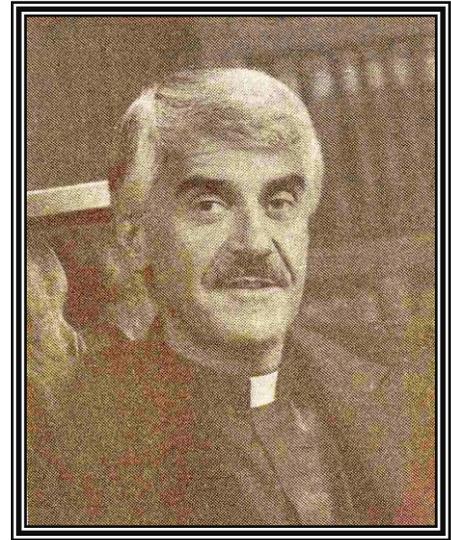




Father Marcel LeBoeuf

Marcel Lee LeBoeuf was born on June 27, 1932 to parents Hector and Rose LeBoeuf in St. Joachim, Ontario. He was the ninth child out of a close-knit family with ten children, and through his parents' loving example, learned how to live a Catholic life. He attended Holy Name of Jesus School in Essex; near the end of his time there, there was a disagreement: his father wanted Marcel to finish Grade 8 and then go to work, while his mother wanted him to continue his education. His mother won out, and Marcel attended Essex District High School.

Marcel was a later vocation than some of his brothers: after completing Grade 12, Marcel immediately went to work for Chrysler Corporation, working first as a mail clerk for eighteen months, before being transferred to the finance department, where he worked for six more years. During this period of time, he earned a degree in Commerce and Finance from the University of Detroit. During his time in the business world, he never compromised his Catholic lifestyle, but began to feel an inner turmoil; others would often make remarks about how he "should be a priest." Finally, he accepted his vocation: when informed by his boss that there would be a senior position opening up soon, Marcel took the opportunity to inform him that he would not be with Chrysler much longer. Soon after that, he entered St. Peter's Seminary.



He was ordained on June 1, 1963 at St. Peter's Cathedral by Bishop John C. Cody, and became assistant pastor at Most Precious Blood Parish in Windsor, where he stayed from 1963-1964; he then went to Holy Angels' Parish in St. Thomas from 1964-1967. Then he went to St. Mary's Parish in Simcoe from 1967-1970, and then to St. Anne's Parish in Tecumseh from 1970-1973.

He then became pastor at St. Andrew's Parish in London, starting in 1973, and remained there until 1978. It was during the end of this period, around 1977, that Father LeBoeuf attended a retreat for priests; there, he had a very profound experience that shaped his ministry from that point on, an experience that allowed him to fully submit to God.

In 1978, he returned to Holy Angels' Parish, this time as pastor, where he stayed until 1984. It was during this time that Father LeBoeuf became involved involved with the Catholic Charismatic Movement, of which he was a notable leader, as well as leading the Association of Catholic Therapists, the St. Thomas Ministerial Association, and the Knights of Columbus.

Father LeBoeuf's ministry was cut short by his untimely passing in 1984, at the age of 51. However, during his ministry he accomplished much, through his faith and his deeds, and for that he will always be remembered.

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