

## FORMER LAY LEADERS OF THE CHURCH

### **Guillaume BARRETTE (1829-1916)**

Born in Melain, Belgium, he came to America in 1858 with his wife Eugenie, and their children. He moved to Dyckesville (Kewaunee Co), Wisconsin, where he opened a cheese factory and a post office. He called it Duval Post Office in honor of Joseph Duval, who appointed him. Mr. Duval was a major lumber manufacturer in Kewaunee County. He came from Nicolet (Quebec) Canada. The Church of St. Mary, which served as the first cathedral, was in front of his shop, on the other side of the road.

Elected synodal councilor, he incorporated the Ordinariate on February 13, 1890, with Mr. Edouard Debecker, Bishop-elect René Vilatte and the priests J.B. Gauthier and B.E. Harding. In 1893 he co-authored the book *Ecclesiastical Relations Between Old Catholics of America and Foreign Churches*.

Mr. Barrette was also Alderman of Ahnape and President of the municipal councils of Lincoln and Red River.

He died on June 4, 1916 and is buried in the parish cemetery at Duval.



### **Augustin MARCHAND (1835-1900)**



Originally from Belgium (Hainault), he came to America in 1868 with his wife Marie Therese.

He was hired as a "foreman" by Scofield Lumber Mill in Red River (Kewaunee), Wisconsin, and he bought 30 acres of land south of the mill. On July 13, 1871, he wrote in *The Door County Advocate*: "my mill produces 752,000 shingles per week. At the time of the 1880 census, he lived on farm No. 141. A widower, he married Philomena (Jacquart) Renier in 1886.

Elected synodal councilor, he was one of those who incorporated the Ordinariate in 1890. He co-authored the book *Ecclesiastical Relations Between Old Catholics of America and Foreign Churches*.

He died on October 8, 1900 and is buried in the parish cemetery at Duval.

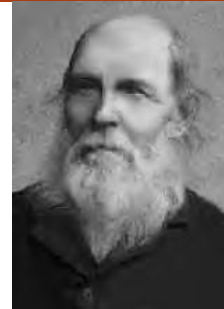
### **Jérôme PELLETIER dit ANTAYA (1829-1907)**

One of the lay leaders of the church, he emigrated to the United States with his wife Esther (Giguere) from Sorel (Quebec), Canada, and established himself as a farmer in Gardner (Door Co.) in Wisconsin in 1870.

He also worked for the postal service, carrying the mail on foot from Sturgeon Bay to Green Bay.

Mr. Pelletier was a founder of the Christian Catholic parish in Gardner and a third order member of the Society of the Precious Blood.

He died in Gardner on March 3, 1907 and is buried in the parish cemetery.



### **Louis ROBILLARD (1823-1908)**



Another lay leader, Louis was a founder of the church in Gardner (Brussels) with Bishop Rene Vilatte in 1885.

He was a relative of Anselme Robillard of St. Anne (Kankakee), Illinois, who founded the Christian Catholic Church with Father Chiniquy. His wife, Melanie, was the sister of Seraphin Laviolette of St. Anne. The couple came from Thurso (Quebec), Canada.

Mr. Robillard died in Gardner on July 29, 1908 and is buried in the parish cemetery.