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What is a Domestic Prelate?

An honorary distinction conferred by the Holy See upon clergy, entitling them to some of the privileges of a bishop.

Most domestic prelates are named directly because of merit or because of their position in authority (e.g., most are vicars-general).

Sculptor: Sherry Fry

Dimensions: 7 feet high & 3 feet wide

Born in Brittany 1833. Ordained Priest
At Burlington 1858. Pastor of St Joseph Church
From 1871 until his death on 10 Feb 1920
Erected in 1922 by his Parishioners

Ne en Bretagne 1833 Ordonne Pretre
A Burlington 1858 Cure de L'Eglise St Joseph
De 1871 jusqu'a sa mort le 10 fevrier 1920
Erige 1922 par ses paroissiens

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Erected in St. Joseph's church and to be unveiled tomorrow afternoon

The erection was completed yesterday afternoon of the tablet in memory of the late Monsignor Jerome M. Cloarec. The tablet has been placed on the west side of St. Joseph's church, between the first and second windows. It will be unveiled by the Rev. Norbert Proulx at the dedication service, which will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, follow the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament which starts at 2:30. Immediately after the unveiling, the choir will render the Libera and a sermon will be delivered by the Rev. E. M. Salmon of St. Michael's college. At the end of the ceremony, all wishing closer view of the tablet will be given an opportunity to view the same. All those interested are invited to the ceremony, which will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

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Tablet Unveiled in Memory of Pastor

**Parishioners at St. Joseph's Church pay tribute to late Monsignor Jerome M. Cloarec
Eulogy by the Rev. E. M. Salmon**

The unveiling and dedication of the tablet to the memory of the late Monsignor Jerome M. Cloarec occurred yesterday afternoon at St. Joseph's church before a large congregation of the parishioners and friends of the late pastor. The ceremony took place at 3 o'clock, following the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The tablet, which was placed on the west side of the church, was unveiled by the Rev. Norbert Proulx, assisted by four altar boys. Immediately after the dedication service, St Joseph's choir rendered the Libera, assisted by the boys choir which was in attendance in the chancel.

The Rev. E. M. Salmon of St. Michael's college delivered the sermon and gave a eulogy of Monsignor Cloarec. He told of his affection of St. Joseph's parish and how his parishioners joys were his joys, and their sorrows, his sorrows. He enumerated the works of the Monsignor in the parish, such as the erection of Mount Calvary cemetery, the schools of the parish, St. Joseph's church and the rectory, the church being consecrated in 1903, free of debt. Father Salmon drew from the teachings and works of the late pastor a lesson that can be expressed in the word "Loyalty". Loyalty to the church, to the family traditions and to the parochial schools, where where the moral education and sound, secular instructions are the building of good citizenship for future generations.

The tablet dedicated yesterday to the memory of the late pastor of St. Joseph's church is the work of Sherry Fry of New York and was pronounced by many to be a good likeness of Monsignor Cloarec. It is a national size figure, with the base seven by three feet in size. The money for the tablet was raised in April, 1920, among the parishioners and friends, by the following committee: The Rev. Norbert Proulx, P. E. Crady, George Gratton, F. H. Robillard, Eugene Chausse, Henry Lavigne, Arsene Boucher and A. H. Duhamel.

FATHER CLOAREC'S LONG AND USEFUL LIFE

Monsignor Jerome Marie Cloarec was born June 17, 1833, at St. Sauveur, Brittany, France. In 1855 he came to America, spent three years at St. Mary's seminary, Baltimore, MD., preparing for the holy priesthood. He was ordained in the old St. Mary's Church in this city by the late Bishop De Goesbriand on July 4, 1858. The Rev. Father Cloarec was given Bennington as his first parish, where he remained for two years. He was called to Burlington in 1861 to become rector of the Cathedral. For eight years he labored zealously to develop St. Mary's parish and was later transferred to Rutland to take charge of the French-Canadian parish. He was made pastor of old St. Joseph's Church in this city on August 7, 1871. Father Cloarec was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese in 1899, when the Rt. Rev. J. S. Michaud was installed as Bishop of Burlington. His crowning honor was conferred in 1901, when he was raised to the rank of domestic prelate by the Pope and invested with the insignia of that office. The imposing ceremony took place on the consecration of St. Joseph's Church in 1903 after which date he was more familiarly known as Monsignor Cloarec. He died Tuesday afternoon, February 10, 1920.

Sherry Edmundson Fry (September 29, 1879 – June 9, 1966) He was an American sculptor, born in Creston, Iowa. After completing high school, he enrolled at the Art Institute of Chicago, where he studied sculpture with Lorado Taft. He then moved to Paris, where he attended the Académie Julian and the École des Beaux-Arts, and worked with Frederick MacMonnies, who had been a student of the famous 19th-century American sculptor, Augustus Saint-Gaudens. He also created a statue of Ira Allen at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

The 2001 Renovation of the Church by Father Steven Hornat



In 2001 the tablet was removed from its original position and was cleaned by Steve Richer, Raymond Nichols, Donald Lacroix and Fred Dusablon. It was then reinstalled on the left side of the church, to the right of the existing entryway where there was originally an altar, which had been removed in a previous renovation.



Monsignor Cloarec - Through the Years



Rev Jérôme Marie Cloarec, pastor of St. Joseph Church-on-the-Hill and the Allen Street 1883 St. Joseph Church, 1871-1920



Monsignor Jérôme Marie Cloarec in robes, August 22, 1901



Monsignor Cloarec in his later years