

Bertil Persson

A Brief Biographical Sketch

on

**Victor J Alexander
de Kubinyi**

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Introduction

Jesus prayed "that all may be one" (Joh 17:21).

Mostly, this statement has been used as a motive to ecumenical efforts. This is an "one-eyed" interpretation. In fact, Jesus is praying that every individual in the world must feel sympathy for his fellow-being, as every human being is a child of God.

During the last thirty years I have tried to use my personal qualifications for unbiased researches on a number of ecclesiastical key figures, frequently surrounded by tendentious information, which in fact has split up the humanity. **Victor J Alexander de Kubinyi** is one of these figures.

This publication is a part of a biographical set dedicated the memory of the Late Rev. Henry Renaud Turner Brandreth, OGS, who just before his death in 1975 expressed to me that I may continue his work on smaller Christian communities.

I hope that the present research findings in some way may contribute to realizing the prayer of Jesus "that all may be one".

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1873, 6 July

Born in Eperjes [Prešov. Prjašev], Hungary. Parents: János Kubinyi and Matild Földvály (Dr Michal Pavlo)

1873, 7 July

Baptized

Studies at Royal University, Budapest, and Benedictine College

1897, 13 March

Ordains deacon by Bishop György [Georgius] Császka (1826-1904), Bishop of Esztergom [Budapest] of Római Katolikus Egyház [Catholic Church in Hungary] (*Érseki Hivatal Letter*)

1897, 18 March

Ordains priest by Bishop György Császka (*Érseki Hivatal Letter*)

1897-1900

Curate, Karavukova, Hungary

1900-1901

Professor of religion, High School, Szabodka, Hungary

1901-1905

Rector, Csany, Hungary

1904

Knight, The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta

1905

Emigrates to USA

1906-1909

Rector, South River, New Jersey (Kennedy p 1028)

1907

Publishes in New York *The King of Rome. A biography*

1910

Curate, St. Nicholas Church, New York City (Kennedy p 1028)

1910-1911

Rector, Newark, New Jersey (Kennedy p 1028)

1911

Publishes in New York *Napoleon I. His Life, History and Character in a Nutshell, a biographical sketch*

1912

Founder of The Hungarian National Church (Magyar Nemzeti Egyház Amerikában), South Bend, Indiana (Archives, University of Notre Dame 2/43 #1)

1913

Rector, Sacred Heart Church [of The Hungarian National Church], South Bend

1913, 15 April

Places his mission under The American Catholic Church

1913, 27 April

Consecrates as Bishop of the Hungarian mission by Archbishop-Primate Joseph René Vilatte (1854-1929) of The American Catholic Church (*Ancient Christian Fellowship Review* Vol II-I p 5; *The Fort Wayne Weekly Sentinel*) and by Vilatte invests as knight, prelate commander of The Order of the Crown of Thorns

Publishes in South Bend *True Religion; address delivered at... South Bend, Sunday, May 4th, 1913*

1913, 15 June

Consecrates by Archbishop-Primate Arnold Harris Mathew (1852-1919) of The Old Catholic Church in Great Britain (*Internationale Kirchliche Zeitschrift* p 343; Wedgwood)

1913, December

Renounces his episcopal ministry of The American Catholic Church

1913, 7 December

In St. James Episcopal Church, South Bend, receives from The Catholic Church (not reordained) into The Protestant Episcopal Church by Bishop John Hazen White of Northern Indiana (Close p 141)

1913, 28 December

Priest-in-charge at The Church of the Holy Trinity. Episcopal [915 N. Olive Street, South Bend], First Hungarian Protestant Episcopal Church (Center)

1913

Publishes [pseud. l'abbé de Lacroix] in Chicago *Behind the Curtain*

Publishes in South Bend *A Magyar Nemzeti Egyház Amerikában hitcikkelyei és szervezeti szabályzata*

1914

Publishes in South Bend *Through Fog - To Light; an autobiography*

1915, 1 May

Authorizes by Bishop John Hazen White to translate portions of *The Book of Common Prayer* into Hungarian

Publishes in Cleveland *Magyar Szertartási Könyve* [Hungarian Service book authorized by the Diocese of Michigan City of the American Episcopal Church] (includes *Szent Mise* [Order of Holy Communion], *Létánia* [The Litany], *Vesperás* [Evening Prayer], *Keressztelési Szertartás* [Public Baptism of Infants], *Házasságkötés Szertartása* [Solemnization of Matrimony], *Egyházhozmenés vagyis Avatás* [Churching of Women], *Temetési Szertartás* [Burial of the Dead])

1916, 25 April

Marries Florence Marie Telmany in New York City

1917

Publishes in South Bend *Franz Josef I, emperor-king; a character sketch*

1918, 23 September

Announces his renunciation from ministry (Archives, University of Notre Dame 2/43 #2)

1918, 15 November

Deposes by Bishop John Hazen White in St. James' Church, South Bend (Archives, University of Notre Dame 2/43 #2) and at the same day he in New York resumes his authority as Bishop of The American Catholic Church

1920

Publishes in New York *Mr Man* [In New York he lives at 35 West 71 Street, NYC]

1924, 16 October

In St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral [221 East 27th Street, New York] installs as Ordinary of Eastern Atlantic States of The American Catholic Church

1924, November

Installs as a member of The Cathedral Chapter of The African Orthodox Church by Archbishop-Primate George Alexander McGuire (1866-1934)

1925

Renounces his episcopal ministry of The American Catholic Church and settles in Washington D. C. (*The Catholic American*)

1925, 13 May

Consecrates by Archbishop-Primate Carmel Henry Carfora (1878-1958) of The North American Old Roman Catholic Church (Platzinski; Quatannens *Letter 1987-03-19*)

1929

Publishes in New York *As We are*

1932, 27 November

Consecrates as Mar Paul by Mar Antoine Lefebvre of The Chaldean Catholic Church (Quatannens *Letter 1987-02-23*) at which time he unites with The Apostolic Episcopal

Church (Brooks *Source... Chart 1*). Brooks often introduces him as “an Orthodox bishop connected with the Patriarch of Jerusalem”

1934, 16 November

Assists as coconsecrator when Archbishop-Primate Arthur W Brooks of The Apostolic Episcopal Church consecrates Rev. Charles W Keller and Rev. Harold F A Jarvis (Brooks *The Messenger* 1934)

1934

Consecrates Rev. Dr Béla Má dai (1874-1956) (Archives of Archbishop Herman Ph Abbinga; de Csernohorszky-Fehérváry; Sasvári; Thomann)

Before WWII

Moves to Hungary (Quatannens *Letter* 1993-10-26)

1966, 17 September

Dies in USA during a visit to his friends and before the performance of a consecration (Quatannens *Letter* 1993-10-26)

SOME ADDITIONS

He was a diligent and world famous artist, known for his paintings called “psychographs”

Supposedly the consecrator of Nicholas A Smit (“of New Jersey”), 1930-1935/1936 Bishop of The Apostolic Episcopal Church

He was a close friend of George Winslow Plummer (1876-1944); Archbishop-Primate of The Anglican Universal Church and a diligent artist

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