



PRESS RELEASE

Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, July 16, 2008 - His Excellency Jean-Louis Plouffe, Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury and North Bay, is pleased to announce that this morning Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Father Brian Dunn as Auxiliary Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie to assist him in his Episcopal ministry.

Father Dunn was born on January 8, 1955 in St. John's, Newfoundland. He received his primary and elementary education at St. Teresa's School in Buchans and his high school education at St. Francis Central High School in Harbour Grace. After studying at Memorial University of Newfoundland for one year, he attended King's College in London, Ontario and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Western Ontario in 1976. After graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 1979, he was ordained to the priesthood on August 28, 1980 for the Diocese of Grand Falls, Newfoundland. He was involved in post-graduate studies and received a Licentiate (1990) and a Doctorate (1991) in Canon Law from Saint Paul University, Ottawa and the University of Ottawa. He completed a Masters in Theology (Liturgical Studies) at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana in 2006.

He served in priestly ministry as associate pastor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Grand Falls (1980-85), pastor of St. Gabriel's Parish in St. Brendan's (1985-88), pastor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Grand Falls (1991-96), pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Harbour Breton (1996-99) and pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Holyrood and SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Harbour Main (1999-2002).

Besides his pastoral ministry in parishes, he served the diocese as Vice-chancellor (1980-1996), Chancellor (1996-present), member of the College of Consultors (1991-2002), Bishop's Canonical Advisor (1990-Present), Judge for the Marriage Tribunal (1990-Present), Associate Judicial Vicar of the Marriage Tribunal (2002-present).

He has been extensively involved in teaching serving as lecturer with the Atlantic School of Theology (Halifax, NS) in the Diploma Program for Theology and Ministry at Grand Falls, Newfoundland (1992-1999) where he taught courses in Scripture and in Theology. He also served as Lecturer at the Faculty of Canon Law, Saint Paul University, Ottawa (2003-4, 2007). Since 2002 he has served on the faculty at St. Peter's Seminary, London, Ontario and has taught a variety of courses in Canon Law as well as Ecumenism, Ecclesiology, and Liturgical Law. Since 2005, he has served as Dean of Studies at the Seminary.

The date for his Episcopal ordination will be announced in the near future.

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