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Right Ren. Jerome M. Cloarec, U. G., P. A., P. R.

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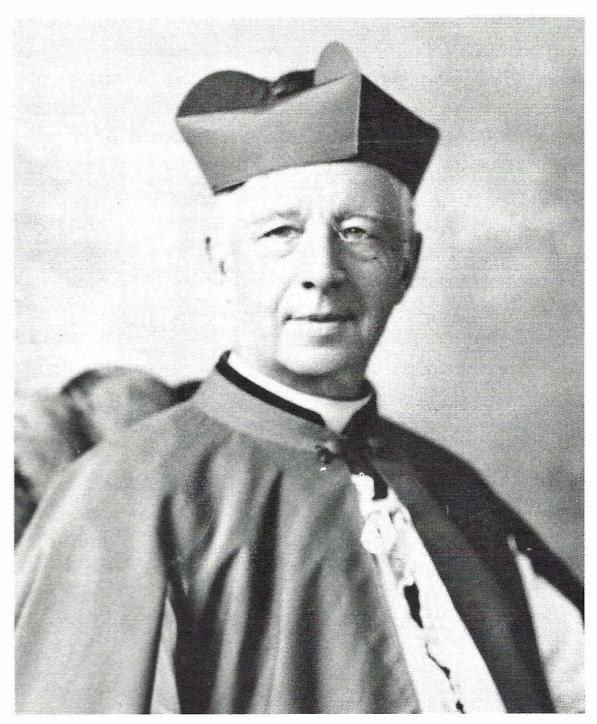
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Wednesday and Thursday -

July 3rd and 4th, 1918

At St. Joseph's Church

Burlington, At.



Monsignor Jérôme Marie Cloarec in robes, August 22, 1901

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Wednesday Fibening, at eight o'clock Reception

First Part

Overture, "Choral"F. W. Clomont Orchestra and Organ Regna TerraeG. Curto

Dr. G. O. Coutu and Mr. Edw. J. Beaupré

Address

Mr. F. X. Joachim

Response and Greeting Rt. Rev. J. M. Cloarec

Second Part

Andante Religioso Francis Thomé
Orchestra and Organ
Te Deum
Mrs. G. O. Coutu, Mrs. Jules Simays, Mr. N. J. St. Pierre,
Mr. U. H. Beaupré and Chorus
HosannaJules Granier
Mrs. Frederick L. Pine
Nocturne-'Cello SoloReinhard
Mr. W. L. Ward
Magnificat
Mrs. T. F. Conlon, Mrs. D. A. Shea, Mr. Joseph Lawrence
and Chorus

Third Part

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

O SalutarisH. G. Ganss
Mrs. Frederick L. Pine
Violin Obligato-Mr. Moses Cabana, Jr.
Ave Maria, duetFranz Abt
Mrs. G. O. Coutu, Soprano, Mrs. T. F. Conlon, Alto
Cor Jesu
Mr. Eugene O. Gravel
Tantum Ergo
Mrs. G. O. Coutu, Mr. N. J. St. Pierre and Chorus
Laudate Dominum
Mr. Arthur J. Doré and Chorus
Postlude
Organ and Orchestra

Ahursday Morning, at ten o'clock

Solenn High Mass

Celebrant Right Reb. J. M. Cloarer

GradualeBach

Sermon

REV. E. M. SALMON, S. S. E.

REV. D. J. O'SULLIVAN

Offertory-Regna TerraeG. Curto Mrs. Frederick L. Pine and Chorus

"Sanctus and Benedictus," from Mass in E flatConcone Mrs. G. O. Coutu, Mrs. Jules Simays, Mr. U. H. Beaupré, Mr. David Roberge and Chorus

"Agnus Dei," from Mass in E flatConcone Miss Katharine McCaffrey, Mrs. Mary L. McGrath, Mr. A. A. Rousseau, Mr. E. O. Gravel and Chorus

Orchestra

Violins-Messrs. Moses Cabana, Jr., V. C. Taplin, Miss Regina Raymond Viola-Mr. Wm. Walker

'Cello-Mr. Wm. L. Ward

Bass-Mr. Chas. Coburn

Flute-Mr. Bernard Daly

Clarinet-Mr. Walter Sherman

Organists-Mr. Fabien J. Beanpré, Mr. William H. Robertson

Conductor-Mr. Edward J. Beaupré

Diamond Jubilee Of the Rt. Rev. Monsignor J. M. Cloarec

JEROME MARIE CLOAREC was born June 17th, 1833, at Ste Sauveur, Brittany (France). In 1855 he came to America, spent three years at Ste Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., preparing himself for the Holy Priesthood. He was ordained in the old St. Mary's Church in Burlington by the late Bishop De Goesbriand on July 4th, 1858. The venerable Archbishop of Baltimore, His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, was one of his fellow-seminarians at the Seminary.

Rev. Father Cloarec was first appointed at Bennington where he remained for two years until 1861 when he was called to Burlington to become the rector of the Cathedral. During eight years he labored zealously to develop St. Mary's Parish. Bishop De Goesbriand then gave Father Cloarec charge of the French-Canadian parish of Rutland. But he was not to remain long in the "Marble City." The rapidly increasing parish of St. Joseph demanded the attention of a zealous and able pastor and the Rt Rev. Bishop, like the Egyptian King of old, thought none was better fitted than the Rev. J. M. Cloarec to direct the destinies of the Parish which was to become the largest of the State. The appointment was made August 1, 1871. It soon became evident that the old St. Joseph's Church, located on the hill where St. Joseph's Academy now stands, was much too small for the congregation. The site of the present Church was secured and the corner stone of the new edifice laid on July 4th, 1884. The work progressed rapidly, and the present St. Joseph Church, the largest in the Diocese of Burlington, was solemnly blessed by Archbishop Fabre of Montreal, June 24th, 1887.

The privilege of having a Church consecrated is one which not many churches enjoy; and only very few parishes in Vermont, outside the City of Burlington can boast of the honor. St. Joseph's Church, free from debt and enriched by a beautiful new marble altar, was solemnly consecrated by the Rt. Rev, J. S. Michaud, August 22nd, 1901, assisted by the Rt. Rev. M. Decelles, Bishop of St. Hyacinth, and the Rt. Rev. H. Gabriels, Bishop of Ogdensburgh, N. Y. Monsignor Cloarec has also built St. Anthony's Church, Park Avenue, the Holy Cross Chapel at Mallett's Bay and the present Rectory at St. Joseph's besides the Schools and Convent.

In the foregoing account we get only an imperfect idea of our venerable Jubilarian's works, of their progress and ultimate success. There is also another viewpoint to be considered, Father Cloarec has been honored with all the favors that are usually conferred upon a faithful priest, exclusive of the mitre. He was chosen as one of the Bishop's Consultors on the first board elected in the diocese, July, 1886. He has been chosen since at every triennial election. He is one of the Trustees of the Diocesan Corporation, organized in 1896. On December 6th, 1899, when the Rt. Rev. J. S. Michaud was installed as Bishop of Burlington, Father Cloarec was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese, thus taking a greater part in its administration. He has been more than once Administrator of the Diocese, during the absence of the Bishop, and during the vacancy of the See. The crowning honor, however, was conferred upon Father Cloarec when in 1901, August 22nd, at the request of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Michaud, he was raised to the rank of Domestic Prelate by the Pope and invested with the insignia of that Office. The imposing ceremony very appropriately took place on the occasion of the consecration of St. Joseph's Church, since which date he has been known more familiarly as "Monsignor Cloarec."

Years roll by, but Monsignor Cloarec is little affected by the ravages of' time. The Golden Jubilee of his priestly ordination was commemorated with all the splendor becoming such an occasion on June 29th and 30th, 1908. On the 29th the members of the St. Joseph's Parish tendered the Venerable Jubilarian a reception in which many of the prominent citizens of Burlington took part. The ceremony was remarkable for the spirit of exultant gladness that filled the hearts of all.

On Tuesday, June 30th, the Solemn Jubilee Mass, in which the glory and power of the priesthood is shown in its greatness, was celebrated by Monsignor Cloarec. The French sermon was delivered by Rev. A. Fricot, S. S. E., and the sermon in English by Rev. P. J. Barrett, then Rector of the Cathedral. The Rt. Rev. H. Gabriels, Bishop of Ogdensburgh, N. Y., a lifelong friend of Monsignor Cloarec, graced the occasion. The Rt. Rev. J. S. Michaud, very ill at the time, expressed his regret that he could not show by his presence his appreciation of all that the Venerable Jubilarian had done for the Diocese. Most of the diocesan Clergy as well as several priests from the neighboring places were present.

Five years after the celebration of his Golden Jubilee, June 17th, 1913, Monsignor Cloarec fittingly commemorated his eightieth birthday. And the day following, the Grand Old Man, as if to prove that his years had little effect on his great constitution, left for Europe. He was absent about three months, having visited the scenes of his youth in Brittany and the Eternal City. On his return he was greeted with joyous acclamations by parishioners and friends, as on his departure their best wishes went with him.

Today we celebrate with Monsignor Cloarec again his Jubilee, one it is rarely given the priest to see: his sixtieth anniversary of ordination. And still, he seems ever active as in the past, taking his turn in the round of parish work with his assistants, and sometimes outdoing them in the offices of the Church and in his calls upon the sick of his charge.

In conclusion, it should be remarked that besides the places in which Monsignor Cloarec has resided for a time, longer or shorter, as rector, he has visited and attended frequently and for short periods many other localities, and in all without exception he has been loved, esteemed and honored because of his earnestness, zeal and charity. The hope is universally expressed that his years may yet be many in which he may enjoy the recollections of his Diamond Jubilee or look forward to the celebration of yet another still more imposing.