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Ordinations:

- Deacon 26th August, 1984, St John the Evangelist, Corner Brook, NL by Archbishop Stewart Payne
- Priest 1st Dec 1985, St John the Evangelist, Corner Brook, NL by Archbishop Stewart Payne

Education

- 1978 High School Honors, Templeton Collegiate, Gillams, NL
- 1982 Bachelor of Arts, Memorial University of Newfoundland
- 1984 Masters of Divinity, Queen's College

Continuing Education Events (Highlights)

- *North American Dean's Conference 2013,2014*
- *Jesus of Palestine, St George's College 2011*
- *St Clement's Preaching School, Diocese of Toronto 2008*
- *Prayer and the Separation of Church and State, New Orleans, Louisiana 2003*
- *Fundamentalism in Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, Trinity College, Toronto 2002*

Other Training

- ASIST Suicide intervention
- Critical Incident Stress Debriefing
- Clinical Pastoral Education(CPE)
- Intermediate and Senior Chaplain Leadership course
- Chaplains in Peacekeeping
- Chaplains in Deployed Operations
- Second Language profile BBB when I retired from the CF

Employment History with Notable Accomplishments

2012- present Dean of the Diocese of Western NL and Rector of the Cathedral

In my present appointment as Rector I function primarily as the priest in a 550 family parish, providing a ministry of word and sacrament and pastoral care. As the Dean I am one of the Diocesan Bishop's principle advisor and a member of Diocesan Council and Planning Committee. I am also the Examining Chaplain for the Diocese. The Cathedral has seen renewal in the past three years and is a thriving parish with a much-improved financial situation and a growing congregation in a small city whose population is not

growing. The Cathedral supports a number of missional activities including hosting and partnering with other parishes in the Deanery to operate the Open Door, a Monday free hot lunch program that serves 70 to 80 people a week. We also partner with West Rock a low-income area to provide a free family summer camp at Killdevil Camp, located in Gros Morne National Park. We have a vibrant support ministry to the poor in the downtown area and we have increased substantially our contributions to Primates World Relief and Development. We have currently raised \$30,000 to sponsor a Syrian Refugee family.

2009-2012 Joint Task Force Atlantic/ MARLANT Senior Chaplain.

My primary responsibility was to give leadership to my interfaith team of 18-21 chaplains serving the Navy in Halifax and St John's. I was also the Senior Military Chaplain for Atlantic Canada during emergencies. My Halifax team was in 2012 awarded the Cardinal Roy award for best chaplain team in the country.

2007-2009 Command Chaplain of the Navy

I was chiefly responsible for the supervision of 48 full-time and 23 part-time clergy from a variety of faith groups in providing pastoral and sacramental care to Canada's Navy. I was an advisor to the Chaplain General on Navy issues and to the Admiral on religious and spiritual issues.

2006-2007 Directorate of Chaplain Policy 2

My major responsibility was the development of chaplain policy allowing more effective delivery of pastoral services. My major accomplishments included the development of a new policy on the hiring of civilian clergy that allowed for a greater degree of flexibility to deal with our CF operational reality.

2005-2006 Base Chaplain Geilenkirchen, Germany

I was responsible for the pastoral care of all Canadian military personnel and their families stationed in Germany, the Netherlands, and Northern Continental Europe.. I responded and provided pastoral care to our service personnel wounded in Afghanistan and their families sent to the military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany.

2002-2005 Land Forces Area Atlantic Chaplain

I was responsible for the supervision of all chaplains to the Regular and Reserve Force serving in the Army in the 4 Atlantic Provinces. During this posting I did a 4-month operational tour in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina where I was the Senior Chaplain supervising 16 chaplains from 13 nations.

2000-2002 Base Chaplain CFB Kingston

I supervised a team of 6 chaplains and advised the Base Commander on the religious and spiritual needs of service personnel and their families. Illness on the team meant that I also ran the Protestant Chapel

1997-2000 Fleet Chaplains and Senior Fleet Chaplain

During this time I did a 5-month deployment as the chaplain to HMCS ST JOHN'S and numerous other seagoing tasks. I also supervised a team of 5 chaplains and coordinated the scheduling in order to provide spiritual care to all naval deployments,

1993-1997 Station Chaplain CFS Masset

I provided spiritual and sacramental care, including a full liturgical chapel ministry to the 200 CF families posted to this isolated area on Haida Gwaii. I worked closely with the Haida nation and am an honorary member of the Yahgulaanas Raven Clan.

1989-1993 Unit Chaplain CFB Halifax

I spent the first 2 years as a sea-going chaplain and became the first chaplain to go into an operational theatre since the Korean War when I was appointed chaplain to the 3 ships that went to the Persian Gulf in 1990. I spent my final 2 years as the chaplain to the chapel in Shannon Park, caring for the congregation and providing a full liturgical life.

1985-1989 Rector of the Anglican Parish of Plum Point

I provided a full range of sacramental and pastoral care. At that time the parish was a leader in the Diocese in the areas of youth work, lay ministry and liturgical renewal. We hosted the youth synod 2 of the 4 years and had a Sunday School Programme that extended to Grade 12. We had lay visitation teams in all but one of our 4 congregations that resulted in a visit to every family twice a year. We were the first parish in our Deanery to use the BAS. We also experimented with Dialogue sermons, Intergenerational worship, drama and contemporary music.

1984-1985 Curate, St Mary the Virgin, St John's NL

I worked under the supervision of two experienced priests and concentrated on youth ministry, pastoral visiting and liturgy and preaching.

Other Appointments:**Canadian Forces**

- Appointed by the Minister of National Defense as one of five military advisors to the CF Ombudsman. (2006-2011)
- Appointed Chaplain General's Advisor on Indigenous Issues. (2006-2012)

Anglican Ordinariate

- Appointed Canon of the CF Ordinariate with special responsibilities for recruiting by the Most Rev Andrew Hutchison (2000-2012)

National Church

- Member of General Synod 1995, 1998
- Honorary Clergy Secretary General Synod, 1998
- Member of the Council of General Synod, 1995-2001
- Member of the Eco-Justice Committee of the national Church, 2001-2004
- Elected Clergy Delegate General Synod 2016

Diocesan

- Youth chaplain to Diocesan Synods in Eastern and Western NL, 1984-1988
- Clergy representative from Diocese of Western NL to Synod of the Province of Canada, 1988
- Member of the Diocesan Council of Western NL, 1987-89
- Appointed Dean of Western Newfoundland 2012
- Appointed Examining Chaplain 2012