

The Right Reverend M. Philip Poole

Suffragan Bishop Diocese of Toronto
Area Bishop York Credit Valley

ORDINATION

As Deacon	May 22 1977	for the Diocese of Toronto
As Priest	May 21 1978	for the Diocese of Toronto
As Bishop	February 5 2005	St. James Cathedral Toronto

ECCLESIASTICAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2005- **Suffragan Bishop Diocese of Toronto**
Responsible for York-Credit Valley. Areas of focus have included initiating Holy Day events for young people, conversations with parishes around partnering for the future, and meeting with key political and community leaders. Established “Clergy Retreats with the Bishop” at the Order of the Holy Cross, and worked toward building faithful, effective and sustainable communities of compassion and hope in a diverse, multicultural environment.
- 1987-2005 **Trinity Church, Aurora**
Rector. Multi-staff parish of 850 families, raised \$4.1 million to renovate and build a new church. Since 1987 the congregation has tripled in size, in Sunday Attendance (455) and in Operating Budget. (\$690,000). Lay ministry, adult faith formation, music program, youth ministry, the number and variety of worship opportunities and social justice and outreach initiatives increased significantly while I was Rector.
- 1985-87 **Trinity College School, Port Hope**
Chaplain. Responsible for worship and spiritual growth of 450 boys, faculty and staff, including counseling and teaching. Extensive counseling of students. Raised awareness of school to church and church to school. Helped in promotion of the school. Coached Middleside Football team.
- 1980-85 **Christ Church, Stouffville**
Rector. First rector as single point parish. Oversaw building of a new church; raised awareness of church in the community, and involved laity in church ministry. The parish grew in attendance, income, outreach, spirituality, and developed a ministry to nursing homes.
- 1977-80 **Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill**
Assistant Curate. Established junior and senior youth groups, conducted a 40 voice junior choir and initiated a first communion program. In addition to parish life, was Unit Chaplain at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill
- 1989-93 **Regional Dean** of The Holland Deanery
- 1996 **Canon** of The Cathedral of St. James, Toronto, The Diocese of Toronto.

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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

2007 (May) **Doctor of Divinity** (honoris causa) Trinity College University of Toronto
 1988 **Master of Theology**, Trinity College, University of Toronto
 Major Paper - Pastoral Care to the Institutionalized Elderly
 1977 **Master of Divinity**, Trinity College, University of Toronto
 1974 **Bachelor of Arts** (Music) Wilfrid Laurier University

At Trinity College, University of Toronto

Achievements

Graduated First in Class
 Co-Captain of the Trinity College Football Team
 Head of Divinity Graduating year
 Member - Executive Committee of Convocation
 Earned Trinity College Athletic Letter

Awarded

St. Thomas Larkin Bursary
 Billes Fund T.I.P.T. Bursary
 Archbishop Kingston Memorial Scholarship
 Margaret Muckle Prize in Church History
 Dominion Regalia Prize in Liturgics

At Wilfrid Laurier University

Achievements

Student Council Representative - 2 years
 Member of the University Senate - 2 years
 Chairman - Home Coming Weekend
 'Don' in Residence - 2 years - Head 'Don' in Second Year
 President of Wilfrid Laurier University Choir - 2 years

MAJOR MINISTRY APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEE WORK

International Involvement

2007 Delegate to the "Towards Effective Anglican Mission", Boxsburg South Africa
 2003- President Compass Rose Society
 2002-2003 President-Elect International Board of the Compass Rose Society
 2001-2002 Secretary, International Board of the Compass Rose Society
 2000- Member of the Compass Rose Society

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General Synod Involvement:

2006-	Board member Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
2006-	Trustee General Synod Pension Plan
2004-2005	Member Expenditures Committee
2001-2005	Member Financial Development sub-committee
2001	Chair-National Church Financial Consultations (Montreal, Edmonton and Toronto)
2001	Member of the National Church Investment Committee
1997-2001	Chair, National Planned Giving Committee
1997	
(June-Nov.)	Interim Coordinator, Financial Management and Development Committee
1995-2001	Member of Financial Management and Development Committee
1995-	Member of General Synod (Ottawa, Montreal, Kitchener, St. Catherine's)

Provincial Synod Involvement:

2003-2005	Member Provincial Synod Executive Council
1994-97	Provincial Synod Program Commission member
1991-94	Provincial Synod Administration and Finance Commission member
1999-	Member of Provincial Synod
1991-97	Member of Provincial Synod
1988-97	Provincial Education Working Group on Religion in Public Education
1988-1991	Ecumenical Study Commission on Public Education

DIOCESAN INVOLVEMENT

2006-	Stewardship Committee
2006-	Co Chair FaithWorks Corporate
2003-	Member Diocesan Executive Council
2003-2005	Member York-Simcoe Area Council
2000-2005	Nominations Committee Member
1995-1996	Financial Development Sub-Committee member
1993-96	Allotment Sub-Committee member
1992-94	Compensation Committee member
1992-95	Treasury Board member
1992-96	Coordinator of relationship between the Diocese and Independent Schools, including establishing an annual Bishops, Headmasters, School Chairs and Chaplains Dinner, and providing ongoing 'in service' training events for School Chaplains
1991-96	Member of Bishop's Task Force on Independent Schools
1991	Faith In Action Group Director
1989-92	Diocesan Executive Committee member
1985-86	Archbishop's Task Force on Evangelism
1983-85	Diocesan Services Board (1 year on Executive)
1981-85	Diocesan Chaplaincy Committee (2 years as Chair)
1981	Anglicans in Mission - Action Group Director
1981	Vice-President of the Diocese of Toronto Camps (Camp Couchiching)

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- 1979-83 Member of the Bishop's Commission on Camping in the Diocese of Toronto
- 1979-80 Chairman of the Board at Camp Artaban
- 1978-2005 A Supervisor of 18 Students and clergy in The Diocese including The Diocese of Toronto Parish Training Program; Trinity College Field Placement and Wycliffe College Field Placement
- 1978-85 Assistant to the Director of the Toronto Parish Training Program.
A mandatory program for all 'candidates for Ordination' in The Diocese of Toronto. I managed the Conference, assisted in establishing the criteria for evaluation, planning Conference program, and helping to oversee the Supervisors.
- 1969-75 Co-Founder and Director of West Toronto Choir Camp

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY

2007-	Kids4Peace Board Member (a program bringing Muslim, Christian and Jewish children from Israel/Palestine together with Canadian children of similar faiths for interfaith peace experiences).
2004-	Chaplain York Region Fire Services
2002-2005	Member of Mayor's Committee for Civic Awards
1999-2003	Member of the Board of Governors, Blue Hills Children and Family Services
1996-1997	Chair, School Council, Lester B. Pearson P.S, Aurora
1994-2005	Member of Canadian Association of Gift Planners
1992-2005	Organizer of the Annual Town Carol Sing (Aurora)
1992-96	AIDS Committee of York Region member
1991-present	Chair, Greey Lennox Charitable Foundation
1990-1999	Volunteer Coach - Aurora Minor Softball; Aurora Youth Soccer Club and Aurora Minor Hockey Association
1989-2005	Member of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce
1989-91	Chair, Willows Nursing Home Pastoral Care Committee
1989-91	Race Relations Sub-Committee member, York Region Board of Education
1988-2005	Member of Aurora and District Ministerial Association (Chair 1989-93 and 1997-2005)
1985-87	Chair - 10th Port Hope Boy Scouts Group Committee
1981-85	Stouffville Family Life Centre (2 years as Chair)
1979-85	Founder and Chair of York-Simcoe Ministries, Inc. A project designed to improve the quality of Pastoral Care to Seniors in Institutions; to provide pastoral support to staff and to raise an awareness of the needs of seniors in the community. This project has trained over 1,000 volunteers to visit in nursing homes
1979	Chair of Selection Committee for Chaplain at York Central Hospital

MAJOR MINISTRY INITIATIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Initiated Deanery-wide "Holy Day Children's Programs" for Ash Wednesday and All Saints Day
- Developed "telephone ministry" whereby shuts-ins listen to our church service over the telephone and receive Holy Communion from a lay person at the same time as the rest of the congregation.
- Chaired 'An Evening With...' - Community Forums in Aurora on Homosexuality; A.I.D.S.; Youth Violence and Suicide: Identification, Intervention and Prevention

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- Spoke on 'Education about Religion in Public Schools' in a number of forums, including The Provincial Synod of The Anglican Church
- Guest speaker at a number of Parish Anniversaries, Service Clubs, Induction Services and other parish celebrations in Southern Ontario, The United States, South Africa and England.

Leader of Workshops:

- Led Workshops and Missions for children in Whitby, Ottawa and Toronto
- Key note speaker - 'Labrador Conference' for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador - February 2003
- Early Ministries Conference - Theme Speaker on Stewardship. Diocese of Algoma June 2003
- Retreat Leader - Sisters of St. John The Divine - Toronto Fall 2001
- 'Faithful, Effective Fundraising' -Workshop Leader, Grace in our Lives, Provincial Clergy Conference on Stewardship - April 2001
- 'Lift High The Cross' - Co-Conference Leader, Clergy Conference, the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador - October 2000
- 'Public School - A Godless Institution?' Keynote Speaker - Christ Church, Woodbridge -

November 1999

- 'Flame Conference' - Keynote Speaker – Orillia 1999
- 'Bishop's Prayer Conference' – Living Waters - Keynote Speaker – Toronto, October 1998
- 'Change' - A presentation on successful change in a parish; Oshawa Deanery Clergy Conference - October 1995
- 'Why Anglican?' - A day-long workshop presentation to Deanery Clergy and Deanery Representatives at Christ Church (Anglican), Bobcaygeon - September 1995
- 'Dealing With Death in A Nursing Home' - Seminar offered as an 'In Service' to Staff at The Willows Estate Nursing Home - 1994 and Beacon Hall Manor Staff - April 1996
- 'Change' - A Parish Mission led at St. Paul's Anglican Church, South Porcupine - March 1992
- 'Suicide in Nursing Homes' - Offered as an 'In Service' at the Willows Estate Nursing Home - November 1989
- 'Pastoral Care to Institutionalized Elderly' - Offered to volunteers at Aurora Resthaven Nursing Home - September 1989
- 'Living With Loss' - Course for Lay Pastoral Visitors in the Holland Deanery February, 1989 and - 'in service' training offered to The Willows Estate Nursing Home Staff - June 1989

SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- **Team Roles at Work** Belbin Associates - Winter 2006
- **A study of Corporate sized churches** in Georgia and Florida - Summer 2003
- **Bible In The Holy Land** - St. George's College Jerusalem, Israel - one month study in Israel - August 1997
- **20th Century Voyage** - a 10-day trip to Greece and Turkey following the footsteps of St. Paul - September 1994
- **Attendance** at a number of continuing education conferences and seminars including, *College of Preachers* (Washington, D.C.), *Conflict Management* (Alban Institute), *Beyond 400* (Fuller Institute -Carl George), *Leadership Development in the 1990's* (Bill Easum), *Magnetic Church* (Andrew Weekes) and *Where To Find A Good Church?* (Don Posterski).

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Other professional development course topics include youth ministry, new pastorate startup, preaching, evangelism, stewardship, screening, church growth and development, building a multi-staff parish, sexual abuse, long term pastorates, sacred space (church architecture), fundraising and planned giving. I try to take at least one course annually.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Why Should Parish Clergy Be Involved In Pastoral Care For The Institutionalized Elderly? - *Caring for Seniors.*" Ed. Albert Revell, Alliance Press, Newmarket, Ontario. 1992
- 'Pastoral Care to The Institutionalized Elderly' (unpublished - a major paper in partial fulfillment of Master of Theology) 1988
- A number of articles have been written for 'The Anglican', 'The Link' and local community newspapers.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT IN ADULT YEARS

1976-77 **Camp Couchiching, Orillia. Camp Manager** for the entire operations of Diocesan summer camp, including working with a volunteer board, the hiring and supervising of 55 staff, recruitment of campers, program development, budget responsibility and camp

- promotion.
- 1975-77 **Grace Church-on-the-Hill, Toronto.** Student Minister
St. Leonard's Church, Toronto. Student Minister
Parish of Orillia South, Orillia. Summer Student Minister. Involved in youth programs and Senior Confirmation class,
Toronto General Hospital, Toronto. Student Chaplain in Gynecology Department, in preparation for Ordination
- 1974 **McGraw Edison**
 Worked as a shipper/receiver for the summer
- 1970-73 **Canadian Pittsburgh Industries**
 Summer and full-time experience managing retail operations as a sales trainee in the paint and glass industry.

Personal Information

- Born** February 12, 1951
- Wife** Karen
- Children** Michael and Christopher
- Hobbies:** I enjoy music of all kinds, play guitar and piano, enjoy a hand of bridge, love the cottage in Muskoka, follow the Toronto Maple Leafs and the C.F.L.