

Auguste-Marie Morisset



Father Morisset, n.d. Credit University of Ottawa.

b. 1900, Fall River, Mass; d. July 17, 1989, Ottawa, ON

Education and Priesthood:

1921 Joined The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI)
1927 Ordained priest
1930 "License" in Canon law
1935 BA University of Ottawa
1938 BSc (Library Service), Columbia University
1948 MSc (Library Service), Columbia University

Positions:

1928 Vicar at the Church of Saint-Pierre-Apôtre in Montreal
1930 Vicar at the parish of Sacré-Coeur in Ottawa
1934-1958 Chief Librarian, University of Ottawa
1938-1971 Founding Director, School of Library Science, University of Ottawa

Honours:

1976 Order of Canada
1948 First French Canadian to obtain an MLS
1977 Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal
1979 Honorary Member of the Bibliographical Society of Canada

Accomplishments:

1943-1944 President, Library Association of Ottawa
1950-1951 President, Bibliographical Society of Canada
1952-1959 Member, National Library Advisory Board
1954-1955 Councillor, American Library Association

1960-1961 President, ACBLF 1971 Professor Emeritus, University of Ottawa
1972 Morisset Hall of the University of Ottawa inaugurated

Comments:

Father Morisset was an engaging and committed individual. Long after his retirement he continued to make periodic and surprise visits to “his” library.

“Father Morisset is highly respected for the sagacious use he has made of his talents in library affairs; but unfailing courtesy and tact, and generous helpfulness so often shown to his fellow-librarians, have won for him legions of friends, whose numbers will doubtless be swelled now that his star has swung into the orbit of the national association.”

— P.F. Spratt, O.M.I., writing in the Canadian Library Association Bulletin, 1947

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