

## Archdiocese of Regina History Bites

This is a list of various events of interest and historical significance throughout the Archdiocese.

Most took place during the past 100 years, but a few took place even before the Archdiocese was officially founded.

The events are listed by date of the month order so they can be used in parish bulletins throughout this year of centennial celebrations from May 31, 2009 to June 13, 2010.

This is by no means a complete list of important dates in the history of the Archdiocese of Regina! It was compiled to include different areas of the archdiocese and the variety of people that make up our archdiocesan faith community.

Please feel free to add any additional historical information, especially about people and events of particular interest to your local community!

### January

- 14, 1926 Adorers of the Precious Blood sisters arrive in Gravelbourg and remain there until 1975.
- 20, 1968 Official opening and dedication of the Campion College building on the grounds of the Regina Campus of the U. of S.
- 31, 1930 Diocese of Gravelbourg is erected with Bishop Villeneuve, O.M.I. appointed as its first bishop.

### February

- 3, 2007 Archbishop Emeritus Peter Mallon died and was buried in Regina.
- 10, 1926 Fr. Gravel died in Montreal. His body was buried in Gravelbourg, the town named after this missionary of the area.
- 11, 1899 Gratton Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 13 is formed in Regina.

### March

- 4, 1910 Diocese of Regina erected by Holy See with Bishop Mathieu as first bishop
- 21, 1930 Archbishop McGuigan took over the See of Regina.
- 16, 1935 Archbishop Monahan appointed as archbishop of Regina.
- 20, 1951 St. Joseph Church in Ceylon was destroyed by fire; a new one on the same site opened in 1953.

30, 2005 Archbishop Daniel Bohan appointed as Archbishop of Regina.

#### **April**

12, 1976 Fire damages the south end of Holy Rosary Cathedral.

15, 1908 First Mass in Lafleche is celebrated in the home of pioneer Ferdinand Marasse

21, 1948 Archbishop O'Neill arrives in Regina.

#### **May**

6, 1947 Death of Archbishop Monahan.

7, 1984 Martha House is purchased by the Archdiocese from the Sisters of St. Martha and the administration is taken over by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peterborough.

9, 1976 Official opening of the Blue Mantle, blessed by Archbishop Halpin.

19, 1894 A fifteen foot wooden cross covered with white iron was erected and blessed on the top of the hill over Lebret.

30, 1909 Our Lady of Auvergne statue is placed above the main altar of the first church in Ponteix.

#### **June**

4, 1923 First assembly of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus formed in Regina.

10, 1983 Death of Archbishop O'Neill.

12, 1983 First commissioning ceremony of Lay Ministry Formation is held at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Archbishop Halpin presiding.

15, 1941 Blessing of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine at Rama by Msgr. A. Janssen, Vicar General.

17, 1943 Statue at the Shrine of Mary, Queen of Our Hearts in Lestock is blessed.

20, 1954 Bishop Decosse ordained bishop of Gravelbourg.

21, 2005 Archbishop Daniel Bohan is welcomed and installed as Archbishop of Regina at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

**July**

- 1950 Craven church moved to become Sacred Heart Church in Lipton.
- 12, 1909 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Meyronne is born with the arrival of Fr. Jules Bois from France.
- 14, 1911 Bishop Mathieu appointed to new Diocese of Regina, the first bishop in Western Canada who was not a member of the O.M.I's.
- 17, 1908 First chapel built in Gravelbourg with St. Philomena patron.
- 17, 1921 First two Sisters of Loretto arrive in the archdiocese to teach in Sedley.
- 20, 1945 First Mass is celebrated on the grounds of Camp Monahan.
- 27, 1930 Church of St. Philomena becomes the Cathedral of St. Philomena of the Diocese of Gravelbourg

**August**

- 3, 1884 Bishop Tache blesses the new St. Mary's Church in Regina.
- 4, 1944 Tornado destroys St. Stephen's Church, Kamsack.
- 7, 1919 Ursuline Sisters of Vibank(Chatham) open a convent in Vibank.
- 14, 2005 Opening of phase one of the Resurrection Parish facility in Regina.
- 15, 1914 Blessing of the statue and first pilgrimage at Our Lady of Lourdes grotto in Kronau.
- 27, 1915 Three sisters of the Daughters of the Cross are welcomed to teach in Lafleche.

**September**

- 1, 1959 St. Alphonsus School in Yorkton opens, administered by the Ursuline Sisters of Prelate.
- 6, 1931 Franciscan Friars first monastery dedicated in Regina.
- 8, 1907 Fr. J. Arthur Magnan arrives to start a parish in Gravelbourg.
- 14, 1998 The Gravelbourg diocese is officially amalgamated into the Archdiocese of Regina and the Saskatoon Diocese.
- 15, 1932 Regina Cleri Seminary opened in Regina.

17, 1930 Bishop Villeneuve enthroned as first bishop of Gravelbourg.(he became archbishop of Quebec in 1932 and a cardinal in 1933).

25, 1935 Two thousand people welcome their new Archbishop Monahan, at the train from Calgary.

26, 1973 Archbishop O'Neill retires.

### **October**

16, 1966 Official opening of the Marian Centre in Regina with a blessing by Archbishop O'Neill.

17, 1960 St. Henry Church in Melville was destroyed by fire, with the present church building being completed in 1962.

27, 1985 75th Anniversary Mass at Agridome.

26, 1929 Death of Archbishop Mathieu.

### **November**

5, 1961 Holy Cross Church was officially opened at a Mass celebrated by Archbishop O'Neill.

6, 2000 Opening of Visitation House to serve women and children in need in Regina.

23, 1911 Bishop Mathieu is installed as first bishop of Regina at St. Mary's Church (now Blessed Sacrament).

23, 1913 Bishop Mathieu blessed the new Holy Rosary Cathedral and celebrated the first Mass in the church proper.

26, 1973 Archbishop Halpin ordained in Winnipeg.

### **December**

4, 1915 Pope Benedict XV raises Regina to an archdiocese.

4, 1947 Archbishop O'Neill appointed as Archbishop of Regina.He had fought in World War I and received the Order of the British Empire for his service as a military chaplain during World War II.

14, 1918 College catholique of Gravelbourg welcomes first students.

15, 1905 St Raphael's Convent school is founded in Wolseley by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions.

16, 1934 Archbishop McGuigan appointed Archbishop of Toronto.

- 12, 1973 Archbishop Halpin installed as the fifth Archbishop of Regina.
- 15, 1917 College Mathieu de Gravelbourg is founded by Archbishop Mathieu.
- 20, 1913 St. Henry's Roman Catholic Separate School Division #5 is established.
- 24, 1853 Archbishop Mathieu born in Quebec City.