

The Venerable Brian Kauk

Nominee for 11th Bishop of Ottawa

I aspire to be a servant-leader in parishes and communities where I am sent, utilizing my gifts for leadership within our diocese and the broader church. I've recently focused on building and consolidating new ministry structures and assisting the Bishop of Ottawa as an Archdeacon in highly transitioning areas.

ORDINATIONS

Ordination to the Priesthood - December 8, 1996

Ordination to the Diaconate — June 11, 1996

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Incumbent, Parish of Mississippi Lake — 2016-Present

Initially appointed as Incumbent of St James' Carleton Place, I worked with leaders at St James, St John's Innisville and St James Franktown to form an Area Parish in 2017. In subsequent years Christ Church Ashton, the Chapel of St Bede's Nolan's Corners and St George's Clayton were included, and St John's Innisville closed.

Territorial Archdeacon of the Southwest — 2023-Present, continuous with

Territorial Archdeacon of Lanark-Arnsprior — 2017-2023

Incumbent, St Mark's Ottawa — 2008-2016

Regional Dean of Stormont — 2005-2007

Incumbent, Parish of North Dundas — 2001-2008

I led a careful process of discernment and experimentation resulting in the amalgamation of three distinct congregations in 2005. This, and a focus on Stewardship, set the stage for building St Clare's.

Assistant Curate, Christ Church Bells Corners — 1999-2001

Incumbent, Parish of Clayton — 1998

Assistant Curate, St John the Evangelist Smiths Falls — 1996-1998

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Department of Psychology, University of Ottawa — 1993

Coordinator, Summer Adventurers, Diocese of Ottawa — 1991-1992

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WIDER CHURCH

Currently:

- **Member of Triennial Evaluation and Priority Setting Task Force, Diocese of Ottawa (since 2025)**
- **Member of Community Ministry Committee, Diocese of Ottawa (since 2019)**
- **Member of Parish Proportional Share Review Subcommittee (since 2012)**
- **Assessor, Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination, Anglican Church of Canada (since 2009)**

Chair experience:

- **Community Ministry Committee, Diocese of Ottawa — 2012-2019**
- **Child Poverty Task Force, Diocese of Ottawa — 2011-2012**
- **Parish Growth and Renewal Committee (Acting Co-Chair), Diocese of Ottawa — 2009-2010, member until 2012**
- **Strategic Planning Task Force (Co-Chair), Diocese of Ottawa — 2006-2007**
- **Clergy Development Committee, Diocese of Ottawa - 2005-2009 (member 2001)**

Membership experience:

- **Diocesan Council, Diocese of Ottawa — 2012-2019**
- **Provincial Synod, Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario — 2015, 2018**
- **Growing in Faith Together Clergy Advisory Panel, Diocese of Ottawa — 2011-2016**
- **Advocacy Justice Camp Organizing Coalition, Anglican Church of Canada — 2005-2006**
- **Executive Committee, Diocese of Ottawa — 1997-1998**

Other contributions: Triennial Evaluation and Priority Setting Task Force (present) Synod Management Working Group (2019), GIFT Clergy Advisory Panel (2011), Transition Team (2007), Communications Committee (1998), Task Group on Gays and Lesbians [sic] (1997).

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Master of Divinity, Huron College (University of Western Ontario), London ON — 1996

Baccalaureate in Arts (Honours Psychology), University of Ottawa, Ottawa ON — 1993

Continuing education interests: Pilgrimage, St George's College Jerusalem, Congregational Development and Missional Leadership, Conflict Mediation, Preaching, Justice Camp Movement Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training Education for Ministry Mentor Training, Clinical Pastoral Education

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Ukraine Support Lanark County and the uadsc.org Boutique (2022)

Lanark County Housing Coalition (2020) and Carleton Place Ecumenical Housing Working Group (2022)

Parkwood Hills Stakeholder Committee, NROCRC (2009-2016)

Presenter, Marriage Preparation Course (2006-2009)

Field Education Supervisor, Anglican Studies Program, St Paul University, (2005, 2009, 2011)

North Dundas Ministerial Association (2001-2007, Chair 2004-05)

Summer Internship Programme Supervisor (2004, 2005, 2007)

Bells Corners' Ministerial Association (1999-2001)

Anti-Bullying Coalition, Nepean Community Resource Centre (1999-2000)

Smiths Falls Ministerial Association (1996-1998)

Challenge and Cursillo movements (since 1989)

PERSONAL INTERESTS

My spouse, Brenda Adam, and I share our home with three golden retrievers: Copain, Pepper and Brie. We enjoy crossing the country and exploring eastern Ontario in our travel trailer. We care for a small 2-acre property and when time permits, I enjoy woodworking and small projects around the house. I'm an equal opportunity geek - I enjoy both Star Wars and Star Trek, Marvel and DC.