



## Diocese of Edmundston

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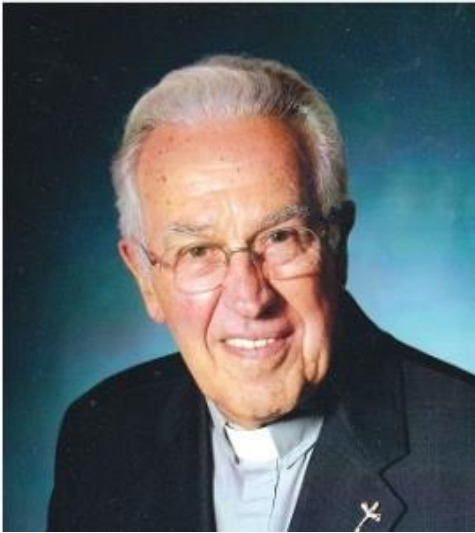
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Wednesday, November 14, 2018

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### Father Normand Godbout (1932-2018)

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At the Edmundston Regional Hospital on November 11, 2018, at the age of 86 years and 6 months, passed away Father Normand Godbout, living in Edmundston, son of the late Mr. Victor Godbout and the late Mrs. Rose-Anna Leblond.

Born in Saint-André of Madawaska on April 21, 1932, Father Normand Godbout was educated at the schools of his native parish (1939-1945), his classical studies at Bathurst College (1946-1954), his theology at "Grand Séminaire" of Quebec, from where he left with a license in Theology (1954-1958), was ordained priest by his Excellency Mgr. J. Roméo Gagnon on May 31, 1958 in the church of Saint-Georges of Grand Falls. From 1958 to 1959, he was vicar at Saint-Léonard-Ville, and vicar of Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs Parish from 1959 to 1965.

In 1965, he went to Laval University in Quebec City to take specialized courses in catechesis. On his return to his diocese, he was appointed Diocesan Director of Catechetical Teaching in all schools of the diocese, while being a Sunday Vicar in Notre-Dame-du-Sacré-Cœur Parish from 1966 to 1973 and a Vicar at Ste-Anne Parish from 1973 to 1974. Later, he was a chaplain of the Movement called "Rencontre" from 1971 to 1974 and member of the Diocesan Commission of Liturgy from 1968 to 1975.

In 1974, he was appointed pastor of the Saint-Léonard-Ville Parish, and in 1984 he was promoted priest of Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs Parish in Edmundston, succeeding his late brother Arthur, until 1995. From 1995 to 2005, he was the priest of Saint-Georges of Grand Falls Parish. From 2005 to 2007, he was priest moderator of Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs Parish. He retired in 2007, becoming substitute priest for the Edmundston area.

In addition to his religious family, he is survived by his brothers and sisters: Father Aurèle (Eudiste) of Charlesbourg QC, Fernand (Albertine) of Gatineau QC, Yolande of Edmundston, Roger (Murielle) of Quebec QC and Victor (Marie) of Moncton and several nephews and nieces.

His funeral service will be held Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. in the Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs Parish Church with interment in the parish cemetery.

The remains of Father Normand Godbout will be exhibited on Friday from 1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Bellavance Funeral Home, 153 Canada Road, Edmundston. Visits will continue thereafter at the Notre-Dame-des-Sept-Douleurs Church on Friday from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M. the time of the funeral.

Father Normand Godbout was a member of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly 7543 Rev. Arthur Godbout of East Edmundston, where he was Chaplain.

Your marks of sympathy can be expressed by a donation to the "Escale MadaVic", "Atelier R.A.D.O." or any other work of your choice.

Source:      <http://residencefunerairebellavance.ca/pere-normand-godbout>

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On behalf of the Edmundston Diocesan Church, I personally wish to express my deepest sympathy to all the members of the families and assure them of my prayers and solidarity in this difficult time.

United in prayer and fraternal sentiments.

+ Claude Champagne O.M.I.

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