

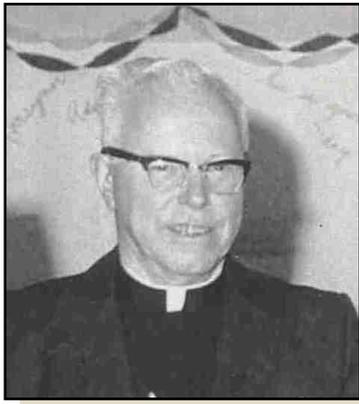
**THESE**  
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## **Reverend Clement George Adams**

Clement George Adams was born on November 23, 1913 in Guelph, Ontario to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Adams. He attended St. Stanislaus' School in Guelph, before attending St. Jerome's School in Kitchener for his secondary education. Finally, he studied Philosophy and Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, before being ordained by Bishop Ralph Dignan for the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

Father Adams had a long and storied career with the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, starting it off by becoming Vice-Chancellor and secretary to Bishop Dignan in 1938, before becoming Chancellor in 1941. From 1944 to 1950 he was Rector of the Pro-Cathedral in North Bay, before becoming pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Sault Ste. Marie. In 1958 he became Dean of Algoma, and in 1963 he was made a Domestic Prelate. From 1963 to 1965, he served as pastor at Christ the King Parish in Sudbury, before returning to Sault Ste. Marie as pastor at Precious Blood Cathedral from 1965-1970. During this time, 1968-1970, he served on the National Council on the Liturgy.



Father Adams' story would be impressive enough on its own, but it does not end there. Despite apparently retiring as pastor of Precious Blood Parish in 1971, due to ill health, he then went to the Diocese of London, where he served as pastor at St. Brigid's Parish in Logan, and St. Vincent de Paul Mission in Mitchell. During this time, Father Adams showed a strong work ethic, performing as much work for the two parishes as he did for his parishes in the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.

Under his leadership, St. Brigid's developed a Parish Pastoral Council, the rectory was redecorated, a regular Sunday bulletin was begun, and a Saturday evening Mass was added to the weekend schedule. In 1972 he instituted a practice of blessing seeds, soil and farm equipment; in 1974 he began a program of "prayer and self-denial," as well as promoting vocations. Throughout the 1970s, St. Brigid's also received a new organ and three new choirs (men's, women's, and youth) were established.

His list of achievements, in both dioceses, is truly impressive and a testament to his work ethic and devotion to his parishioners.

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