

Process and Background Information for the Nomination of the 11th Bishop of Ottawa

Submission and Timeframe

Nominations may be submitted through the online application form found [here](#). Alternatively, the nomination consent form can be downloaded as a pdf [here](#) and submitted with the other required documents via post to 71 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa, ON K1R 6G6, *Attention: Synod Secretary*. The Nomination Form, which can only be completed by clergy and lay members eligible to vote at the Electoral Synod, can be found [here](#). It should be downloaded, completed, and included in the documents submitted with the other supporting documentation noted below. **Please note that the nominee is responsible for ensuring all documents and required information have been submitted in full.**

Nominations and required documents must be submitted online by 11:59 pm EST on January 24, 2026, or if by post, post-marked by January 24, 2026, for the corresponding nominee to participate in the Public Meetings in February. All other nominations must be received by the Secretaries of Synod no later than 9:00 am EST on February 28, 2026.

Eligibility Criteria

Consistent with Canon 2.09(1) of the *Canons of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa*, a person shall be eligible for election as a Bishop if that person is

- of the full age of thirty years;
- has been a priest or bishop in Holy Orders in the Anglican Communion for at least seven years;
- is faithful to the doctrines and disciplines of the Anglican Church of Canada; and,
- has not been found guilty of a crime or an ecclesiastical offence as defined by *Canons of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada*.

Please note that, consistent with Canon III.7 of the *Canons of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada*, an ecclesiastical offense is defined as:

- conviction of an indictable offense;
- immorality;
- disobedience to the bishop to whom such person has sworn canonical obedience;
- violation of any lawful Constitution or Canon of the Church, whether of a diocese, province or the General Synod by which the person is bound;
- wilful or habitual neglect of the exercise of the ministry of the person without cause;
- wilful or habitual neglect of the duties of any office or position of trust to which the person has been appointed or elected;
- teaching or advocating doctrines contrary to those accepted by The Anglican Church of Canada; or,
- contemptuous or disrespectful conduct towards the bishop of the diocese in matters pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the diocese or a parish.

Diocesan Profile and Essential Attributes of our Next Bishop and Core Leadership Qualities

- Available at <https://ottawa.anglican.ca/episcopal-elections-2026>

Supporting Documentation Requested from Nominee

- Copy of current Vulnerable Sector Check (conducted within the last 6 months; to be provided by 9 am EST on February 28, 2026 if not available at the time of nomination)
- Copy of current Credit Check
- Copy of Photo ID (Driver's Licence, Passport or Permanent Residence Permit)
- Copy of ordination and post-secondary education certificates
- Letter from the nominee's bishop stating they have not been the subject of a misconduct investigation for which they have not been exonerated, and confirming that they are a priest in good standing (**Note: letters for nominees canonically resident in the Diocese of Ottawa to be provided by the Administrator**)
- Completed nomination form (**Note that the names of nominators will be subject to public viewing**)
- Copy of current CV, with relevant information included under the following headings (**Note that this information will be subject to public viewing**):
 - Ordinations
 - Ministry Experience (Parish and Non-Parish, if applicable)
 - Other Work Experience (Non-Ministry), if applicable
 - Contributions to the Wider Church (e.g., Diocesan, National, International level)
 - Educational Background (and any Publications, if applicable)
 - Other professional, volunteer, or community experiences
 - Areas of Personal Interest