ROBORECKI, Most Reverend Bishop Andrew Joseph

Bishop Roborecki was born in Velyki Mosty, Ukraine on December 12, 1910. He came to Canada with his family in 1913, received his primary and secondary education in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and attended the seminary in Toronto, Ontario. He was ordained in Winnipeg on July 18, 1934.

He first served the church in Dauphin, Manitoba and area. From there he went to St. Josaphat's Parish in Toronto, where he stayed until 1948, when he was consecrated auxiliary Bishop of Winnipeg.

In 1951, the Ukrainian Diocese of Central Canada was split into two separate dioceses, Winnipeg and Saskatoon, and on May 3, 1951, Bishop Roborecki was installed as the first Ukrainian Bishop of the new Eparchy for Saskatchewan at St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Saskatoon. He served in this position until his death.

In honour of his achievements, the Saskatoon Catholic Board of Education named a school after him.

Bishop Roborecki died of a heart attack on October 23, 1982, at the age of 71, shortly after giving a speech at a conference in Toronto. He is buried in the Ukrainian Catholic Clergy Section of Woodlawn Cemetery, Block 11RC; Lot 2.