

Diocese of Ontario

BISHOP OF ONTARIO

THE RIGHT REVEREND MICHAEL D. OULTON

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The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton was installed as the twelfth Bishop of Ontario on September 11th, 2011. Bishop Oulton holds degrees from Wycliffe College (DD 2012) (MDiv 1992), The University of New Brunswick (LLB 1985) and Mount Allison University (B.A. 1981). He has served parishes in Alberton/O'Leary Prince Edward Island in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, transferred to Ontario in 1997 where he served St. Peters, Collins Bay and Christ Church Belleville.

Prior to entering the priesthood, Bishop Oulton was a practicing member of the Bars of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He has served as a member of Municipal Council in his hometown of Port Elgin, New Brunswick, where he became the youngest citizen of New Brunswick to hold elected public office.

During his incumbency in Alberton, Prince Edward Island, Bishop Oulton chaired the not-for-profit company "ERC Concepts Ltd.", a broad coalition of Churches with public and private agencies brought together to construct an enriched residential care facility for seniors. The twenty four unit Rev. W.J. Phillips Residence opened in 1998.

Bishop Oulton's ministry in the Diocese of Ontario, until his election as bishop on February 12th, 2011, included serving as Regional Dean of Hastings, Chairperson of the Stewardship and Congregational Development Committee, Member of the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee, Diocesan Resource Person appointed under the Sexual Misconduct Protocol, Member of the sub-committee on canons tasked with the development of drafting a revised sexual misconduct policy for the Diocese and member of Synod Council. He was appointed a Canon of the Cathedral Church of St. George, Kingston, in 2004, and served as a delegate to General Synod 2007.

Bishop Oulton is married to Jeanie who is an ordained United Church minister currently serving as a chaplain with Correctional Services Canada. They have three children, Thomas, Sarah and Charles. Bishop Oulton cites a passion for the Churches' engagement with the world in the mission, quoting theologian Thomas Buechner who wrote that our vocation as disciples of Jesus Christ is found where "your greatest passion meets the world's greatest need."

History of the Office

The Rt. Rev. John Travers Lewis, 1862 – 1893

The Most Rev. John Travers Lewis, 1893 – 1901

The Rt. Rev. William Lennox Mills, 1901 – 1917

The Rt. Rev. Edward John Bidwell

Coadjutor Bishop, 1913 – 1917

The Rt. Rev. Edward John Bidwell, 1917 – 1926

The Rt. Rev. Charles Allan Seager, 1926 – 1931

The Rt. Rev. John Lyons, 1932 – 1948

The Most Rev. John Lyons, 1949 – 1951

The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Charles Evans, 1952 – 1970

The Rt. Rev. Jack Burnett Creeggan, 1970 – 1974

The Rt. Rev. Henry Hill, 1975 - 1981

The Rt. Rev. Allan Alexander Read, 1981 – 1992

The Rt. Rev. Peter Mason, 1992 - 2002

The Rt. Rev. George L.R. Bruce, 2003 – 2011

The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, 2011 - Present