

"I look forward to my semi-retirement but also to be in service to the parishioners and friends of Saint Louis, King of France, the Little French Church particularly during this celebratory 150th year of the parish."

My education began in the Van Buren Parochial School system and after the eighth grade I entered Marist Preparatory Seminary in Bedford, Massachusetts.

I then attended Marist College and Seminary in Framingham, MA and studied theology at the Pontificio Beda College in Rome. I became a Marist, September 12, 1964 and was ordained a priest July 5, 1974.

I served as the Marist Vocation Director and Director of the Third Order of Mary/Marist Laity in the Boston Province of the Society of Mary.

I became pastor of the following parishes: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Methuen, MA; St. John the Baptist, Brunswick, ME, Sacred Heart Parish, Lawrence, MA, Our Lady of Pity, Cambridge, MA; St. Peter Chanel in my hometown of Van Buren, ME, and then to the warmer climates at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Tampa, FL. My previous assignment before coming to St. Louis, King of France was as Associate Pastor of Notre Dame des Victoires in San Francisco, CA.

My other assignments were staff member at the General House of the Marist Fathers in Rome, Italy; staff member of La Neylière, Jean-Claude Colin founder's house of the Society of Mary, Pomey, France; Rector of the Marist Seminary in Dakar, Senegal, West Africa and Provincial Superior of the former Boston Province of the Society of Mary, now known as the USA Province of the Society of Mary.

Among my talents are the following language skills: French, English, Italian and Spanish.

AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM
ET DEI GENITRICIS HONOREM
To the Greater Glory of God and the Honor
of the Mother of God.

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the foundation
of the Parish of Saint Louis, King of France.
Entrusted to the pastoral care of the
Society of Mary (Marists) August 4, 1886.



Bienvenue!

Please welcome
REV. ROLAND A. LAJOIE, S.M.
with the warm hospitality
and cordiality that is
a well known hallmark of
The Little French Church.

ROLAND ALBERT LAJOIE
a native of Van Buren, Maine
on the Saint John River located
across from Saint-Leonard,
New Brunswick, Canada.

He is the third child of
*Gilbert and *Martha
(née St.Pierre) Lajoie.

His siblings *Jeannine, *Normand,
and Gerard Lajoie.

Gerard and his wife Bernadette
reside in Van Buren, Maine.

*(Fr. Roland is 'Mon Oncle'
to numerous nieces and nephews.)*

Professed a Marist September 12, 1964,
ordained to the priesthood July 5, 1974.
He has been a professed member of the
Society of Mary for 54 years and
44 years a priest in the same Society.

*"I enjoy being with people
and serving the needs of people."*