

St. Albert Parish Fonds
1861-1953

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43 cm of textual records.

Administrative History:

St. Albert Parish was founded as a mission in 1861 by Fr. Albert Lacombe, Oblate priest and missionary and Bishop Alexandre-Antonin Taché of St. Boniface. Father Lacombe, along with the Métis community, built a wooden chapel that still stands to this day.

In 1865, Fathers Tissot and André took over the Mission when Father Lacombe left to found the St. Paul des Cris Mission. In 1868, Father Hippolyte Leduc took sole charge of the Mission. Shortly after, he received a message from Bishop Grandin, Coadjutor Bishop of St. Boniface, saying that St. Albert would be latter's new residence. A home was quickly erected for the Bishop, in the new Vicariate Apostolic of St. Albert. By 1869, the announcement was made that St. Albert was to become a bishopric. A cathedral was built, and in 1871, St. Albert became the Episcopal See of the new Diocese of St. Albert.

On Nov. 30, 1912, the Diocese of St. Albert was raised to the status of Archdiocese of Edmonton and the cathedral became St. Albert Parish and was eventually finished. The church was blessed by Archbishop Henry Joseph O'Leary on September 10, 1922.

A grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes was erected in 1920 by the Oblate Scholastics and Brothers. On August 21, 1938, the first successful pilgrimage to the grotto was organized by Fr. Jules Bidault, OMI. In August 1955, a new grotto to Our Lady of Lourdes replaced the one built in 1920. The stones of the first grotto were used for this project.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of the following series: Sacramental records, 1861-1953 and census records, 1861-1892.

Archival/Custodial History:

The records formed part of the holdings of Archives of the Oblates of Missionary Immaculate (OMI) that were housed at the Provincial Archives of Alberta.

When the Provincial Archives of Alberta was negotiating the donation/acquisition of all OMI Lacombe Canada records, it became very clear to the Oblates that they did not consider the sacramental registers to be Oblate records. Hence the decision by both OMI Lacombe Canada and the Provincial Archives to facilitate their return to the appropriate dioceses.

The registers of parishes within the present jurisdiction of the Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton were obtained from OMI Lacombe Canada on June 28, 2017.

Legend:

RR – indicates that a register contains records that are restricted from public access due to privacy legislation. Restrictions will be lifted on an annual basis to make records available.

Series 1: Sacramental registers (1861-1953)

Accession No.	Box-file	File description	Dates
2019/479	1-1	St. Albert Parish Vol. 1 Baptisms, Marriages, Burials	1861-1870
	1-2	St. Albert Parish Vol. 2 Baptisms, Marriages, Burials (Includes Rocky Mountain area, September 11-15, 1879 by Fr. M.R. Remas, omi)	1870-1882
	1-3	St. Albert Parish Vol. 3 Baptisms, Marriages, Burials	1883-1894
	1-4	St. Albert Parish Vol. 4 Baptisms, Marriages, Burials	1895-1904
	2-1	St. Albert Parish Vol. 5 Baptisms, Marriages, Burials	1905-1910
	2-2	St. Albert Parish Vol. 5 Baptisms	1910-1922
	2-3RR	St. Albert Parish Vol. 7 Baptism	1922-1923
	3-1	St. Albert Parish Vol.6 Marriages	1910-1947
	3-2	St. Albert Parish Vol. 6 Burials	1910-1953
	3-3	St. Albert Parish Baptisms, Marriages, Burials (Copy)	1861-1892
	3-7RR	St. Albert Parish Confirmation	1868-1923

Series 2: Census records (1861-1892)

Accession No.	Box-file	File description	Dates
2019/479	4-1	St. Albert Parish Liber Animarum	1861-1892