

INTRODUCING NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Most Rev. Martin W. Currie

Archbishop of St. John's and Bishop of Grand Falls



Archbishop Martin William Currie was born in Sheet Harbour, Nova Scotia, on December 11, 1943, the third of nine children of Everett and Mabel (Walsh) Currie.

Upon graduation from Sheet Harbour High School in 1961, he studied at St. Francis Xavier University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964. That same year, he entered Holy Heart Seminary, Halifax, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 12, 1968.

From 1968-1974, Fr. Currie served as assistant in St. Patrick's Parish, Halifax, and St. Charles Parish, Amherst. From 1975-1980, he served in the archdiocesan mission parish of San Jose Obrero, Chiclayo, Peru. Fr. Currie served as pastor in several parishes including St. Joseph's Parish, Bridgewater, St. Norbert's Parish, Lunenburg, and St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Dartmouth. He served as chaplain at the Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation Centre and was appointed vicar general of the Archdiocese of Halifax in 1992.

Following a brief period of study in Israel, Msgr. Currie was appointed chancellor of the archdiocese in 1994, working fulltime in the chancery office. In 1995, while remaining chancellor and vicar general, Msgr. Currie was appointed rector of St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Halifax. With the retirement of Archbishop Austin Burke, Msgr. Currie was elected administrator of the archdiocese, serving in this capacity for a year before the appointment of Archbishop Terrence Prendergast.

In 1999, Msgr. Currie became pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Truro, while continuing to serve as vicar general of the archdiocese, member of the personnel board and as archdiocesan representative at the Atlantic School of Theology. In addition, he served as chaplain to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Msgr. Currie has been chaplain of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and archdiocesan director of the propagation of the faith. He has served on the boards of Nova Scotia Drug Dependency Foundation, Saint Mary's University and Saint Vincent's Guest House.

On December 12, 2000, Msgr. Currie was appointed bishop of the Diocese of Grand Falls, Newfoundland and Labrador. Upon his episcopal ordination on January 31, 2001, he became the eighth bishop of the diocese.

During 2006 and 2007, in addition to serving as the bishop of the Diocese of Grand Falls, he was also named apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Saint John, New Brunswick.

As a member of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, he has served on the national council of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, founded by the bishops of Canada 40 years ago as its agency for international development and solidarity.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI named Most Reverend Martin William Currie as head of the Archdiocese of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, on October 17, 2007. He was installed on November 30, 2007, at the Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. †



OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH COUNCIL SUDBURY, ONTARIO

In 2003, Our Lady of Hope Parish Council twinned with (adopted) St. Joseph Parish in La Tabatiere, Quebec. Since that time members have sent prayer cards, bibles, rosaries and Easter treats to the children in this small parish community. Our Lady of Hope Parish Council produced a unique little Booklet for Prayers. This booklet included many special heart warming prayers, some handed down by mothers and grandmothers of current members. It could also be personalized with pictures, clippings and prayer cards. Pictured are Dianne Legault (left) and Stella Gaikhezhyongai.