

His Eminence Paul-Emile, Cardinal Léger

Born 26 April 1904, at Valleyfield, Quebec.

Educated at the Séminaire de Sainte-Thérèse (Québec), the Grand Séminaire de Montréal and the Institut Catholique de Paris. (Degrees: L.Th., L.D.C.)

- 25 May 1929: Ordained to the priesthood.
- 1931-32: Professor, Séminaire d'Issy-les-Moulineaux (France).
- 1932-33: Assistant master of novices, Séminaire d'Issy-les-Moulineaux.
- 1933-39: Superior, Seminary of Fukuoka (Japan).
- 1940-47: Vicar-General, Diocese of Valleyfield (Québec), and Curate of Valleyfield Cathedral.
- 1947-50: Rector, Pontifical Canadian College, Rome.
- 1950: Archbishop of Montreal.
- 1953: Elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals.
- 1961: Member of the Central Preparatory Commission for the Second Vatican Council.
- 1962: Member of the Vatican II Commission on Theology.
- 1963: Member of the Vatican II Commission on Canon Law.
- 1967: Member of the Canadian delegation to the Synod of Bishops, Rome.
- Resigned as Archbishop of Montreal, to undertake missionary work in Cameroun.
- 1972: Member of the Council for the Propagation of the Faith, Rome.
- 1979: Returned to Canada.
- Member of the Pontifical Commission for the Pastoral of Tourism and Migrants.
- Co-president, Canadian Foundation for Refugees.