

Father Patrice Beaudry. (1873-1947)

Patrick Beaudry was born to Cree-Métis parents at St. Albert, Alberta. His father was Narcisse Beaudry¹ (b. 1845) and his mother was Lucie Bréland² (b. 1848 at Red River). Patrice and his twin sister were two of eleven children born to Lucy and Narcisse. He was the second Métis priest from Alberta to be ordained (1901). It was the dream of Bishop Grandin to form a Native clergy when he first established an Oblate seminary at St. Albert. Patrice first studied at St. Albert then at the Juniorat du Sacré Coeur in Ottawa from 1892- 1895, he then entered the novitiate of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate at Lachine, Quebec. He pronounced his final vows at the Scolasticat Saint-Joseph in Ottawa on September 8, 1897 and was ordained a priest in Ottawa on June 1, 1901. His facility in the French, English, and Cree languages was especially useful in serving the Indian and Métis population. Father Patrice built chapels at Brulé, Jasper, Mountain Park, Winterburn, and Wabamun. For many years, he served at St. Albert. From 1903 to 1908, he was resident at St. Albert with additional responsibility for the mission at Athabasca Landing. He became director of that mission in 1908 although he was residing at Saint-Laurent-Grandin, Saskatchewan. From 1909 to 1912, he was resident in Edmonton and was also ministering to the camps of the Grand Trunk Railway. From 1912 to 1916 he lived at Edson, Alberta, then Lac Ste. Anne for two years after which he was at Jasper from 1922 to 1926. From 1929 to 1944, he served reserves in Saskatchewan and built chapels at Mistawasis, Whitefish, and Sturgeon Lake. Heart problems forced him to reside at the Indian School at Duck Lake after 1944. He died in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan on September 22, 1947.

Reference

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¹ Scrip affidavit for Beaudry, Narcisse; born: January 1845; father: Joseph Beaudry (Métis); mother: Louise Ladoucer (Métis); claim no: 2934; date of issue: June 16, 1879.

² Scrip affidavit for Beaudry, Lucie; wife of Narcisse Beaudry; born: February 22, 1848; father: Pascal Bréland (Métis); mother: Maria Grant (Métis); claim no: 2935; date of issue: June 16, 1879.