

Brothers of St. Louis

The Brothers of St. Louis came from Holland to the Diocese of London in 1955, at the request of Bishop J.C. Cody. In 1958 they arrived in Sarnia in order to teach at Patrick's High School.

Over the years the Brothers have been involved in Sacred Heart Parish as choir members, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Small Christian Communities, Stephen Ministry, R.C.I.A., Mission Committee.

Some of the Brothers were asked to serve in other parishes – St. Thomas Aquinas, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Peter's and Queen of Peace.

The Brothers built a Junior Seminary on Murphy Road which was also their residence.

The hopes of fostering and educating young men for admission into the Brothers of St. Louis did not come to fruition. The building has since become a Long-Term Care Home. A new smaller residence for the Brothers was built next door.

The Community began to lose numbers as some were assigned globally. Others died. In 2012 the Brothers were called back to Holland to reunite with their community. Those who returned were Brother Anthony, Brother Gregory and Brother Peter. Brother Al received permission to remain in Sarnia where he ministered to the elderly community. Brother Al has since retired to a local Long-Term Care Home.