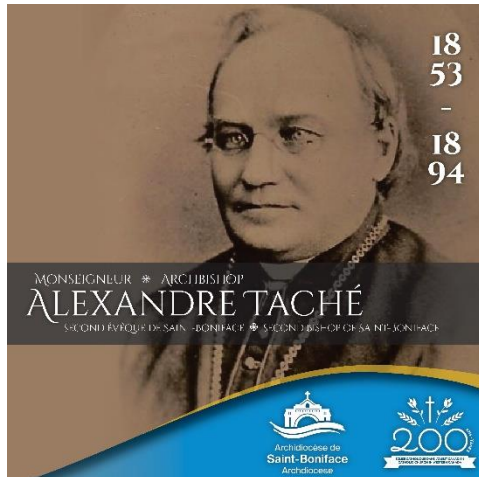


Discover the Bishops & Archbishops of Saint Boniface

Bishop Taché



Alexandre-Antonin Taché, Oblate missionary, Roman Catholic priest, and bishop, was born in Rivière-du-Loup, QC, on July 23, 1823. He died in St. Boniface on June 22, 1894. He entered the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) in 1844, and then travelled to the Red River Colony (Manitoba) in 1845. When he arrived here, he was still a seminarian! He was ordained a deacon immediately and a priest on October 12, 1845 by Bishop Norbert Provencher.

After studying the Saulteaux language in St. Boniface, he left for the immense territory of the Île-à-la-Crosse mission (SK) in 1846. He was named coadjutor to Provencher in St. Boniface in 1850 and was consecrated a bishop on November 23, 1851 in Marseille, France, by Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates. Taché founded many new missions and helped the large number of settlers who flooded into the region.

Taché was at a Vatican Council when the Red River Rebellion began, and he was called back to Canada by government authorities and helped restore order. He fought vigorously for French and Catholic schools. The bishop left behind him important accomplishments in the country. A devoted missionary and enlightened patriot, he was one of the great Catholic bishops of Canada.