

CURRICULUM VITAE by Rev. J. Vida Elmer.

I was born on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1912, in the City of MAKÓ, Hungary.  
My father's name was: Mihály (Michael)VIDA. Mother's maiden name was: Julianna SZABO. \*

A short time after my birth I was baptized in the parochial church of St. Stephen in the above named city.

I received FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION in the same church while I was attending elementary school.

My parents had six children. I still have two brothers of mine living in Hungary. Their addresses are:

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6900. MAKÓ	6726. SZEGED.
Kőrösi Csoma S.-u.l.	Rózsa Ferenc s.-ut 17.
HUNGARY.	HUNGARY.

Both of them are married, having their families.

I was educated for priesthood in the Interdiocesan Seminary in the City of SZEGED, Hungary, from 1931 to 1936.

I was ordained for the priesthood in the Catholic Church on Dec. 19, 1936 by Dr. Julius GLATTFELDER, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of CSANÁD, residing in the City of SZEGED, Hungary. \*

During the past 46 years several of my classmates died already, but as a reference, I give you the name of one of them still living: Rev. Stephen BÉKÉSI, S.J., pastor of the Church of St. Stephen of Hungary. His present address is: 130 Barton St. East, HAMILTON, Ontario. Telephone: 416-529-1213. Of course, he is an obedient "Novus-Ordo-Jesuit", but otherwise he is a sincere, honest man.

After my ordination I served as religion teacher in one of the public schools in the City of SZEGED; then, in different country-parishes in Hungary as assistant pastor, or administrator.

In 1956 the Russian army put down the Hungarian freedomfight. About 300,000 Hungarians fled the country. I also left and went to Austria, where Cardinal (then Archbishop) KÖNIG appointed me to serve as hospital chaplain in VIENNA (WIEN), Austria. \*

In 1957, I came to the United States, and found employment in the Catholic Diocese of ALBANY, N.Y. Bishop William A. Scully entrusted to me the spiritual care of the Hungarian refugees who were living in scattered places of the Diocese.

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I have spent seven years in the service of the above named Diocese. \* Then, in 1964, when the Vatican II reforms began to proliferate, I asked and received permission from my own bishop in Hungary, that I might go into voluntary retirement. \*

For the next ten years I was helping out different parishes in the Diocese with saying Masses, hearing confessions, etc., but I did not accept a permanent assignment from the local bishop.

Meanwhile, in December 1962, I became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America, and assumed the use of the name: JOSEPH VIDA ELMER. \*

In 1974 a group of traditional Catholics in the ALBANY, N.Y. area approached me with a problem of its members. They could not stomach the un-Catholic innovations in the Church. Several of them stopped going to church. They said, however, that if I would serve them with Mass and Sacraments in the old way, they would gladly resume the practice of their Catholic religion. I complied with their request. From that time, up until the present day, I have been serving this traditional group without any interruption.

In 1975 we bought a ranch-house, located in one of the suburbs of ALBANY, N.Y., and remodeled it as to become a chapel under the patronage of St. Michael the Archangel, where the true Mass and the true doctrine of the Church are offered to Catholic people on every Sunday and Holy Days.

The name and address of the Chapel is:

ST. MICHAEL'S CHAPEL  
P.O.Box 85.  
Glenmont, N.Y. 12077.

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Pastor  
Tel: 518-462-2016.

Dated on this 21st day of April, 1982.

My doctrinary position regarding the present confusion and crises in the Church is, that it was Archbishop Petrus Martinus Ngo Dinh Thuc who has given us - so far - the clearest and only logical answer by his Declaration of February 25, 1982.

Dated as above.

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\* Signifies availability of documentary proof.

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