

COLLECTIONS

The museum's collection of Canadian and Ukrainian religious and folk artifacts was assembled by Father Jean and other Basilians or donated by local residents. Some of the artifacts represent early pioneer life in Canada. Others date as far back as the 15th century. The museum also houses a library and archives.



Nativity Scene, 19th century
Basilian Fathers Museum Collection

PERMANENT EXHIBITS

New Home in the West, a Ukrainian immigration story

The Basilian Fathers and Their People, the story of the Basilian mission in East Central Alberta

Service in the Vineyard of the Lord, a chronicle of the devoted service of spiritual leaders and lay people

MUSEUM HOURS

Monday to Friday: 10 AM - 4 PM

Weekends (*summer only*): 1 - 5 PM

Free admission.

Donations are appreciated.

**The museum also serves as a
tourist information centre.**

MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

Open during public hours.

Ukrainian and religious souvenirs, jewelry,
cards, art prints, books and music.

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BASILIAN FATHERS MUSEUM



FROM THE PAST
INTO THE PRESENT
FOR THE FUTURE

MUNDARE ♦ ALBERTA ♦ CANADA

BASILIAN



Metropolitan A. Sheptytsky's visit to Canada, 1910

THEIR MISSION

The small community of Mundare—45 minutes east of Edmonton on Highway 16—is a landmark in the history of Ukrainian settlement in Canada. It was here that the Basilian Fathers came, in 1902, to launch their missionary work among the Ukrainians.

By the turn of the century, the Ukrainian settlement spanned some 30 townships. This was the parish of the first Basilians, who lived and worked among their people, ministering to their spiritual needs and helping to build schools, churches and community institutions. The Beaver Lake mission, a few miles from present-day Mundare, became the centre of their religious community and the site of the first Basilian chapel and monastery.

Over the years, the Basilians established a printing press and built Mundare's Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic church, monastery and novitiate, grotto shrine and museum.

UKRAINIAN RELIGIOUS CENTRE



ST. PETER & PAUL UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC PARISH

The first Sts. Peter and Paul chapel was built at the Basilians' Beaver Lake mission. In 1987 the chapel was moved to Mundare and now forms part of the museum complex. During the summer season, it is open to visitors.



The new and old Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic churches, Mundare, Alberta, December 1968

Mundare grew quickly after the Canadian Northern Railway came through in 1905. In 1910 a grand, domed church was built in town.

The 1910 church served the community until 1968, when the present Sts. Peter and Paul church was opened for worship. To this day, thousands of faithful come to Mundare for the annual Sts. Peter and Paul day pilgrimage.



UKRAINIAN CULTURAL CENTRE

BASILIAN



From the exhibit *The New Home in the West*

THEIR MUSEUM

The Basilian Fathers Museum was established in the 1950s, but its roots go back much farther.

In 1910 Father Josaphat Jean, a French-Canadian priest who became a Basilian, went to Ukraine to study Ukrainian and the Eastern rite. Inspired by the colourful history of Ukraine and by Metropolitan Sheptytsky, the charismatic founder of the National Museum in Lviv, Father Jean began to collect old liturgical books, icons, old documents, coins and a wide variety of ethnographic material. In 1953, Father Jean's valuable lifetime collection found a permanent home at the Basilian Fathers Museum.

A new museum building was opened in 1990 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada. The museum serves as a memorial to the early pioneers and marks the Basilian Fathers' continued dedication to the cultural and spiritual heritage of Ukrainian Canadians.