

A number of men and women have, in some particular way, shaped the life of the Church in Canada. Some gave their lives to ensure that the Good News be heard throughout North America. Others, out of steadfast faith and profound love dedicated their lives to the service of their brothers and sisters, whom very often were among the most underprivileged.

Declared saint, blessed or venerable by the Popes over the years, these extraordinary people are lights on the journey and examples of holiness and charity that Catholics can follow.

The North American Martyrs

[Link to the biography of the Canadian Martyrs\(PDF\)](#)

[Link to catechetical resources in English](#)

[Link to the website of the Shrine of the Canadian Martyrs](#)

[Link to the resources by the Assembly of Quebec Catholic Bishops on Jean de Brébeuf, Marguerite Bourgeois, Marie de l'Incarnation, Eulalie Durocher, Élisabeth Turgeon and Adolphe Chatillon](#) (in French only)

- St. Jean de Brebeuf (1593-1649)
- St. Noël Chabanel (1613–1649)
- St. Anthony Daniel (1601–1648)
- St. Charles Garnier (1605–1649)
- St. Isaac Jogues (1602–1646)
- St. Gabriel Lalemant (1610–1649)
- St. René Goupil (1607–1642)
- St. Jean de Lalande (????-1646)

The North American Martyrs were a group of six Jesuit priests and two associates who worked selflessly as missionaries to the Hurons in the colonial days of New France. Having been martyred for their faith, they were canonized by Pope Pius XI on June 29, 1930. Their feast day is celebrated in Canada on September 26.

[St. Marie of the Incarnation](#) (1599-1672)

- [Link to the biography of Saint Marie of the Incarnation \(PDF\)](#)
- [Link to catechetical resources in English](#)
- [Link to the website of the of The Ursulines Canadian Union](#)

[St. Marguerite Bourgeoys](#) (1620-1700)

- [Link to the biography of Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys \(PDF\)](#)
- [Link to catechetical resources in English](#)
- [Link to the Website of the Congregation of Notre Dame](#)

Marguerite Bourgeoys established the first school in Ville-Marie (present-day Montreal) and founded the Congregation of Notre Dame, an order of religious women, largely responsible for bringing Christian education to many areas of the New World. She worked tirelessly to ensure the rights and welfare of women and children in New France and to guarantee that young people received an education. Canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 31, 1982, her feast day is celebrated in Canada on January 12.

[Saint François de Laval](#) (1623-1708)

[St. Kateri Tekakwitha](#) (1656-1680)

- [Link to the biography of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha \(PDF\)](#)
- [Link to catechetical resources in English](#)
- [Link to the St. Francis Xavier Mission in Kahnawake](#)
- [Link to Salt + Light TV resources](#)

[St. Marguerite d'Youville](#) (1701-1771)

- [Link to the biography of Saint Marguerite d'Youville \(PDF\)](#)

- [Link to catechetical resources in English](#);
- [Link to the website of the of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal](#)

Marguerite d'Youville was instrumental in setting up hospitals in Montreal with the help of the Grey Nuns (Sisters of Charity), an order of religious women that she founded. She played a special role in caring for the poor, the elderly, orphans, invalids and the mentally challenged. Her congregation spread across Canada, setting up hospitals. Canonized by Pope John Paul II on December 9, 1990, her feast day is celebrated in Canada on October 16.

[Saint Brother André](#) (1845-1937)

- [Link to the biography of Saint Brother André \(PDF\)](#);
- [Link to CCCB catechetical resources in English](#)
- [Links to OCQ catechetical resources in French and English](#)
- [Link to Salt + Light TV resources in English and French \(PDF\)](#)

Canadian Blesseds

- [Blessed André Grasset](#) (1758-1792) (*French only*)
- [Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher](#) (1811-1849)
[Link to the biography of Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher \(PDF\)](#)
[Link to catechetical resources in English](#);
[Link to the website of the Congregation](#)
- [Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis](#) (1840-1912)
[Link to the biography of Blessed Marie-Léonie Paradis \(PDF\)](#)
[Link to catechetical resources in English](#)
[Link to the website of the Centre of Marie-Léonie Paradis](#)
- [Blessed Louis-Zéphirin Moreau](#) (1824-1901)
- [Blessed Frédéric Janssoone](#) (1838-1916)
[Link to the biography of Blessed Frederic Janssoone \(PDF\)](#)
[Link to catechetical resources in English](#)
[Link to the website of Blessed Frederic Janssoone](#)
- [Blessed Catherine of Saint Augustine](#) (1632-1668)

[Link to the biography of Blessed Catherine of Saint Augustine \(PDF\)](#)

[Link to catechetical resources in English](#)

[Link to the website of the Centre of Catherine of Saint Augustine](#)

- [Blessed Dina Bélanger](#) (1897-1929)

[Link to the biography of Blessed Dina Bélanger \(PDF\)](#)

[Link to catechetical resources in English](#)

[Link to the website of her Congregation](#) (in French only)

- [Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin](#) (1809-1890)

[Link to the biography of Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin \(PDF\)](#)

[Link to catechetical resources in English](#)

[Link to the prayer to Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin](#)

[Link to the website of the Congregation of Sisters of Saint Anne](#)

- [Blessed Émilie Tavernier Gamelin](#) (1800-1851)

[Link to the biography of Émilie Tavernier-Gamelin \(PDF\)](#)

[Link to catechetical resources in English](#)

[Link to the website of her Congregation](#)

- [Blessed Nykyta Budka](#) (1877-1949)

- [Blessed Vasil Velychkovsky](#) (1903-1973)

[Link to the biography of Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky \(PDF\)](#)

[Link to catechetical resources in English](#)

[Link to the website of Bishop Velychkovsky Martyr's Shrine](#)

[Link to a pamphlet of the Martyr's Shrine \(PDF\)](#)

- [Blessed Élisabeth Turgeon](#) (1840-1881)

[Link to the biography of Blessed Élisabeth Turgeon \(PDF\)](#)

[Link to catechetical resources in English](#)

[Link to the website of the Congregation for the beatification](#)

[Link to the video archives of the beatification](#)

[Link to the Education Teaching Centre of the Congregation](#) (materials available in English, French and Spanish)