

Father Narcisse Martin, S.S.

- December 31, 1845: Born on December 31, 1845, in Aire-sur-la-Lys, France. Studied at Saint Omer, at the Grand Seminary in Arras, and at the Seminary of Saint-Sulpice in Paris. As a young deacon, sent to the Seminary of Rodez as Professor of Philosophy.
- October 10, 1869 Ordained as priest at Rodez; remained at the seminary 10 years. As professor, he was a Thomist, adopting the purest doctrines of Saint Thomas Aquinas.
- 1879 Transferred to the seminary of Autun, where he stayed one year.
- 1880 At his request, transferred to the Grand Seminary of Montreal.
- 1882 Published *De Sanctissimo Eucharistiae Sacramento*, Treatise of the Blessed Sacrament, based on the theology of Saint Thomas Aquinas.
- 1883 Requested and received transfer to Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, teaching philosophy and theology.
- 1885 Requested assignment as Chaplain at St. Agnes Hospital, devoted primarily to care of the poor. Remained at St. Agnes nine years.
- 1894 Requested assignment as pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Waldorf. Served as pastor 29 years.
- Made administering the sacraments a first priority (2,372 baptisms, 371 weddings)
 - Dramatically increased the Catholic enrollment
 - Established catechism centers in the parish
 - Restored and refurbished St. Peter's Church
 - Built St. Peter's Rectory (now Fr. Martin House)
 - Restored St. Peter's as a working farm and annexed property
 - Established and built St. Michaels Church
 - Looked after the social well-being of parishioners in crises (provided work /shelter for orphans, arranged nursing care during local typhoid outbreak, etc.)
- 1919 Celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination – his Golden Jubilee—with Mass and dinner in Baltimore
- February 1923 Profiled in article that appeared in Catholic Review, newspaper of the Diocese of Baltimore.
- August 6, 1923 Died at 10 p.m. in St. Peter's rectory at age 78.