



The Anglican
Military Ordinariate

The Anglican Bishop Ordinary Trust



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In the late 1990's, the Primate of the time, Archbishop Michael Peers, visited with the then Chaplain General and Archdeacon of the Forces—Gerry Peddle and Canon Tim Maindonald to discuss the needs of Anglicans in the Canadian Forces. (CF). It was then decided to transition from a retired bishop to a serving diocesan. This prepared the way for the appointment of Bishop Andrew Hutchison who served as Bishop Ordinary while at the same time serving the church of the diocese of Montreal. This was a visionary move—paving the way for the time when all Anglicans in the CF (clergy and laity) could be organized as a regular diocese and have a full-time Bishop appointed or elected to serve their pastoral and spiritual needs.

We have been blessed in the ministry of our Bishop Ordinary, but it is becoming more and more evident that the responsibilities attached to this ministry have rapidly evolved. The

Bishop Ordinary not only serves the needs of his clergy (46 Regular Force and 32 Reserve Force), but also the needs of nearly 20,000 Anglicans who form part of the CF family.

In addition, the Bishop Ordinary is a full-time member of the Interfaith Committee for Canadian Military Chaplaincy—the religious body that is responsible for the endorsement of civilian clergy and laity for military ministry, while at the same time representing Anglican concerns to that Committee and before the Minister of National Defence and the Government of Canada.



Bishop Peter Coffin, the Bishop Ordinary, celebrating the Eucharist.



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The present Bishop Ordinary, The Rt. Rev. Peter Coffin in Afghanistan.

As Anglican Bishop Ordinary, our Bishop visits chaplains and troops in garrison, in their homes and in the field—a visible reminder of our

Anglican identity and the ties that we have with the larger Anglican Communion. As chief presider and guarantor of ministry and sacrament, it is he who is the symbol of unity for both Anglican clergy and laity.

Of the 29 Anglican dioceses in Canada, the Anglican Military Ordinariate is the ninth largest grouping of clergy and laity in the country. Given our size, the requirement of a Bishop Ordinary totally dedicated to providing Episcopal ministry and oversight is critical.

Due to the way Anglicans have been organized in the CF since WWII as part of the Protestant Chaplaincy, it is necessary to fund the ministry of the Bishop Ordinary by means of endowments.

Honouring the Past

The Anglican Military Ordinariate of Canada reflects faithfully the role of the Chaplain Branch of the Canadian Forces by reflecting on our story, history and traditions that mark in a decisive fashion the presence and role of the Anglican Communion (its clergy and people) in the life and mission of the Canadian Forces.



Canon Frederic George Scott, WWI veteran.

Chaplains are committed to remembering the sacrifices of the past through participation in commemorative events around the world and the support of Legions and veterans.



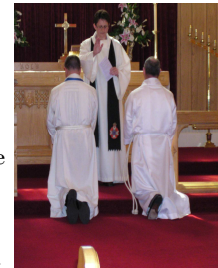
Padre Catherine Askew and Chaplain General Stan Johnstone at Vimy Ridge, 2007.

The Ordinariate has been blessed by Bishops from across the country who have served with pastoral zeal and dedication. Honouring their example, and the examples of hundreds of Anglican chaplains over the years, the Ordinariate supports the training of Anglican candidates for ministry through the Ivor Norris bursary.

Sustaining the Present

We sustain the present by the active ministry in Word and Sacrament of our Anglican chaplains and the critical role of our laity in the mission of the Church.

As an integral part of our mandate that we share with all military chaplains we **minister to our own** in providing the sacramental, liturgical and pastoral care to which Anglican military members and their families have a right; we **facilitate the worship of others** in seeing to it that people of all faiths have access to the spiritual resources they require and we **care for all** in meeting the needs of all who come to us for assistance, regardless of where they may be on their spiritual journey.



Padre Michelle Staples licensing lay readers at 14 Wing Greenwood.

Investing in the Future

We are committed to investing in the future by examining how we, as a family composed of Bishop, clergy and laity can and must evolve in our ministry of service to Canadian Forces personnel and their families. The Bishop Ordinary hosts an annual spiritual retreat for Anglican chaplains and works to institute programs of Anglican initiation throughout the CF.



Padre John Wilcox talking with prospective chaplains.

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