

**Rev.
Louis-Georges
Dupuis**



1924.01.23 • Birth

1953.06.04 • Ordination

2025.09.12 • Death

About three weeks ago, we learned of the passing of Father Louis-Georges Dupuis, who died on 12 September 2025. Born in Jogues on 23 January 1924, he completed his early schooling in his hometown, where he also received his first formation in the faith according to the customs of the time.

He later moved to the Beauce region to pursue his classical studies (1941–1943), then continued on to the Université du Sacré-Cœur in Bathurst, New Brunswick, where he completed a Bachelor of Arts (1943–1949). For the next four years, he studied at Saint Paul University Seminary in Ottawa, earning a BA in Theology in 1951, followed by a Licentiate in 1953.

Father Dupuis was ordained to the priesthood on 4 June 1953 in Jogues by Bishop Louis Lévesque. His first assignment was as assistant at the Hearst Cathedral, where he also taught at the Minor Seminary. In 1954, he was appointed assistant in Cochrane for one year.

In 1955, he became parish priest of Hornepayne and Nakina, serving twelve missions along the railway line. At that time, both parishes had long been connected by the Canadian National Railway, while Route 584 from Geraldton to Nakina was still only in the planning stages and would not be completed until 1958. He served these communities for three years. In 1958, he moved slightly eastward to take charge of the parishes in Foleyet and Gogama, again along the CN line.

His path then took him farther east: he served as a military chaplain in Petawawa from 1959 to 1960.

Between 1960 and 1962, he returned to academic life at the University of Ottawa, completing an MA in English Literature. He then continued his studies at the University of Minnesota, where he wrote a the-

sis entitled *The Image of the Priest in Morley E. Callaghan*. He defended it in Ottawa in June 1963, earning a second MA, before returning to Minnesota to teach at St. Thomas College in St. Paul.

His academic journey continued even farther west and south. From 1964 to 1965, he pursued studies in psycholinguistics at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Soon afterward, he returned to Canada—this time to the University of Montreal, where he taught linguistics. In 1966, Bishop Frenette of Saint-Jérôme appointed him to oversee English-language Catholic education, during the period when bilingual Catholic school boards were being established in Quebec. What role he played in this development remains unclear, as his file contains no documentation on the matter.

In 1971, Father Dupuis returned to our region when he was appointed parish priest of Foleyet for a second time. Three years later, in 1974, he resigned for health reasons and retired to the “California desert.” He made one final attempt at teaching, this time at Golden West College in Huntington Beach, California. After a year, he again stepped back for health reasons and returned to the desert, continuing his work in catechesis in the United States.

His ministry took him to several dioceses: Tucson, Arizona (1975); Los Angeles (1976); San Bernardino (1978); and Rancho Mirage, California (1979). He remained in that region until 2021, when he moved to the Saint John of God retirement home in Los Angeles. It was there that he passed away on 12 September, at the remarkable age of 101.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral later this month.

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