

LCdr (Ret'd) the Rev'd Canon Robert Parker, CD1

Ordinations:

Deacon – 25 May 2006, St. Paul's Cathedral, London, ON by the Rt Rev'd Bruce Howe (Huron).
Priest – 29 Nov 2006, St. George's Anglican Church, Sarnia, ON by the Rt Rev'd Bruce Howe (Huron).

Education:

1999 – Industrial Refrigeration, George Brown College, Toronto, ON
2006 – Master of Divinity, Huron University College, London, ON
2025-Present – Web and Interactive Development, Assiniboine College, Brandon, MB

Ministry Employment History:

2024-2025: Senior Base Chaplain

Responsible for coordinating and overseeing the work of 2 Base Chaplains, 2 Unit Chaplains and 1 Chaplain trainee in order to ensure the consistent and faithful execution of the chaplain services at CFB Shilo. I was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration One (CD1).

2020-2024: Senior Garrison Chaplain

Responsible for coordinating and overseeing the work of 2 Garrison Chaplains in order to ensure the consistent and faithful execution of the chaplain services at 3Div Garrison Wainwright. This included coordinating several Primary Reserve chaplains to be employed throughout the year to assist with training.

2019-2020: Senior Chaplain, 2 Service Battalion, CFB Petawawa

Responsible for the pastoral and sacramental ministry of the Unit as well as being the Deputy Brigade Chaplain to 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. The Unit duties included supervising and mentoring junior chaplains as assigned.

2012-2019: Fleet Chaplain, CFB Halifax

Responsible for pastoral and sacramental ministry while attached-posted to any ship in the fleet. When posted back into the Fleet Office, the main duty was the pastoral ministry to ship crews as needed. I sailed on several deployments (12 sails): those of note were OP Caribe (twice), OP Artemis (8 months), and OP Renaissance. I was awarded the Operational Service Medal – EXPEDITION for OP Caribe (OSM-EXP); General Campaign Star – SOUTH-WEST ASIA (GCS-SWA) for OP Artemis; Operational Service Medal – HUMANITAS (OSM-HUM) for OP Renaissance, and the Canadian Forces Decoration, (CD)

2008-2012: Unit Chaplain, CFB Borden

Responsible for pastoral and sacramental ministry for multiple units and military schools, as well as the coordination for Trinity Protestant Chapel. During my time at the base, I had primary care

of the following institutions: Canadian Forces School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (CFSEME), Canadian Forces School of Administration and Logistics (CFSAL), 16 Wing, Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Technology and Engineering (CFSATE), and 400 Tactical Helicopter Squadron. I was awarded the Commadants Commendation from the

2007-2008: Priest-in-Charge, St. Andrew's Tilbury, ON and Ascension, Comber, ON

Responsible for pastoral and sacramental ministry for this two-point parish in the Diocese of Huron.

2007 April-August: RESO Extended Phase Three Chaplain, LFCA-TC Meaford, ON

Responsible for pastoral and sacramental ministry of recruits during the summer training season under the direct supervision of the Base Chaplain.

2007-2006: Assistant Curate, St. George's Church, Sarnia, ON

Responsible for pastoral and sacramental ministry of the parish under the direct supervision of the parish Rector.

2005 April-August: RESO Phase Two, LFCA-TC Meaford, ON

Responsible for the pastoral ministry of recruits during the summer training season under the direct supervision of the Base Chaplain.

2004 June-August: RESO Phase One, HMCS Ontario, Cadet Camp, RMC, ON

Responsible for the pastoral ministry of recruits during the summer training season under the direct supervision of the Base Chaplain, the Camp Senior Chaplain and the Cadet Commander.

Key Appointments:

Editor of The Mustard Seed, Diocese of Brandon 2024 – Present

Canon of the Anglican Military Ordinariate 2024 – 2025

Training and Continuing Education:

NCM Basic Training (14 Weeks) – 2003

Chaplain BMOQ PRes (5 Weeks) – 2004

Chaplain BMOQ Reg (12 Weeks) – 2008

Mental Health First Aid and Suicide Prevention – 2009

Chaplains in Peacekeeping Operations - 2009

Chaplain Ethics – 2010

Chaplains Pastoral Counselling – 2010

Harassment Prevention and Resolution - 2011

Naval Environmental Training – 2012

Introduction to Mentoring – 2015

Gender-Based Analysis Plus – 2016

Introduction to Defence Ethics - 2018

Creating a Respectful Workplace – 2019
Hateful Conduct Interim Awareness Training – 2020
Mental Health Managers of Civilians - 2020
Mental Health in the Workplace for Managers – 2020
Expenditure Management Course: Sec 32, 33, and 34 – 2020
Contracting Direct with Trades – 2020
Resource Managers' Course – 2021
Introduction to Indigenous Cultures – 2021
Harassment and Violence Prevention for Employees – 2021 and 2025
Harassment and Violence Prevention for Managers and Committees – 2021 and 2025
Audience and Purpose in Business Writing – 2022
Harassment and Violence Prevention for Designated Reps and Employers – 2022
Reflecting on Cultural Bias: Indigenous Perspectives – 2022
Overcoming Your Own Unconscious Bias – 2022
Overcoming Unconscious Bias in the Workplace – 2022
Leading Diversity – 2022
Human Resources Management Overview – 2022
Establishing Effective Virtual Teams – 2022
Using Strategic Thinking to Consider Greater Issues – 2022

Civilian Ministry during Military Career:

With the exception of my postings to CFB Halifax, CFB Petawawa and CFB Shilo, I was responsible for chapel ministry and had very little contact with the civilian churches adjacent to the bases. In the three bases mentioned above, I would usually take a regular rotation of sacramental worship within the parishes where my spouse was employed or connected with.