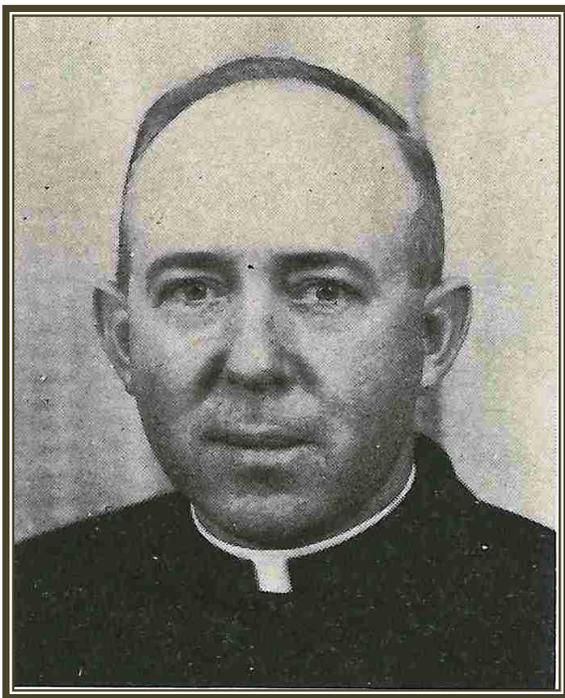


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Care and Devotion: The Ministry of Reverend Herman Reardon

Reverend Herman Reardon's story is not a grand one, but it shows nicely how care and devotion to one's work can have a deep impact on one's ministry. This care came through every day in Father Reardon's ministry, and ensured that he was remembered fondly.



Reverend Herman Reginald Reardon was born on September 9, 1918 to parents George Reardon and Helen Trudel. He was baptized in St. Francis Xavier Parish in Tilbury, where he spent his childhood. He went to the University of Ottawa for his post-secondary studies, and earned a B.A. from there in 1940.

He came to St. Peter's Seminary from studies with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Ottawa, and during his time there, he was known for helping his fellow seminarians in the library: he had a love for books that meant he could easily help his colleagues in finding the information they needed. This work was both valuable and very much appreciated; everyone always knew where to find 'Herm' Reardon in the library, and

he would be happy to help. What was truly impressive about this endeavor was that he kept his commitment to the Rule of Silence while doing this, yet he always managed to help find the necessary information despite that!

He was ordained on June 3, 1944 by Bishop John T. Kidd in St. Peter's Cathedral, and thanks to his knowledge of French, was immediately sent to be assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Parish in Hamilton. While there, he impressed many with his devotion to his work and his care for the sick. This devotion to his work and all aspects of it would remain for the duration of his ministry, which also included being assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in Windsor in 1946, before moving on to be assistant pastor at Most Precious Blood Parish in Windsor from 1946-1951. He was also an administrator at Our Lady of Lourdes Mission in Comber from 1947-1951, before becoming assistant pastor at Christ the King Parish in Windsor from 1951-1952.

From there, he became pastor at a series of parishes: St. Paul's Parish in Windsor from 1952-1956; St. Christopher's Parish, also in Windsor, from 1956-1967; Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Windsor from 1967-1980; and finally, St. Patrick's Parish in Merlin from 1980-1989. In 1989 he retired, and took up residence in St. Anne's rectory in Tecumseh. Even in his retirement, he was known for his love of books, and ability to track anything down.

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