

**Maurice DeNobrega**  
**Your Web Custodian**

I was born in Georgetown, Guyana (formally known as British Guiana) to Charles and Ernestine DeNobrega on April 14, 1950; the 5<sup>th</sup> child of ten siblings.

Mom and Dad were very religious, so from an early age, I became an altar server at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Georgetown under the guidance of the Jesuit priests.



Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Georgetown – Guyana

In 1965, I decided to “spread my wings” and try the religious life. I joined the Seminary of Saint John Vianney in Trinidad as a “minor” seminarian (because of my age). This seminary was located at the bottom of the hill where the Monastery of Saint Benedict was located.



Saint Benedict Monastery, Trinidad.

Here I spent three years attending school and enjoying the seminarian and monastic life. But after much soul searching I realized that I was not called by God for the religious life and so I returned home to Guyana.

At the age of 22 years, I married my wife Vanessa and we immigrated to Canada.

We were blessed with three boys. Today we have six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

In 2008, I obtained my certificate in Pastoral Liturgy from the Saint Paul University in Ottawa.

I worked at the Royal Bank of Canada in Toronto for 35 years before retiring in 2012. It was at this time Vanessa and I moved to Gambo, NL where I am presently the secretary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Gambo.

For my pastime, I enjoy walks all around Gambo whenever the weather permits.



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