



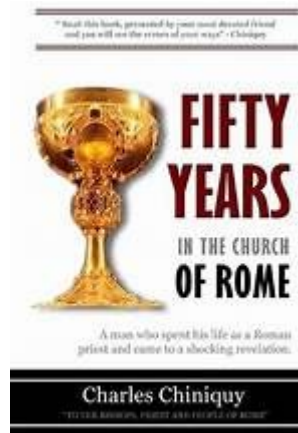
Father Chiniquy

A controversial religious figure of Kamouraska, Canada

His Early life/His family life

His father died when he was at the age of twelve. His uncle foster him for three years. He started his religious education in the Nicolet Seminary school. He had a sexual scandal with a woman during his education. This might have been the reason why his uncle abandon him. Father Bassard funded the rest of his religious schooling.

Books by Charles Chiniquy



The Temperance Movement

It began in the early 19th century. It ended in 1933 with the national prohibition of alcohol. Father Chiniquy was a great public speaker during this time. He spoke out against the consumption of alcohol, and he was a leader in the temperance movement. In 1844, he wrote “The Manual of Temperance”, which sold out immediately.

His religious career

In the Spring of 1851, Bishop Van de Velde of Chicago requested that Rev. Father Chiniquy of Montreal come to Illinois. He helped move small thriving groups of French Canadians to Bourbonnais, IL.

He also wrote the book *Fifty Years of Rome*.



St. Anne Church

In 1851, he founded St. Anne

He helped move the largest number of early settlers in Kankakee County.

He mostly helped with French-Canadian immigration. He was known for the rapid settlement of the Southeastern corner of town. He was instrumental in the settlement of Beaverville and L'erable in Iroquois County.



Why he was controversial to the Catholic Church

Chiniquy was suspended on 19 August 1856, for public insubordination by Bishop Anthony O'Regan, Van de Velde's successor in Chicago.

He was no longer a priest in the Roman Catholic Church starting in 1858. He got into trouble in October of 1858 by Bishop Bourget, who suspended him from the priesthood.

In August of 1856, he refused to acknowledge his suspension from his duties for two more years and continued to commission French Canadian parishioners as a Catholic Priest.

After he left the Catholic Church, he switched religions to Presbyterian, and he renamed the Catholic Church of St. Anne to the Presbyterian Church of St. Anne

Friends of President Abraham Lincoln

Spink sued Chiniquy for slander.
The trial took place in May of 1856.

Lincoln defended Chiniquy, as his lawyer. He was sued twice by Spink. The Jury acquitted Chiniquy. He became friends with President Lincoln until Lincoln's death.



Father Chiniquy opinions on the death of Abraham Lincoln

He also believed that the Roman Catholic Church was somehow involved in the assassination of President Lincoln and that the Roman Catholic Church was involved in the Civil War. He had no proof.