

# Father O'Shea's Diocesan Reflections

**100 years ago**

**1916**

**quick look**

Pope: Benedict XV

Bishop: Henry O'Leary, aged 37

Vicar General: Joseph MacLean, Summerside

Cathedral rector: Maurice McDonald

Rector of St. Dunstan's College: Gregory MacLellan

Priests ordained in 1916: two

Seminarians in 1916: eight, as follows: 6 in Grand Seminary of Quebec  
2 in St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto

Active priests of diocese in 1916: 50, as follows:

pastors on PEI - 33    assistant pastors - 4    on staff of St. Dunstan's College - 8  
in Magdalen Islands - 4    WWI Chaplain - 1 (overseas)

Retired priests: five

Parishes with resident pastors in 1916, as follows:

Alberton	Fort Augustus	Miscouche	St. Margaret's
Bloomfield	Georgetown	Morell	St. Peter's Bay
Brae	Grand River	Mont Carmel	St. Teresa
Burton	Hope River	Palmer Road	Souris
Cardigan	Indian River	Rollo Bay	Sturgeon
Cathedral	Iona	Rustico	Summerside
East Point	Kelly's Cross	St. Andrew's	Tignish
Egmont Bay	Kinkora	St. George's	Tracadie
			Vernon River

Ages of two oldest pastors: 78 and 74

Ages of two youngest pastors: 33 and 35

Parishes with extra church(es) in 1916:

Brae (Foxley River)	Cathedral (Cumberland)
Kelly's Cross (Emyvale)	Georgetown (Montague)
Rollo Bay (Little Pond)	St. Margaret's (St. Charles)
Kinkora (Seven Mile Bay)	Indian River (Summerfield)
Grand River (Wellington, Lennox Island)	Tracadie (Corran Ban, Covehead)

Parishes with assistant pastors: Souris, Tignish and Cathedral (2)

Catholic diocesan population in 1916: 42,000

Island-born priests serving outside PEI in 1916: 55, as follows:

3 in religious orders      52 as diocesan priests across Canada and United States

Island-born nuns in 1916: 382 in 36 different religious orders across Canada and United States

Island-born bishops serving outside PEI in 1916: Thomas McNally, Bishop of Calgary  
James Morrison, Bishop of Antigonish  
Alfred Sinnott, Archbishop of Winnipeg

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Roman Catholic diocesan institutions in 1916:

St. Dunstan's College, opened in 1855  
Charlottetown Hospital, opened in 1879  
St. Vincent's Orphanage, opened in 1910  
Notre Dame Academy, opened in 1857  
St. Mary's Academy (Summerside), opened in 1868

Quasi-Catholic institutions on PEI in 1916:

- Notre Dame Sisters' schools in Charlottetown (St. Joseph's), Miscouche, Tignish, Souris and Rustico. (These were public schools but taught mostly by CND sisters and attended by Catholic pupils).
  - Queen Square School in Charlottetown (This was a public school but by a "gentlemen's agreement" it had almost exclusively Catholic teachers and Catholic students).
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Religious orders of women on PEI in 1916:

- Sisters of Notre Dame in many Island schools (above)
- Grey Nuns of Quebec, operating the Charlottetown Hospital and St. Vincent's Orphanage
- Little Sisters of the Holy Family, domestics at St. Dunstan's College
- Sisters of St. Martha, just beginning here in 1916

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*** (OLD HUNDREDTH)

[more on 1916 in our diocese next month]

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