



## **Reverend Boleslovas Pacevicius**

Boleslovas Pacevicius was born on January 29, 1909 in Kauna, Lithuania. His home diocese was the Diocese of Ukmerge, and it was there that he attended school in his early years. He studied theology at the University of Munster, and was ordained on April 5, 1936 by Bishop Justinas Staugaitis.

He remained in Lithuania throughout World War Two. There, he taught Religion and Latin at high school from 1937 until 1944. After the war, he emigrated to England, where he served as chaplain to the Lithuanian population. Somewhere between 1951 and 1953, he came to Canada, initially settling in Toronto.

He came to the Diocese of London in 1964, where he served as founder and first pastor of the Lithuanian parish in London, Our Lady of Siluva. There, he served the population faithfully until 1977, when he retired. He went to live in Rexdale. From 1977 until 1989, he lived in the rectory of the Church of the Resurrection in Toronto.

## **Reverend Alphonsus Page**

Alphonsus Noel Page was born February 20, 1901 to parents Leo Page and Alice Harper in Ojibway, Ontario. He attended Catholic school in Sandwich (Windsor), and later went to Assumption College for secondary studies. He studied philosophy at St. Michael's College in Toronto, and in October 1924, went to Rome to study theology.

Bishop Michael Francis Fallon visited in July 1925 and received a very satisfactory report of his progress. He arranged for him to remain there, staying in Tivoli. He successfully passed his exams for the Irish College, and remained in Italy long enough to learn Italian. He was ordained in Rome in March 3, 1928, at St. John Lateran Parish, by Archbishop Pallica.

He returned to Canada by 1929, where he resided in the rectory at Sacred Heart Parish in Windsor, ministering to the Italian population. He was appointed chaplain at Hotel Dieu Hospital in 1930, where he again primarily ministered to the Italian community.



He developed strep throat around the same time. This was difficult enough, yet Father Page had a habit of giving lectures on Rome to pay expenses for three Italian girls staying at the convent in Chatham. This aggravated his condition; by 1932 he was a patient at the Sisters of Mercy Sanitarium in New York. He rested there, before going abroad to Rome, the Holy Land and Egypt, catching up with his alma mater while in Rome and practicing his Italian.

After that, he returned to Windsor and by 1935 was appointed assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Windsor. He stayed there until 1939, although he briefly served as chaplain on the Empress of Australia during cruises to the West Indies in 1935. In 1938 he was given full charge of the Italian community in Windsor.

In 1939, he was briefly assistant at St. Peter's Cathedral, but then became administrator of St. Michael's Parish, Dresden later that same year. He later became pastor of the same parish, and remained there until 1966, aside from a two-month vacation in Europe in 1964.

In 1966, he became pastor of St. Boniface Parish in Zurich, but did not remain there long: he suffered a stroke the following year and had to retire. He remained at St. Mary's Hospital in London until his death on January 13, 1974.

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