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Father Louis DuPont



Father DuPont was born Jan. 4, 1902, at Notre Dame de Standbridge (near Montreal), Quebec, Canada. He was ordained Jan. 29, 1933, by the Most Rev. Julius Pichon, bishop of Les Cayes, Haiti. He was ordained under patrimony and was not bound to any particular diocese. He chose first to serve in Haiti where he was named pastor of St. Mary's Church, Les Anglais in 1933.

He served in parish assignments in the Diocese of Odgensville, New York (1934-36); the Diocese of Alexandria, Louisiana (1936-38); the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa (1938-39), and the Diocese of Marquette, Michigan (1939-40). These short assignments were due to his status. Since he was not a member of the diocesan clergy, he was forced to look for work as positions filled with newly-ordained and with incardinated priests returning to their dioceses from leaves of absence.

He wrote to Bishop Winkelmann and was approved for work in the Wichita diocese on Oct. 11, 1940. He served as associate pastor at St. Mary, Newton (1940-41) before receiving his first pastorate in Kansas.

His pastorates included: St. Andrew's, Wright, with St. Lawrence, Jetmore (1941-43); Immaculate Conception, Burns with Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Spring Branch (1943-48); St. Catherine's, Dubuque (1948-60), and Sts. Peter and Paul, North Ellinwood (1960-72).

He died Aug. 29, 1972, at the age of 70, while visiting relatives in Canada. Bishop Forst celebrated a memorial Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul, North Ellinwood. A funeral Mass was offered in Notre Dame de Anges Church, Standbridge, Quebec. Burial was in the family plot there.