

Family Group Record

Husband	Cardinal Jean Marie Rodrigue Villeneuve¹		
Born	Nov 2, 1883	Notre-Dame de Montréal, Montreal Cnty., Quebec, Canada ¹	
Baptized			
Died	Jan 17, 1947	Alhambra, California ¹	
Buried			
Father	Rodrigue Villeneuve (Abt 1860-) ¹	Mother	Louise Lalonde (Abt 1861-) ¹
Wife			
Born			
Baptized			
Died			
Buried			
Children			
General Notes: Husband -			
<p>BIOGRAPHY:</p> <p>Jean Marie Rodrigue Villeneuve was born in Montreal, one of three children of a shoemaker. He completed his secondary studies at Mont-Saint-Louis, from where he obtained a diploma in science and commerce, in 1900. After teaching at a school in Dorval, he entered the Oblates of Mary Immaculate on August 14, 1901 in Lachine. He professed his final vows on September 8, 1903, and was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Joseph Thomas Duhamel on May 25, 1907. While pursuing doctoral studies at the University of Ottawa, he taught philosophy (1907-1913) and moral theology (1913-1920) at the Oblate Scholasticate in Ottawa. He also served as a professor of canon law, liturgy, spirituality and ecclesiastical history, and the Dean of Theology at the Scholasticate.</p> <p>From the University of Ottawa, he earned a doctorate in philosophy (1919), doctorate in theology (1922) and doctorate in canon law (1930). He founded the School of Superior Ecclesiastical Studies, where he was made titular professor of canon law in 1928. In 1929, he returned to the University of Ottawa, this time to head the Canon Law faculty. He was active in labor unions, civil rights, and contributed to <i>Le Droit</i>.</p> <p>On July 3, 1930, he was appointed the first Bishop of Gravelbourg by Pope Pius XI. He received his Episcopal consecration on the following September 11 from Archbishop Joseph Guillaume Laurent Forbes, with Bishops Louis Rheaume, OMI, and Joseph Guy, OMI, serving as co-consecrators, in the Cathedral of Ottawa. He was later named Archbishop of Quebec and, thus, Primate of the Church in Canada on December 11, 1931.</p> <p>Pius XI created him Cardinal Priest of <i>S. Maria degli Angeli</i> in the consistory of March 13, 1933. Commenting on his elevation, he said, "<i>I do not feel at all worthy, but the Sovereign Pontiff calls me and I go.</i>" The Canadian Primate was one of the cardinal electors who participated in the 1939 papal conclave, at which he himself was considered <i>papabile</i>, that selected Pope Pius XII.</p> <p>He was opposed to freedom of the press, of thought, and of religion, and believed that granting women the right to vote would have ruinous effects on family unity and paternal authority. Initially an isolationist, he encouraged French Canadians to register for the draft and to enlist upon the outbreak of World War II, saying, "<i>You cannot fight this war by condensing the horizon to this continent.</i>" During the fall of 1944, he visited the Canadian military stationed in Great Britain, Italy, Belgium and the Netherlands.</p> <p>Cardinal Villeneuve was stricken by a heart attack on July 7, 1946, while returning from Ile-a-la-Crosse, where he had taken part in the celebrations for the centennial of his order. After being hospitalized at the Hôtel-Dieu de Québec, he left Québec for the United States, specifically for Misericordia Hospital in Manhattan, on the following October 4 for medical treatment, having yet another crisis on October 14.</p> <p>Seeking a milder climate, he arrived at a convent in Alhambra, California, on January 14, 1947. Three days later, the Cardinal stopped his private secretary during the beginning of the latter's Mass, sensing his death was imminent. He died within the hour at age 63.</p> <p>Upon his body's return to Canada, flags were set at half-staff. On January 24, James Cardinal McGuigan celebrated his</p>			

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funeral Mass, at which, according to Villeneuve's will, there was no eulogy but only Gregorian music. He is buried in the Cathedral Basilica of Québec.

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