

PROMINENT ASSUMPTIONIST Most Rev. Pie Neveu, A.A., "The Peasant of Makeyevka" (1877-1946), Bishop and Apostolic Administrator in Moscow

Eugène Joseph Neveu was a French Assumptionist, bishop and apostolic administrator of Moscow, born in Gien on February 24, 1877 and died in Paris on October 17, 1946. His father was a manufacturer of chinaware. Eugene, one of 16 children, pursued primary and secondary studies in his hometown before entering the minor seminary of Orléans and finally the Assumptionists in 1895 where he adopted the name Pie. In 1897 he made his final profession in Jerusalem and began his studies of philosophy and theology at Notre-Dame de France in the Holy City. He became a professor at the Assumptionist Slavic seminary of Karagrach (Turkey) in 1901 and was ordained on March 18, 1905.

From that time on, he numbered among the small group of religious, who, following the wish of the founder, Fr. d'Alzon, were waiting for the opportune moment to enter Russia and consecrate themselves to the evangelization of the Slavic people. A teacher at the college in Varna, Bulgaria, he was appointed in 1906 the chaplain of Good Shepherd Church in the Russian capital of St. Petersburg. After the political events of 1905, several Assumptionists had been discretely given special appointments that allowed them to be granted permits in the country and to enjoy relative freedom of movement.



