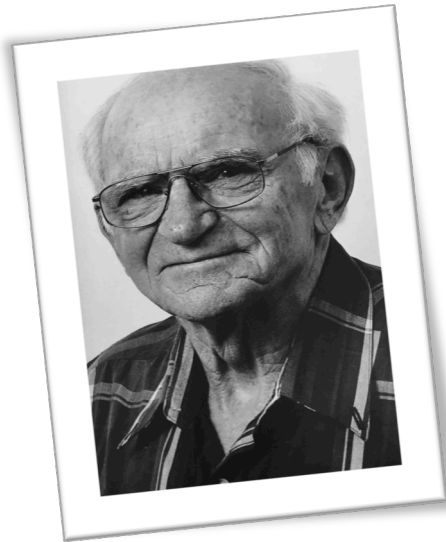




La Solitude

de Pré-d'en-Haut

Raymond BUJOLD—BIOGRAPHY



Raymond Bujold was born in 1924 in the Gaspé Peninsula in the province of Quebec. After completing his classical studies in Memramcook, New Brunswick, he joins the Congregation of Holy Cross as a novitiate. Once ordained, he leaves for India as a missionary in 1955.

His ministry includes several villages separated by mountain ranges, so he must travel on foot, alone on the road for several days at a time, with only the bare essentials. The austerity and the absence of outside distractions allow him to discover his inner voice, which helps him to pursue his mission despite many challenges.

Intense political tensions in northern India lead to the expulsion of several Canadian missionaries. In 1968, after 15 years of total devotion to the people he loved, Father Bujold, exhausted and deeply grieved, returns to New Brunswick. He takes on various positions, eventually becoming the director of the *Maison Sainte-Croix* (Holy Cross House) in Pré-d'en-Haut. In 1976, he founds and starts to develop La Solitude in order to share what he discovered in India. He builds small cabins where people can come to experience simplicity and silence.

For approximately 35 years, he welcomes a considerable number of people, avidly seeking deeper spiritual meaning. The experience offered and the methods developed over the years are recounted in two books written in French:

Raymond Bujold : Une spiritualité de l'Amour

Auteur : Marielle Gervais

2003 — Éditions Fides

Voies d'entrée dans l'inconscient

Auteurs : Viola Doiron, f.m.a. et Raymond Bujold

2006 — Éditions La Plume d'Oie

Serious health problems force him to leave La Solitude in 2007. He dies peacefully in Montreal on April 27, 2010.