which was to be used for the construction of the shrine.

On Friday June 16th. 1939 the first sod was turned by Fabien Fournier and the building work began.

On Tuesday October 11th. 1939 the feast of the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin the modest little shrine of our Lady of Sorrows, which stands against a spruce grove on the slopes of Point Navarre overlooking the beautiful waters of the Dartmouth River opened its doors to the faithful, and was blessed by his Excellency F.X. Ross Bishop of Gaspé.

October 11th. 1943 workmen began to build a Servite monastery this work was completed in the summer of 1946. On Friday, August 31st. of the same year Father Watier moved to the monastery at Point Navarre and took over the duties as priest in charge of the shrine only. He was replaced at the parish of Saint Marjorique by Reverend Father Coderre.

July 15th. 1947 Mgr. J. ~~É~~Matte vicar general of the diocese of Gaspé. blessed the monument of Our Lady of Sorrows which was donated to the shrine by the kind pilgrims of Montreal.

In the month of June 1947 a platform was laid and an altar erected near the shrine for the purpose of saying open air mass as the chapel's space was inadequate to serve the large summer gatherings.

On August 15th. of the same year Reverend Father Coderre, parish priest of Saint Marjorique celebrated the first open air mass before a crowded regional pilgrimage which was gathered at the shrine.

On the mountain slope, at the rear of the shrine, there are seven small monuments, scattered through a spruce grove, representing the Seven Sorrows of Our Blessed Mother, pious pilgrims spend much time praying before these small monuments. There is also in the grove, a huge luminous Rosary out-stretching its arms among the tree tops, that illuminate the outskirts of the hillock.

At the east side of the shrine in the midst of a decker lawn, there is a beautiful pansy garden, that fragrant the air. The monument of Our Lady of Sorrows stands facing the shrine at the dege of the Perron Boulevard which winds along the still waters of the Darthmouth.

The beauty spots in Gaspé are many and the delicate little shrine, a paradise, is among them. During the summer months it attracts many visitors, pilgrims, tourists and local citizens gather to pray, stroll in the grove and view the scenery.

The pilgrims which began with the building of the shrine, increase from year to year.

Many wearied pilgrims come to Our Lady's Shrine to confide to Her their sorrows, griefs and to implore a request of a helping hand.

Already, in the young history of the little shrine Our Blessed Lady has rendered many miraculous favours.

REV. Mgr. J. MATTE

REV. FATHER JEAN MARIE WATIER

1945- Priest in charge of the shrine of our Lady of Sorrows, Point Navarre.

1897- Born September 30th at St. Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec.

Son of

Joseph Watier and Marie Louise Francoeur

Educated-

Primary studies-Florence Italy.

Theology studies-Seminary of Montreal.

1928-Ordained Priest by Cardinal Mistrangelo

Assisted by auxillary Bishop Carlo Bonario,

of Florence Italy on December 22nd at Florence Italy.

1929-1938 At Ottawa. Master of Novices.

1938-1945 Priest in charge of the parish of Saint Marjorique.

1945 Priest in charge of the shrine of our Lady of Sorrows, Point Navarre.

REV. FATHER GASTAN M. MARCOTTE. o.s.m.

~~1958~~- Assistant Priest at the shrine of our Lady of Sorrows, Point Navarre.

1928- Born May 2nd at St. Emelie, Quebec.

1956- Ordained Priest by Cardinal Paul Emile Léger.

Ar chbishop of Montreal, on June 29th at the church of our Lady of Montreal.