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BASILIAN HOUSES OVER THE YEARS

In our General Archives Basilian houses are listed according to date of foundation. Both terms 'houses' and 'foundation' are used rather loosely. In some instances, for example in a particular parish, there might be only one Basilian in residence, but the institution appears in the list of annual appointments and is considered in a broad sense to be a 'Basilian house.' The word 'foundation' is not always accurate either because some of our houses were not founded by us, but were confided to the congregation at a time after the date of foundation. The *Basilian Directory* is careful to make this distinction.

The date of foundation of Basilian houses has been duly noted in our records down through the years, but the date of closure or of Basilian withdrawal is not always easy to find. The list that follows here is reasonably accurate; however the author is willing to stand corrected and would welcome more precise information on particular points.

Why such a listing at this time in our history? The down-sizing of our Basilian Community in recent years has forced us to withdraw from a number of institutions, and perhaps to some confreres this phenomenon may appear to be peculiar to our day and age, not to say to be unfortunate if not downright tragic. In fact, it is nothing new. Over the years since the first nucleus of a community began forming in Saint-Symphorien de Mahun in 1800, the Basilians have had to close or withdraw from a number of our houses, and this for various legitimate reasons. Should we not take some comfort from

an incident in the life of one of our early Basilians in France? Many years ago a revered confrere, Father Auguste de Montgolfier, remarked that we should not be upset over the withdrawal from institutions or over the loss of promising confreres from our congregation. He claimed that God had spoken to him in a private revelation one day while he was on his knees in the chapel praying: "Why do you complain," God said, "my will has been to use the obstacles which hinder your society to scatter elsewhere men who are bearers of your good traditions." (*Journal Deglesne*, 15 August 1855, quoted by Father Charles Roume CSB in his book *Origines et formation de la Communauté des Prêtres de Saint Basile*, p.366).

Closer to our own times, a former Associate of the 1980's, before he left us, wrote to the Superior General these encouraging words concerning his association with our Community in the formation program: "The past few years have been especially joyful ones for me. I've had the chance to get to know many Basilians, develop friendships, work and recreate with many different local communities. The memories I'll treasure. More important, I'll always appreciate the growth in faith and understanding that has accompanied my association. For this I can't thank the Community enough; nor can I adequately say thanks for the support and generosity shown by the Basilians...(they) will always be a part of me, and will have my prayers for their success and the Lord's blessings in the future."(GABF-FA, file #345).

With these words in mind, it might not be

discouraging but heartening to see what good works Basilians have done over the years, and are continuing to do, and to think of the vast number of students and parishioners who have benefitted from the faithful ministry of Basilians.

No mention is made in this listing of the locations with dates of our Basilian scholasticates and novitiates. Some of this information may be found in *The Basilian Newsletter*, vol. 35, no. 11, 21 June 1994, "One Hundred Years: St. Basil's Scholasticate" and the *Occasional Paper* no. 23, April 1995, "A Brief History of Basilian Novitiates." Also, it should be noted that the relatively recent term 'The Basilian Fathers of ...' includes the particular ministry of a number of Basilians in

that area without naming the institutions where they serve. For this information see the *Basilian Directory* under the name of the individual confrere.

The year printed here on the left of the list of houses is the date of foundation, or more precisely, the year Basilians were entrusted with that ministry. The year printed on the right and preceded by a + is the year that Basilians ceased to minister there. The sign > means became known as.

BASILIAN HOUSES BY DATE OF FOUNDATION

1800	Saint-Symphorien de Mahun, Ardèche, France	+1802
1802	Collège des Cordeliers, Annonay, Ardèche, France	+1867
	> (1867) Institution Secondaire du Sacré-Coeur, Annonay	
1808	Pension Sainte Barbe, Annonay, Ardèche,	+1903
1811	Collège Sainte Claire, Annonay, Ardèche,	+ 1827
1822	Petit Séminaire Maison-Seule, Ardèche,	+1827
1827	Collège de Feyzin, Isère, France	+1880
1828	Collège de Privas, Ardèche, France	+1876
1844	Petit Séminaire de Vernoux, Ardèche, France	+1905
1846	Petit Séminaire de Bourg-St-Andéol, Ardèche, France	+1852
1852	Petit Séminaire d'Aubenas, Ardèche, France	+1888; 1895-1903;1913-1926
1852	St Michael's College, Toronto, Canada	
1856	St Basil's Parish, Toronto, Canada	
1863	St Mary's Parish, Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada	
1866	Ecole Cléricale, Périgueux, Dordogne, France	+1903
1867	St Louis College, Louisville, Ohio, USA	+1873
1868	Collège St Charles, Blidah, Algeria	+1903
1870	Assumption College, Sandwich, Ontario, Canada	
1870	Assumption Parish, Sandwich, Ontario, Canada	
1871	Collège de Bourg-St-Andéol, Ardèche, France	+1880
1874	St Joseph's Parish, Chatham, Ontario, Canada	+1878
1875	Institution St Pierre, Châteauroux, Indre, France	+1882
1878	St John the Baptist Parish, Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada	
1883	College of Mary Immaculate, Beaconfield, Plymouth, England	+1890

- 1886 Ste Anne de Detroit Parish, Detroit, Michigan, USA
 1888 Collège St Augustin, Bône, Algeria +1895
 1890 St Charles Parish, Newport, Michigan, USA +1894
 1892 Holy Rosary Parish, Toronto, Canada
 1899 St Basil's College, Waco, Texas, USA +1915
 1899 Sacred Heart Parish, Port Lambton, Ontario, Canada +1910
 1900 St Thomas College, Houston, Texas, USA
 1901 St Mary's Seminary, Laporte, Texas, USA +1911
 1904 St Martin's Parish, Drayton, Ontario, Canada +1910
 1906 St Joseph's Parish, Corunna, Ontario, Canada +1912
 1910 St Thomas College, Chatham, New Brunswick, Canada +1923
 1910 Curial House, Ste Anne de Detroit, Detroit, Michigan, USA +1926
 1917 St Columban's Parish, St Columban, Ontario, Canada +1919
 1922 Strawberry Island, Lake Simcoe, Ontario, Canada +2005
 1926 Curial House, 21 St Mary Street, Toronto, Canada +1951
 1951 95 St Joseph Street, Toronto, Canada +1961
 1961 200 Russell Hill Road, Toronto +1973
 1973 20 Humewood Drive, Toronto +1986
 1986 Basilwood, Milton, Ontario, Canada +1992
 1992 Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre, 95 St Joseph St., Toronto
 & 435 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto
 1927 Aquinas Academy, Rochester, NY, USA +1932
 1928 Catholic Central High School, Detroit, Michigan, USA
 1928 St Anne's Parish, Houston, Texas, USA
 1928 Maison Saint Joseph, Annonay, Ardèche, France
 1929 Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto, Canada
 (separate local house 1942-1996)
 1929 Columbus Boys' Camp, Orillia, Ontario, Canada (counselling,
 chaplaincy, camp management) +1989
 1933 St Mary's Boys High School, Calgary, Alberta, Canada +1992
 1935 Mexican Missions
 1939 Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Rosenberg, Texas, USA +2005
 1950 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Wharton, Texas, USA
 1955 St Theresa's Parish, Sugar Land, Texas, USA +2001
 1957 St Basil's Parish, Angleton, Texas, USA (see 2000)
 1961 San Juan Crisóstomo Parish, Mexico City, Mexico +2000
 1967 Centro Cultural, Mexico City, Mexico +1979
 1973 Jesús Obrero Church, Mexico City, Mexico +1983
 1978 San Lorenzo Parish, Tehuacán, Mexico
 1936 St Thomas More College, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
 1937 Aquinas Institute, Rochester, NY, USA +2000
 1937 Blessed Sacrament Parish, Windsor, Ontario, Canada +1968
 1946 Holy Rosary Scholasticate, Toronto, Canada +1950
 1947 University of St Thomas, Houston, Texas, USA
 1950 St Michael's College School, 1515 Bathurst St, Toronto, Canada (original school 1852)
 1951 St John Fisher College, Rochester, NY, USA
 1951 St Charles College, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada +1993

- 1951 St Mark's College, Vancouver, BC, Canada +2005
- 1952 St Paul's High School, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada +1965
- 1954 Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada +2001
- 1956 St Mary's College, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada +2000
- 1957 St Francis High School > Catholic Central HS, Lethbridge, Alberta +2000
- 1957 Michael Power High School, Islington, Ontario, Canada +1998
- 1957 Assumption College School, Windsor, Ontario, Canada (original school 1870)
- 1957 Newman Centre, Toronto, Canada +2000
- 1958 St Joseph's High School, Ottawa, Canada +1974
- 1958 St Basil's Parish, Ottawa, Canada +1992
- 1959 House of Studies, Rochester, NY, USA +1970
- 1959 Andrean High School, Gary, (Merrillville), IN, USA
- 1961 House of Studies, Windsor, Ontario, Canada +1969
- 1961 House of Studies, Houston, Texas, USA +1969
- 1961 Maison Saint-Basile, Issy-Les Moulineaux, Paris, France +1973
- 1962 St Lawrence College, Quebec City, Quebec +1966
- 1962 St Joseph's Center, Sugar Land, Texas, USA
- 1963 St Joseph's College, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
- 1964 St Pius X Parish, Calgary, Alberta, Canada +2001
- 1964 House of Studies, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada +1966
- 1966 St Basil's Center, Pontiac, MI, USA +1989
- 1968 St Pius X High School, Albuquerque, NM, USA +2000
- 1972 St Basil's Infirmary, Toronto, Canada > Basilian Fathers Residence (1980) > Anglin House (1999)
- 1973 Coeur Immaculé de Marie Parish, Villeurbanne, France +1987
- 1974 Holy Family Parish, Missouri City, TX, USA
- 1974 O'Connor House, Windsor, Ontario, Canada
- 1974 Chelsea House, Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada +2000
- 1975 Casa Magnificat, Windsor Ave., Phoenix, moved to Glendale, AZ (1986) +1995
- 1976 Christ the King Parish, Rochester, NY, USA
- 1977 Sacred Heart Church, Manvel, TX, USA
- 1978 St Augustine's Parish, Saskatoon, SK, Canada +2001
- 1978 Bishop O'Dowd High School, Oakland, CA, USA
- 1979 Henry Carr Farm, Bond Head, Ontario, Canada
- 1980 St Charles Garnier Parish, Kelowna, BC, Canada +2003
- 1982 Holy Spirit University Parish, London, ON, Canada +2000
- 1982 Notre Dame College, Wilcox, SK, Canada +1988
- 1983 Santa Maria de la Asunción Parish, Caltepec, Mexico
- 1984 St Albert the Great, Newman Center, Las Cruces, NM, USA
- 1985 Casa San Basilio, Houston, TX, USA
- 1985 St John Fisher Parish, Richmond, TX, USA +2003
- 1986 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Glendale, AZ, USA +1991
- 1987 Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, Parish, Cali, Colombia
- 1987 Ste Jeanne d'Arc Parish, Lyon, France +1995
- 1989 Basilian Fathers of Meriden, Meriden, Connecticut, USA +2000
- 1990 Gregory House, Palmerston & Harbord, Toronto, moved to 11 Heathdale Rd, Toronto ON(1992) +1994
- 1991 Local House of Basilian Fathers of St Lucia, St Lucia, Castries, WI

- 1991 Dillon House, Houston, TX, USA
- 1992 Instituto Nuestra Señora de la Asunción, (INSA), High School, Cali, Colombia
- 1994 Canadian Martyrs Parish, Calgary, Alberta, Canada +2001
- 1994 New Retirement Community, 95 St Joseph Street, Toronto > Orsini House(1995)
- 1995 Parish of St Sulpice, Villevoisance, Ardèche, France +2005
- 1996 Ecce Homo Parish, Medellín, Colombia
- 1996 St Joseph's Church, Salmon Arm, BC, Canada +2002
- 1999 Holy Redeemer High School, Detroit, MI, USA +2005
- 2000 Soulerin House, 1515 Bathurst St., Toronto, Canada
- 2000 St Michael's College School Residence, 5 Oriole Parkway, Toronto
- 2000 Most Holy Trinity Church, Angleton, TX (includes St Basil's Parish and the mission St Thomas Aquinas)
- 2001 St Thomas More Parish, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- 2002 House of Studies, Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico
- 2004 Basilian residence of Brazoria County, TX.

Here it would seem fitting to quote another of our venerable forefathers, Germain Deglesne (1798-1856) who wrote in his last will and testament: "I take my leave of you, my dear confreres, with a lively faith that our work is that of God, and with a firm hope that He will make it succeed, even if He were to remove all those on whom you counted to accomplish this. It is essential that you conserve the spirit of faith and an inviolable charity among yourselves. As long as there are no divisions among you, no cabals, or prejudices, you will be protected by God, and you will be invincible if you have zeal for the work of the Community."(GABF, personal file Deglesne.)

Much of the credit for this document of reference goes to my predecessors in the General Archives, especially to that master of records management, the late Reverend Robert J. Scollard, CSB. It is no doubt his wish, as it is ours, that the list will continue to grow.

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