

BIOGRAPHY OF BISHOP-ELECT CAILLOUET

The Right Reverend Monsignor Louis Abel Caillouet, V.F., Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was appointed today by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, as Auxiliary Bishop to the Most Reverend Joseph Francis Rummel, S.T.D., Archbishop of New Orleans. The new Bishop-Elect was born on August 2, 1900 in Thibodaux, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, the son of Louis Philip Caillouet and Marie Adele Lagarde, both natives of ^{that} ~~the~~ same parish. At the time, his father was Judge for the 18th. Judicial District comprising the parishes of Lafourche and Terrebonne. Later, he served on the First Circuit, Court of Appeals, which includes East Baton Rouge Parish. In 1925, he was made a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope Pius XI. ~~Both~~ parents are now deceased. --- The Bishop-elect comes from a family of ten children, seven of whom are living. Besides himself, they are: The Right Reverend Monsignor Lucien J. Caillouet, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and just recently named Prothonotary Apostolic by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII; Mother Marie Dolores, Prioress of the Discalced Carmelite Monastery in Lafayette, Louisiana; Alban C. Caillouet, Thibodaux, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Louisiana Tax Commission; Misses Marie, Adele & Irene Caillouet, all of Thibodaux. Federal Judge Adrian J. Caillouet, Easter ⁿ District of Louisiana, who died on December 19, 1946, was also a brother, ~~and~~ Louis Edwin Caillouet who died in 1924, father of Rev. James L. Caillouet, assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception Church, Marrero, Louisiana. A third deceased brother: Philip Caillouet, died in infancy.

The Bishop-elect received his primary education first at the private Catholic school of the Misses Doucet in Thibodaux; then, at the Convent of the Sisters of Mount Carmel in Thibodaux, (where his mother, too, had gone to school) and later at Thibodaux College, conducted by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. In 1914, he entered St. Joseph's ^(under the guidance & encouragement of his pastor, Msgr. A.M. Boudry) Preparatory Seminary at St. Benedict, near Covington, Louisiana. Graduating there in 1919, he was sent to St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland, under the direction of the Sulpician Fathers, for his course in philosophy, being afterwards awarded the Degree of Master of Arts. In 1921, he was chosen by Archbishop Shaw (together with Msgr. Maurice Schexnayder of Houma, and lately of Baton Rouge) to go to the North American College in Rome, to pursue his theological studies at the University of the Propagation of the Faith in the company of seminarians from all over the world. From this institution, he obtained the degree of Licentiate in Sacred Theology. He was ordained to the holy priesthood on March 7, 1925,

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in St. John Lateran Cathedral, Rome, by Cardinal Pompili, Vicar General of Pope Pius XI. Returning to his native archdiocese that summer, Father Caillouet was sent by Archbishop Shaw to St. John the Baptist Church, Brusly, Louisiana to substitute temporarily for Father Eugene Royer, the pastor, who was to be away in Europe. After remaining in Brusly from August to November, he was assigned on November 15, 1925 as second assistant to Msgr. Gassler at St. Joseph's Church, Baton Rouge, serving with Father - now Monsignor - Blasco, presently pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Baton Rouge. After exactly ten years as assistant at St. Joseph's, Father Caillouet was named by Archbishop Rummel to the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Kenner, Louisiana, as administrator. He remained there from November 1925 until June 1, 1938, when he was named pastor of St. Eloi Church and Missions, Bayou du Large and Grand Caillou, below Houma in Terrebonne Parish. He was there from June 1938 until April 21, 1944, when he became pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Baton Rouge, where he had formerly been assistant. Within a few days of his appointment, he was made dean of the Baton Rouge Deanery - a title usually attached to the pastorate of St. Joseph's Church. On June 12, 1947, Very Reverend Father Caillouet was made a Domestic Prelate of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. On August 7, 1947, the office of the Apostolic Delegation in Washington announced that Monsignor Caillouet had been appointed Titular Bishop of Setea by His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, and Auxiliary to the Most Reverend Archbishop Rummel of New Orleans.