

Family Group Record

Husband	Louis Zéphirin Moreau Blessed Bishop¹		
Born	Apr 1, 1824	Bécancour, Nicolet Cnty., Quebec, Canada ¹	
Baptized	Apr 1, 1824	Bécancour, Nicolet Cnty., Quebec, Canada ¹	
Died	May 24, 1901	St-Hyacinthe, St-Hyacinthe Cnty., Quebec, Canada ²	
Buried			
Father	Louis Zephirin Moreau (1795-1871) ³	Mother	Marguerite Champoux-St. Pair (1798-1866) ⁴
Wife			
Born			
Baptized			
Died			
Buried			
Children			
General Notes: Husband -			
<p>In the cool Sunday morning of May 10, 1987, an uncountable crowd swarmed over Saint Peter's Square in Rome. At about nine-thirty, four banners slowly unfurled between the columns of the basilica, pictured there in giant form were four persons whom John Paul II was ready to proclaim as the blessed: a Frenchman, Pierre Francois Jamet, two Italians, the Cardinal from Milan, Andrea Carl Ferrari and the nun from Genoa, Bernedetta Cambiagio Frassinello; and finally, a French Canadian, the Bishop Louis-Zephirin Moreau.</p> <p>Descendant of Jean Moreau from Saintonge, the blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau was the great-great-great grandson of the ancestor who settled at Batiscan in the second half of the seventeenth century. He counted among his ancestors several pioneers who settled in the Trois-Rivières region.</p> <p>Born and baptized at Bécancour on the first of April 1824, the future saint was the fifth of thirteen children from the marriage of Louis-Zephirin Moreau and Marguerite Champoux-Saint-Pair. This "intelligent, pious, modest, gentle, and thoughtful" child was educated in his native parish until the age of fifteen before being admitted into the Seminary of Nicolet. In 1844, he received the ecclesiastic habit at Quebec, but in 1845, Msgr. Signay sent him back home, because he found him to be in fragile health. It would take more than this setback to discourage the young man on his path towards the priesthood. He then begged Msgr. Bourget to permit him to achieve his dream at the Ecole de Theology of Montreal. This was accomplished, thanks to the kindness of Msgr. Prince, head of this institution. Father Moreau was ordained a priest on Dec. 19, 1846. at the age of 22. Six years later, Msgr. Prince became the first titular of the new diocese of Saint-Hyacinthe and he appointed Father Moreau as secretary-chancellor. The apprenticeship of the future prelate was a parish priest for the cathedral, and he was administrator of the diocese five times. On Jan 15 1876, at the age of 51, Father Moreau became the fourth bishop of Saint-Hyacinthe.</p> <p>As bishop, he remained what he had always been: <i>"good, simple, humble, and poor"</i>. He founded the communities of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and the Sisters of Sainte Marthe. He also participated in the founding of numerous other institutions and pious works. He died on May 24, 1901. Twenty three years later, steps were taken towards his beatification and canonization. The numerous healings which were attributed to him would later launch this irrevocable progression towards the formal recognition of his holiness.</p> <p>Source: "Our French-Canadian Ancestors" by Thomas J. Laforest, Volume 17, Page 162.</p>			
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