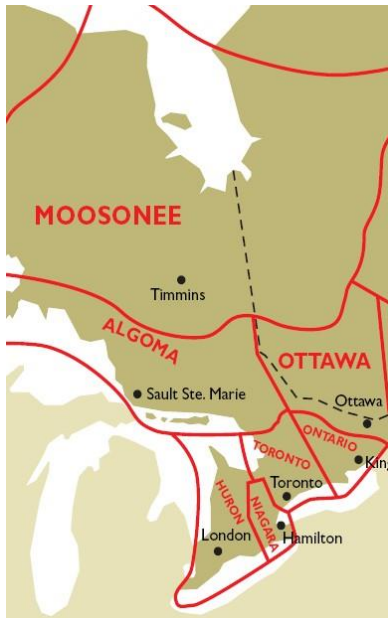


Diocese of Ontario

**THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario was formed out of the province of Canada and the Diocese of Moosonee (which had been in Rupert's Land) in 1912. It consists of seven dioceses:



- Algoma (Ontario),
- Huron (Ontario),
- Moosonee (Ontario and part of northern Quebec on the coast of James Bay),
- Niagara (Ontario),
- Ontario (Ontario),
- Ottawa (Ontario), and
- Toronto (Ontario)

The Metropolitan is the Most Rev. Colin Johnson of the Diocese of Toronto, and every three years the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario meets for Provincial Synod. The Synod consists of all the bishops from each diocese of the Ecclesiastical Province, the Prolocutor, the Chancellor of the Province, the Chancellors of each diocese, the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer, and four clerical and four lay members from each diocese.

The Provincial Executive Council meets between Provincial Synods. One representative chosen from each diocese's elected members of the Provincial Synod becomes a member of the Executive Council.

Provincial Synod is usually held in mid-October over a two-day period. Its work includes issues such as theological education, religious education in public schools, social issues, government relations, chaplaincies, First Nations ministries, the Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination, continuing education, and non-stipendiary and vocational diaconate ministries. This is a busy and exciting Synod whose work is often carried over to our own diocesan Synod's work. Between meetings of Provincial Synod, the Provincial Council, elected by Provincial Synod, has jurisdiction.