

Father O'Shea's Diocesan Reflections

P.E.I. priests who were ordained in Rome following seminary studies there:

Eugene MacEachern	1839	(died and buried at sea on way home)
James MacIntyre	1842	
Dan MacDonald	1851	
+ Cornelius O'Brien	1871	(later Archbishop of Halifax)
Angus MacIntyre	1883	
Ronald Gillis	1886	
Peter Curran	1889	
+ James Morrison	1889	(later Bishop of Antigonish)
Cornelius Campbell	1894	
Martin Monaghan, Sr.	1895	
Tom Curran	1896	
+ John McNally	1896	(later Bishop of Calgary, of Hamilton and Archbishop of Halifax)
Terence Campbell	1898	
Felix Connolly	1899	
John Murphy	1899	
+ Alfred Sinnott	1900	(later Archbishop of Winnipeg)
Bernard MacDonald	1904	
Dan Croken	1908	
Maurice McDonald	1908	
Nazaire Poirier	1912	
Alphonsus Rooney	1916	

Two Bishops of Charlottetown were also ordained in Rome after seminary studies there:

+ Louis O'Leary	1900
+ James Boyle	1913

A few of the seminarians got sick in Rome and returned home. One died in Rome and another died at sea returning home.

In the old days and for many years our diocese, like many others, were considered "missionary" for being poor and therefore were allowed to send a limited number of their seminarians to study for free in Rome (see above names). This privilege for Charlottetown was removed in the early 1900s when we seemingly moved beyond this "missionary" tag.

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