

Deacon Ron Boyer – brief biography

Deacon Ron Boyer is an Ojibwa from the Ontario Mississauga Reserve First Nation. He is married to Sheila Paul (55 years). They are the proud parents of six children, ten grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He attended and met his wife in Residential Schools in Spanish Ontario. They were married in 1957 and returned to Kahnawake in 1959. He then worked on High Steel Construction as a Supervisor throughout North America, and served as President of Local Iron Workers of Montreal Local 711.

In 1972, he returned to Kahnawake, to oversee the construction of the “Caughnawaga Boy’s and Girl’s Club,” presently known as the KYC “Kahnawake Youth Center” in his role as Program Director for four years. Afterwards, he stayed on with the Mission overseeing the Restoration of the Historic Kateri Shrine Complex.

He was ordained to the Diaconate Ministry on October 11, 1987. As part of his ministry he held Healing Weekends, Talking Circles, and gave numerous talks to various organizations. He made his Cursillo weekend in 1991 and has acted as Spiritual Leader several times since. He has served as Board Member of the Canadian Bible Society (CBS) and is also a Past-President.

He completed his theological studies at Concordia University in May 1998. He was the first member of his class to obtain his Masters of Arts in Sacred Theology.

In 1998, he completed training as a Community Justice Forum Facilitator, a training course directed by the (RCMP) geared to Restorative Justice.

In December 1999, he completed a training course with grandson (my son) Travis, and received a Certificate of Completion on 'Community Law and Justice Program in the Mohawk Justice Department of Akwesasne.'

He served for twelve years as Chair of the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council for Reconciliation (CCCB) 1998-2010. Since 2004, he has served on the National Advisory Council of Catechesis (CCCB).

In April 2007, he was appointed by Rome as Canadian Vice-Postulator of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha's Cause for Canonization. During his 5th year as Vice-Postulator, he witnessed the culmination of his lifeworks and tireless efforts, as Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha was welcomed into Sainthood on October 21, 2012.