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Biographical Details of H.E. Cardinal McGuigan, Archbishop of Toronto

James Charles McGuigan was born at Hunter River, P.E.I., on November 26th, 1894, the son of George Hugh McGuigan and Anne Monaghan, both deceased. He was educated in the Hunter River district school, Prince of Wales College and St. Dunstan's University in Charlottetown. There he won the Governor-General's Medal, and took his B.A. degree in 1914 from Laval, with which St. Dunstan's was affiliated. From 1914 to 1918 he attended Laval University and the Grand Seminary of Quebec, taking degrees in Philosophy, Theology, and Canon Law; he received the doctorate in Theology "summa cum laude."

He was ordained May 26, 1918, in his native parish of Rustico, P.E.I. by Most Rev. Henry O'Leary, D.D., then Bishop of Charlottetown. He was Professor of Natural Sciences at St. Dunstan's 1918-19, and secretary to Bishop O'Leary 1919-20. In 1920, when Bishop O'Leary became Archbishop of Edmonton, he accompanied the Archbishop to the new See, where he was Chancellor, 1923-25, and Vicar-General 1923-30; rector of St. Joseph's Cathedral 1927-30. On Jan. 31, 1930, he was appointed Archbishop of Regina and was then the youngest archbishop in the world, 35 years of age.

On Dec. 22, 1934, he was appointed Archbishop of Toronto, and installed in St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, March 20, 1935. In 1939, His Eminence was given the honorary title of LL.D. from the Catholic University of America. In October, 1943, he was created Assistant at

the Pontifical Throne and Roman Count. On December 23, 1945, he was named a member of the Sacred College of Cardinals. He was invested with the red hat at the Public Consistory in St. Peter's on Feb. 21, 1946, and was assigned the Church of Santa Maria del Popolo as his titular church.



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