



Father Claude Sigouin, SMM: 60 Years of Montfortian Apostolate

MONTREAL, Canada - Father Claude Sigouin, SMM was born in Montréal, Canada, son of Henri Sigouin and Aurore Bouchard. He was baptised on 13 March 1936, the day after his birth, at Sainte-Thérèse-de-l'Enfant-Jésus parish. He pronounced his perpetual vows in the Montfortian Congregation (Company of Mary) on 15 August 1961. He was ordained to priesthood on 17 March 1962 by Bishop Rémi Augustin, a Haïtian Montfortian bishop, at Notre-Dame de Lourdes parish in Vanier, Ontario, where we are still ministering.

His life journey is marked by internationality! After studies in Canon Law, he flew to Papua New-Guinea where the Canadian Montfortians had accepted a challenging mission in the Western Province, a huge territory where all had to be done: building schools and churches, organizing health care, etc...

After two years at the Provincial House in Canada, he worked from 1984 to 1994 in the Philippines where he founded the 1st Montfortian community and started the formation of young candidates. After 3 years in Brussels, he took charge of the formation of candidates in Kenya from 1997 to 2002. Back to Canada, he was successively councillor and provincial superior till 2018, while performing ministry at the Marie Reine-des-Coeurs shrine in Montréal.

A stout fan of the Montréal Hockey team, Claude didn't hang up his skates! He is still ministering at the shrine, through preaching and celebration of the sacraments. He is also in charge of the archives of the Montfortian province of Canada.

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