



Ottawa - His Holiness Pope Francis today named the **Most Reverend Brian Dunn**, currently Bishop of Antigonish, as Coadjutor Archbishop of the [Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth](#)

. As Coadjutor Archbishop, he will assist the current Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth, the Most Reverend Anthony Mancini, and succeed Archbishop Mancini when he eventually resigns and his resignation is accepted by the Holy Father. In accordance with the Code of Canon Law, this usually happens once a Bishop reaches 75 years old.

Bishop Dunn was born on 8 January 1955 in St. John's, Newfoundland. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts from King's College as well as a Master of Divinity from the University of Western Ontario. He was ordained to the priesthood on 28 August 1980 for the Diocese of Grand Falls where he served as pastor and in a number of other responsibilities, including Vice-Chancellor and Chancellor. In 1991, he obtained a Doctorate in Canon Law from Saint Paul University (Ottawa) and soon after became a lecturer in the Diploma Program for Theology and Ministry at the Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, Nova Scotia (1992-1999). Beginning in 2002, he served on the faculty at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario and became Dean of Studies at the seminary until 2008. During this same time period, Bishop Dunn also served as a Lecturer with the Faculty of Canon Law at Saint Paul University (2003-2004 & 2007). He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Sault Ste-Marie on 16 July 2008 and consecrated on 9 October 2008. He was appointed Bishop of Antigonish on 21 November 2009 and installed on 25 January 2010.

As a member of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), he served as a member of the former Episcopal Commission for Catechesis (English Sector) and the Standing Committee on Relations with Catholic Movements and Associations (2009-2010). He currently serves as a member for the Commission for Liturgy and Sacraments (English Sector), the Episcopal Ad Hoc Committee for the elaboration of the new English-language Ratio Nationalis (Program for Priestly Formation), the Liaison Bishop of the International Committee on English in the Liturgy (ICEL), and as co-Chair of the Anglican/Roman Catholic Dialogue.

According to the CCCB 2019 Directory, the [Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth](#) has 88 parishes and missions, with a Catholic population of 182,430 served by 69 diocesan priests, 12 priests who are members of institutes of consecrated life, 43 permanent deacons, as well as 102 Sisters who are members of religious institutes, in addition to six lay pastoral workers.