

But for the advent of the Basilian Fathers the north end of the city would have remained for many more years attached to the Cathedral parish, for although the territory was large, the Catholics were few, and unable to build a church or support a priest of their own. Gratitude, therefore, is due to the Fathers who, in addition to their professional work, took upon themselves the arduous duties of this district where Catholics were at such disadvantage.

In the early days the Superior of the College had also official charge of the parish, therefore, Very Rev. Father Soulerin was the first parish priest of St. Basil's.

The name of this venerable Founder of the Congregation of St. Basil in Canada, and of St. Basil's Parish in Toronto, is held in benediction by the few who can remember him. We are told that he was a saintly old man, making his round of visits among the few Catholics to be found in the parish, there