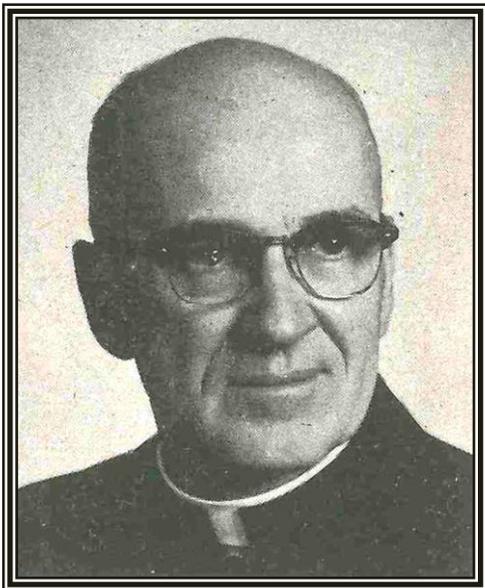


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## Reverend Edgar Hector Robert

Reverend Edgar Robert was born on September 27, 1911 to parents Pierre Robert and Leonie Authier, in Tilbury, Ontario. His early years were at Rosedale Public Elementary School, but by the time he reached high school, he was in Ste. Thérèse, Quebec. There, he attended Le Petit Séminaire de Ste. Thérèse for his high school, and then to the University of Montreal for his Bachelor of Arts degree.



In 1933, he entered first year Theology at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario. Unfortunately, this venture was interrupted by illness; he went on sick leave for three years before returning to the seminary in 1937 with a clean bill of health. He was ordained on May 18, 1940 by Bishop John T. Kidd, and was appointed to St. Alphonsus Parish in Windsor, Ontario, as assistant pastor. During this time, from 1940 to 1945, he was the first priest to provide pastoral care for the deaf of Windsor.

From there, he was briefly an administrator at both St. Peter's Parish in St. Joseph, Ontario, and the Bayfield Mission Church of the English Martyrs, from 1945-1946. His work there earned him commendation from Bishop Kidd, even after such a short span of time. From 1946-1952, he was assistant pastor at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Windsor. During this same time, from 1946-1950, Father Robert was also Chaplain of the Reserves on the HMCS *Hunter* in Windsor.

From 1952-1964, he served as pastor to Our Lady of Fatima Parish, also in Windsor, before becoming pastor at St. Joachim Parish in St. Joachim, from 1964-1970. During his time there, Father Robert renovated both the exterior of the church, as well as the sanctuary. His final appointment, from 1970-1981, was as pastor to St. Peter's Parish in his native Tilbury.

Father Robert's story shows that a ministry does not have to be comprised of grand things, but can be achieved through small actions. Like many other men in this series, his care and devotion became the basis for a strong ministry, one that left an impact wherever he went.

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