

Christ-King Parish Fonds

1904-1905

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1 cm of textual records.

Administrative History:

The Catholic roots in the Stettler area began in 1906 with the arrival of French missionaries who cared for many of the French settlers. Irish priests also came to take care of our settlers' faith needs.

Before any church was built, religious service took place generally at the home of a Mr. Sewerd. Construction of the first church began in March 1907 under the direction of Fr. Pierre Bazin, PSM. It was a very small building measuring 16' x 14'. It was not blessed and was later sold so that the money could be used for a second and larger church.

In the spring of 1909, a new church was built, 28' x 40', with a sanctuary measuring 14' x 14'. This structure was built under the care of Fr. Jean Joseph Bazin, who resided in Stettler, and served or visited numerous other places.

Bishop Emile Legal, OMI, blessed the church on April 17, 1910 and dedicated it to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

In November 1945, lots 37 and 38 in Block 36 were purchased by Rev. Ernest Battle for a new church property and lots 11-14 inclusive were sold.

In August 1947 construction of a new Parish Hall was begun on the south-west corner of the new church site. It measured 32' x 60' with a full concrete basement which was to serve as a church until the new one would be built.

In May 1948, Archbishop J.H. MacDonald granted the permission to proceed with the construction of the new church. Rev. Ernest Battle requested that the church be dedicated to Christ the King; Archbishop MacDonald granted the request on Oct. 5, 1950. On November 22, 1950, the church was blessed by Monsignor W.B. Carleton, V.G.

Kermabon was a community south of Erskine, west of Ewing Lake composed primarily of the Gendre family that migrated from France in 1904. The name of the new colony was chosen by the siblings Louis and Fr. Armand Gendre in recognition of the maternal branch and in memory of the great-grandmother of the siblings. It was in the second shelter that they built where they celebrated their first Christmas. It became, the following spring, the first chapel. Father Gendre also served Notre Dame de Savoie church.

Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of combined Baptism, Marriage and Burial register for Mission Kermabon and Notre Dame de Savoie, 1887-1902.

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.

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