

Bishop Michael A. Bird

Administrator of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

1. Biographical note to be distributed at Diocesan Council and posted on the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa's website in September 2025
2. Executive Summary for the Diocesan Council which provides highlights of Bishop Michael Bird's experience as well as his deep knowledge of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

1. Biographical Note: The Right Reverend Michael A. Bird

The Right Reverend Michael A. Bird served as the eleventh Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Niagara, having been consecrated on September 30, 2007. During his episcopacy, he provided visionary leadership rooted in collaborative discernment, pastoral care, and a strong commitment to justice, inclusion, and the renewal of the Church's mission in the world.

Ordained in 1984, Bishop Bird has over four decades of experience in ordained ministry. He served in five parishes across Newfoundland and Southern Ontario, holding leadership roles as Regional Dean and Archdeacon. Following his episcopal ministry, he was invited by the Rt. Rev. John Chapman, then Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, to serve as Incumbent of the newly formed Parish of the Valley, a regional ministry encompassing congregations in Whitney, Barry's Bay, Killaloe, Eganville, Pembroke, and surrounding communities. He also served as Archdeacon of Pembroke and as Bishop's Commissary during a medical leave period in the Diocese of Ottawa.

Now in semi-retirement, Bishop Bird continues to serve part-time in the Diocese of Ontario, ministering to congregations in Maynooth and Bancroft. He brings a theologically grounded and pastorally sensitive approach to ministry, with a focus on collaboration, faithful witness, and community engagement.

Internationally, Bishop Bird was actively involved in the Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue since its founding in 2011. His participation has included global conversations in Tanzania, South Africa, Ghana, Kenya, England, the United States, and through ongoing engagement with Niagara's companion diocese in Cuba.

Bishop Bird holds a long-standing personal and spiritual connection to the Madawaska Valley, where he now resides on Lake Kamaniskeg with his wife Susan and their Old English Sheepdog, Abby. They enjoy time with their three adult children, their partners, and two grandchildren. His interests include jazz music, reading, hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, boating, and travel.

2. Executive Summary: The Right Reverend Michael A. Bird - Experience with the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

The Right Reverend Michael A. Bird brings over four decades of pastoral and episcopal leadership to the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. Since completing his tenure as the eleventh Bishop of Niagara, Bishop Bird has served in the Diocese of Ottawa in a variety of roles that reflect his steady and thoughtful approach to ministry.

In 2018, at the invitation of Bishop John Chapman, Bishop Bird became the Incumbent of the newly formed Parish of the Valley—a regional ministry spanning multiple congregations across the Upper Ottawa Valley. He also served as Archdeacon of Pembroke and, during a period of medical leave, was appointed Bishop's Commissary, providing oversight and continuity at the diocesan level.

These experiences have given Bishop Bird a strong familiarity with the Diocese's clergy, congregations, and administrative structures. He understands the regional and pastoral dynamics of ADO and has earned the respect of both lay and ordained leaders through his collaborative and steady presence.

Currently residing within the Diocese and engaged in part-time ministry, Bishop Bird is well positioned to serve as Administrator during the episcopal transition. His prior leadership within ADO, combined with his episcopal experience and understanding of diocesan governance, provide a solid foundation for this interim role until a new bishop is elected and installed.