



Ottawa – His Holiness Pope Francis accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Martin William Currie as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. John's, and today appointed his successor the Most Reverend Peter Hundt. At the time of his appointment, Bishop Hundt was Bishop of Corner Brook and Labrador. Archbishop Currie has been the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. John's for the past 11 years. He submitted his resignation to the Holy Father upon reaching the age of 75, as required by the Code of Canon Law.

Bishop Hundt was born in Hanover, Ontario, on 26 August 1956. He attended St. Peter's Seminary in London and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Hamilton on 8 May 1982. He completed graduate studies at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, and in 1987 received a licentiate in canon law. Upon his return to Canada, he served as Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton from 1987 until 1990 and as Chancellor from 1990 to 1994. On 11 February 2006, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto and ordained Bishop on 25 April 2006. He was then appointed Bishop of Corner Brook and Labrador on 28 February 2011 and installed on 13 April 2011. As a member of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), Bishop Hundt has served on the Standing Committee for Canon Law as member (2008-2011) and as Chairman (2011-2014). He also served as Bishop *ponens* with the Pontifical Mission Societies (2010-2016) and is currently the Representative on the Permanent Council for the Atlantic Region, as well as a member of the English Sector Commission for Liturgy and Sacraments and of the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council.



Archbishop Currie was born on 11 December 1943, in Marinette, Sheet Harbour, Nova Scotia. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Halifax in 1968, where he served as pastor and in a number of other responsibilities, including Vicar General from 1992 to 2000. From 1975 to 1980, he undertook missionary work as a parish priest in Peru. On 12 December 2000, he was appointed Bishop of Grand Falls and ordained Bishop at Grand Falls on 31 January 2001. From 9 September 2006 to 7 May 2007, he also served as Apostolic

Administrator of the Diocese of Saint John, NB. On 17 October 2007, he was appointed Archbishop of St. John's while also remaining Bishop of Grand Falls until 1 March 2011.

As a member of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), Archbishop Currie was a member of the then Episcopal Commission for Evangelization of Peoples (2003-2005), the then English Sector Commission for Social Communications (2005-2008), as well as of the English Sector Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis (2011-2017) of which he became Chairman in 2017. He was a member of the CCCB's Permanent Council as the representative for the Atlantic region from 2013 to 2017. In addition, he served as the then English Sector episcopal representative on the National Council of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada (2001-2007), as National Spiritual Advisor of the Catholic Women's League of Canada (2008-2013), and as one of the CCCB delegates to the Fifth General Conference of the Latin American Bishops' Council (CELAM) which was held in Aparecida, Brazil, during 2007.

The [Archdiocese of St. John's](#) has 65 parishes and missions, with a Catholic population of 111,605 served by 37 diocesan priests, 11 priests who are members of institutes of consecrated life, one permanent deacon, seven Brothers and 142 Sisters who are members of religious institutes, as well as two lay pastoral assistants.