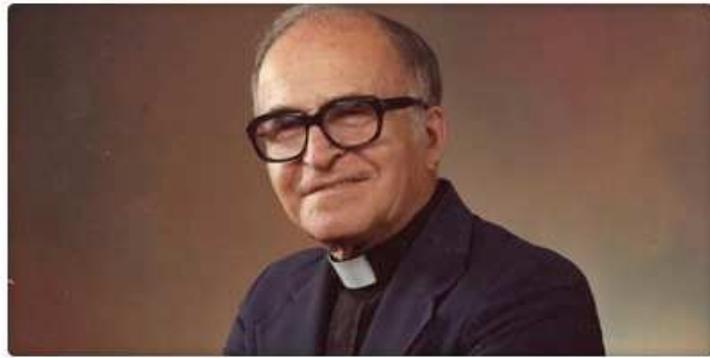




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## Father Eusebe Menard (1916-1987)

Father Eusebe Menard was born in East Broughton, in 1916. He finished his theological studies and was ordained in 1941. After his ordination, he undertook studies in sociology and pastoral at the University of Montreal and completed them in 1943. He then found himself preaching retreats at the Franciscan Retreat House in Châteauguay. During his years of preaching, he met young people and adults coming from colleges, teaching schools, military barracks or universities, and he encouraged many of their vocations to the priesthood.

It is at the Retreat House in Châteauguay that Father Eusebe Menard met Mr. Hector Durand, a well known businessman and contractor. Mister Durand offered his help, his talents and financial resources to develop any existing work or to undertake a new one. In 1946, counting on the close collaboration of a few associates, they founded in Montreal a seminary for young men and adults. This seminary was known at first as the Apostolic School of St-Pascal to become later on the "Seminary of the Holy Apostles". Four years later, the original idea had grown : why not found a group of leaders sharing this same preoccupation in order to undertake the task of awakening vocations to the priesthood?

A joint action helped create several seminaries, retreat houses, educational centres, health care centres and social promotion; in brief, it gave way to a fruitful work in humanization and evangelization that continues to spread as follows :

- The Society of the Holy Apostles, priests and brothers
- The Society of the Sisters of the Holy Apostles
- The Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles
- The Father-Eusebe-Menard Foundation

Since 1962, the Work of the Holy-Apostles has been growing in Latin America and Africa. During a trip to Latin America, Father Menard discovered the extreme poverty existing in Peru. He therefore decided to establish his residence there in 1967 as a sign of solidarity with the peruvian people. He spent the remaining 20 years of his life there.