



Chief Joseph Rontagarha Roll

In 1677, Joseph Rontagarha, then twenty-five years of age, came to live at the Mission of St. Francis Xavier. He had already been to France and had showed himself a fairly good Christian after his return. Following a hunting expedition with Tiouastekon, a Mohawk brave, member of the Holy Family Association, he became a devout church-goer. The conversations with his friend led him to a personal love of Christ. He often collected the children of the neighborhood in his longhouse and taught them the Creed and other prayers which were sung at church, much to the satisfaction of the Blackrobes.

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| 1. Mr. Jean-Yves Gauthier | 44. Mrs. Annette Lauzon | 87. Mr. Gerard Lalumiere |
| 2. Mr. Lucien Julien | 45. Mrs. Blandine Naud Pagé | 88. Mr. Jean-Yves Gauthier |
| 3. Mr. Ildas Leblanc | 46. A Soul in Purgatory | 89. Mr. Adelard Austin |
| 4. Mrs. Yvonne Gallant | 47. Mr. Charles Pagé | 90. Mrs. Denise Marcotte Robert |
| 5. Mr. Philippe Gionet | 48. Mr. Anthony Barrett | 91. Mrs. Dorothy D. Griffiths |
| 6. Mr. Adiren Michaud | 49. Mr. Donald Chevalier | 92. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 7. Mr. Alban Savoie | 50. Mr. Jason C. White | 93. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 8. Mrs. Jean Pearls | 51. Mr. Fred E. Wonderly | 94. Mrs. Mindyu Buffa |
| 9. Mrs. Gilberte Harvey | 52. Mrs. Monique Fortin | 95. Mr. Bernard Lavoie |
| 10. A Soul in Purgatory | 53. A Soul in Purgatory | 96. Mrs. Laura Godbout Lemay |
| 11. Mr. Henri Gionet | 54. Mrs. Alice Parent | 97. Mrs. Dora Polson |
| 12. Mrs. Joanne Robichaud | 55. Msgr. Raymond Roy | 98. Miss Annette St. Laurent |
| 13. Mr. Alphonse Fredereck | 56. A Soul in Purgatory | 99. Mrs. Marcelina Zamora |
| 14. A Soul in Purgatory | 57. Mr. Michel Haché | 100. Mr. James C. Cox |
| 15. Mrs. Yvonne Paquet | 58. Mr. Guy Lainesse | 101. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 16. A Soul in Purgatory | 59. Mr. Pierre Lévesque | 102. Mrs. Marissa Jansz |
| 17. Mr. Louis Dupuis | 60. Mr. Benoit Boulet | 103. Mr. Carl Aultman |
| 18. Mr. Jean-Yves Gauthier | 61. A Soul in Purgatory | 104. Mrs. France Breault |
| 19. Mrs. Marie-Thérèse LeBlanc | 62. Mrs. Anna Bourgoin | 105. Miss Monica Bitz Schraldi |
| 20. Miss Gladys McEwen | 63. Mrs. Gratia O'Bonsawin | 106. Mr. Archie Breau |
| 21. Mrs. Margaret Gavin Higbee | 64. Mrs. Catherine Beverly | 107. Mr. Samuel London |
| 22. Mr. Daniel Higbee | 65. A Soul in Purgatory | 108. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 23. Mr. Gérard Frappier | 66. A Soul in Purgatory | 109. Mrs. Marie Cote |
| 24. Mrs. Gladys Miller | 67. Mr. Daniel Pagé | 110. Mrs. Rachel Gagnon Berube |
| 25. Mrs. Ida Roussy | 68. Miss Tomazia Parreira | 111. Mr. Fred Waverly |
| 26. Mr. Gelas Haché | 69. Mr. Robin Rouleau | 112. A Deceased Parent |
| 27. Mr. Patrick Masciangelo | 70. Mr. Donald Chevalier | 113. Mrs. Gertrude Carbonneau |
| 28. Miss Johanne Robichaud | 71. Mr. Gilles Litalien | 114. Mr. Maurice Bourgoin |
| 29. Mr. Alfred Goguen | 72. Mr. Armand Bouffard | 115. Mr. Conald Chevalier |
| 30. Mrs. Simone Lauzier | 73. Mr. Guy Aubin | 116. Mrs. Marie-Louise Ménécapo Ishpatu |
| 31. Mr. Alphonse Haché | 74. Mr. Adélarde Gauthier | 117. Mr. Cyrilas Cloutier |
| 32. Mr. Lionel Gionet | 75. A Soul in Purgatory | 118. Mr. Horace Brosseau |
| 33. Mrs. Michèle Vaillancourt | 76. Mr. Ange-Marie Landry | 119. Mr. Gino Ducas |
| 34. Mrs. Gabrielle Brien | 77. Mr. Robert J. McNamara | 120. Mr. Mathieu Roussel |
| 35. Miss Jeanne Mance | 78. Mr. Kevin R. McNamara | 121. Mrs. Yvette Robichaud |
| 36. Mr. R. Charlevois | 79. Mr. Claude L'Italien | 122. Mr. Rene Watier |
| 37. Mr. Frank Tripepi | 80. Mrs. Germaine Blais | 123. Mr. Jean-Yves Gauthier |
| 38. Mr. Dominic McGraith | 81. Mrs. Alphonse Beaulne | 124. A Soul in Purgatory |
| 39. Mr. Roméo O. Maurice | 82. Mr. Emilien Lafond | 125. Souls in Purgatory |
| 40. Mrs. Marielle Caron | 83. Mr. Real Labbe | 126. Mrs. Beatrice Francis |
| 41. Mr. Adélarde W. Hachey | 84. Mr. Elmer Johnson | 127. Mr. Guy Lalonde |
| 42. Mr. Alban Bergemann | 85. Mrs. Mary L. Bryce | |
| 43. Mrs. Claude St-Pierre | 86. Mr. Robert King | |

Bishops Encouraged to Develop Ministries for Native American Catholics



Bishop Donald Pelotte of Gallup, N.M., urged the U.S. bishops June 19 to get to know who the Native American Catholics are in their dioceses and "learn the gifts they have to offer and the needs they have".

Speaking at the opening session of the bishops' June 19-21 meeting in St. Louis, Bishop Pelotte said more than half of the 4.1 million people who identified themselves as Native Americans in the 2000 census lived in cities and towns. Nearly half "live in dioceses that have no office or pastoral program specifically designed to meet Native American needs," he said.

Bishop Pelotte, one of two Native American bishops in the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is chairman of the bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Native American Catholics.

"Among some of our native people are families who have been Catholic for more than 400 years. All they ask is that the Church continue to be present to them," the bishop said.

He said the results of his committee's survey of U.S. dioceses indicated that there were just under half a million Native American Catholics, or about 12% of the total Native American population — a count that he said is "probably very low." "Forty percent of dioceses are unaware of the numbers of Native American Catholics living within their boundaries", he said.

Bishop Pelotte listed training and other resources available to dioceses that seek to start or improve ministry to native people. He particularly urged them to develop more trained leaders from among the Native Americans in their dioceses. The study, he said, found that there are currently 27 native priests, eight seminarians, 74 deacons, 34 women religious and 65 ecclesial lay ministers. He said the committee believes the number of native ecclesial lay ministers is "much larger than what was reported."