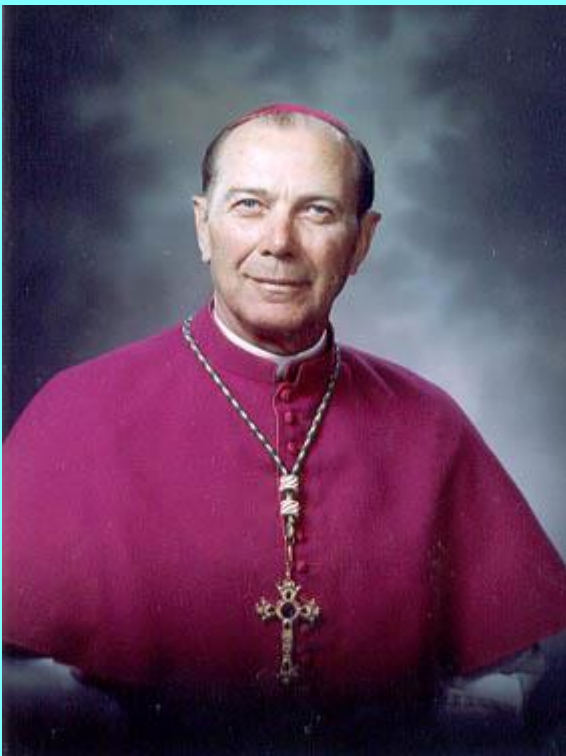


ARCHBISHOP ADAM EXNER, OMI, ATTENDS LATIN TRIDENTINE MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT PARISH CHURCH



Archbishop Exner was born on December 24th, 1928 into a farming family at Killaly, Saskatchewan. He worked for four years on the family farm before going on to high school, attending the first St. Joseph's College in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, and later St. Thomas College in Battleford, Saskatchewan.

The future Archbishop entered the Oblate Fathers in 1950 and made his novitiate at St. Norbert, Manitoba. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1957. He received Masters degrees in philosophy and theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and holds a Doctoral degree in theology from the University of Ottawa.

Father Exner served as professor, rector and superior at St. Charles Scholasticate in Battleford, and as professor of moral theology at Newman Theological College in Edmonton.

He was appointed Bishop of Kamloops in 1974, and Archbishop of Winnipeg in 1982.

Archbishop Exner is a member of the Sacred Congregation for Bishops. At the national level, he is a member of the Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and a member of the Social Communications Commission.

He is past member of the CCCB's Theology and Christian Education Commissions, and a member of the National Catholic-Lutheran dialogue.

Archbishop Exner was appointed Archbishop of Vancouver on May 25, 1991.

ARCHBISHOP EXNER PREACHES SUNDAY SERMON

On Sunday, 7th February 1998, over 350 people crowded into Holy Spirit Church in Queensborough to hear Archbishop Exner preach the sermon at the regular 12:30 p.m. Sunday Latin Mass. The Church normally holds 240 people, and extra chairs had to be set up for the overflow crowd.

Archbishop Exner preached on the text of the Gospel for Septuagesima Sunday in the Tridentine (Latin) Rite which relates Our Lord's parable about the labourer who complained that he received the same wages as those who had worked in the field only half as long. His Grace reminded the congregation that we can do nothing of ourselves because everything comes from God. Discoveries in science and technology have led many people to think they have all the answers. But, in truth, no one can make any discoveries without God to help him. It is important to have the humility to realize this.

When he was a boy, the Archbishop continued, he thought of humility as a phony virtue because it seemed as though you had to think yourself lower than you really were. He felt this way until he met a priest in the seminary in Rome who explained that true humility consists in seeing yourself as God sees you. His Grace praised the discussion of the virtue of humility in the new Universal Catechism and urged the congregation to read it.

After the Latin Mass at Holy Spirit Church, Archbishop Exner imparted a plenary indulgence to all attending the Mass and gave the Apostolic Blessing in Latin. This was His Grace's second visit to Holy Spirit Parish and the congregation had a chance to meet him again at a reception in the Church Hall after the Mass.