

1. Describe your understanding of the Bishop Ordinary's ministry

The Bishop ordinary is first and foremost a Priest of the church, by that I mean they are to care for the members of the Anglican Military Ordinariate as they would if the AMO was a parish, and they were the Parish priest. In viewing it as such, the Bishop ordinary would be the pastor who would provide Pastoral Care and Spiritual support to all the chaplains and their families, as well as all the lay members of the Anglican Military Ordinariate. This is the Bishop ordinary's primary responsibility to care for their people.

Secondly, the Bishop ordinary has to be a messenger of the AMO its people ministry and presence, in the CAF & the community; in such a way they will be the person who conveys the presence and needs to the greater community and becomes the chief individual to encourage others to give to the needs of the AMO. They are also the chief liturgical officer of the AMO, and as such presides at all AMO services as well as provides for all the liturgical needs of their members whether they be on the base, or in the local community. The Bishop is a person who will be the convener of the AMO clericus and laity. In summary the Bishop ordinary is to provide for all pastoral, liturgical and spiritual needs and support for all members of the AMO/ELCIC within the CAF, whether they be lay or clerical members.

2. Describe your Christian faith.

My faith has been a journey of constant growth with God to where I arrive in 2026, it is a faithful presence of God in my life and me finding a certainty in him. It is at the core of my being, it guides how I live, treat others, and understand my purpose in the world. I remember in university reading John Henry Newman, where he said that a person's life is a "link in a chain" and that we have all been created for a purpose, reminding us that one should trust in God's providence, knowing that every circumstance, even sickness or perplexity, is purposeful, rather than focusing on worldly success. This formed a foundation going forward in how I treated others and how I looked at my faith. It also influences how I conduct myself in my pastoral behaviour, treating others as I would want to be treated.

The faith I have is grounded in the Gospels and the power of the resurrected & Ascended Lord. There is trust in God's grace, my faith is an abiding presence in God and God in me through prayer through community and through the people I meet. It is a faith that is constantly in all of God's wonder and creation and how he uses us as instruments in his work and his world.

3. What would be most important for you when supporting Chaplains stationed at bases across Canada and deployed internationally in areas of conflict?

Support of chaplains is the main function of the Bishop ordinary. When attending ICCMC, CAF, or ACC meetings near a base or Primary Reserve unit, the Bishop ordinary should travel a day early or stay a day later so they can meet with the chaplains and their families; and the chain of command at the various bases or PRes units. This way the Bishop will be supporting the chaplains, their teams, their military chain of command, and their families who are their greatest support of all.

In addition, there should be at least a yearly pastoral conversation and visit if possible; there will be an AMO letter every second month and availability of the Bishop as needed by members on teams or by phone on a daily basis, as well there will be a linkage between the AMO and the local Anglican parish and diocese so that there is constant support from the denomination to all AMO chaplains and members

For international deployments, if the opportunity for a visit presents itself, it would be availed of; if the area is sensitive in nature, a TEAMS call every two weeks or monthly to the member with constant check-ins on the family here in Canada and, where possible a visit to the family. Support will be given by visiting and having conversations with their local parishes, commanding officers, and family.

Finally, a video update to all chaplains every four to six months so that, if necessary, they can play it for their appearance congregations their base teams the chain of command and their leadership whether they be Pres; Reg Force; Canadian Rangers; Cadets or Civilian Military Chaplain support.

4. How would you connect and support AMO laity across Canada?

Archbishop Michael Ramsey said, “The clergy can learn a great deal from the laity.” The AMO and the Bishop ordinary need to take time to connect and support the laity and learn from them so we can provide the needed support to the AMO laity and the CAF as a whole. In order to achieve this a member of the laity -apart from the chancellor-should be a member of the chapter and bishops council, in addition there is need for a laity council chaired potentially by the Archdeacon or the Lay Canon so that the laity can offer up to the Bishop and the AMO/ELCIC writ large what is needed to support and energize their faith

In addition, where our base chapels are “Protestant” in nature and offer a non-denominational Christian friendly worship, we need to cultivate relationships with local congregations so that the clergy and the laity are linked in with the larger church community in order to support and give access to the services of the AMO community. When the Bishop ordinary or members of the executive visit an area, they will be encouraged to meet with the members of the CAF who are attending local Anglican churches and offer our presence at the local churches on Sunday mornings.

5. How would your ecumenical, interfaith and intercultural experiences inform your ministry as Bishop Ordinary?

Early in my ordained ministry, I worked with the priest in charge of the parish to create the St John’s and area Council of Churches. This council brought together in the greater St John’s area all the churches of the Abrahamic faith tradition, not just the clergy but the laity as well. We designed the council so that the laity played an equal role with the clergy who members. The

Chair of the council alternated between lay member and cleric, with all faiths having a say on the executive.

In addition, I worked with the Korean Presbyterian congregation in St John's (all be it a brief existence), in reactivating the Mission to Seafarers, so seagoing individuals and the workers in the offshore had a mission, place to go for pastoral and spiritual support when needed. This eventually became the chaplaincy to the offshore industry in Newfoundland and Labrador.

When I was the 5 Canadian Division Command Chaplain, I work with the 5 CDSG command chaplain and his team, so that we could get the base indigenous advisor in position to provide support to members, to the chaplaincy and to the base leadership.

These and other involvements inform my actions over the years; these kinds of engagements would inform my actions as Bishop ordinary as I seek a desire to lead and support others in the spiritual journey that they take. We would not only support the Anglicans but others in their faith group, their tradition, and their background as the AMO provides support to all of the CAF so people can support each other in their needs and in their growth physically, mentally and spiritually.

6. What is important about the Bishop Ordinary's role as the Anglican Church of Canada representative on the Interfaith Committee on Canadian Military Chaplaincy?

The Bishop ordinary is the conduit between the ACC and the ICCMC, and as such they are the point of contact for all calf members within the Anglican Church of Canada and the evangelical Lutheran fellowship of Canada. The ICCMC in their advice to the office of the chaplain general and the chaplain general often need the voice and comments from the greater church. As a secular organization the calf needs to have the moral, spiritual, and ethical grounding which the Bishop ordinary and the ICCMC offer. In the civilian courts and the secular world Often abandoned religious values and as such the ICCMC and the Bishop ordinary are more important than ever as they will be needed to interpret the needs of the many Canadians who are people of faith.

The Bishop ordinary is an individual of unity, "interpreting their own church to others, and others to their church, and encouraging them who interpret Christian faith to the secular minds and secular minds to the Christian faith". (Ramsey chapter 18) The vision of ordinary is in a unique role as they must meet with other denomination's, faith and non-faith-based individuals and as such they will be interpreting the needs of the ACC to the ICC MC, and the calf and to take the views of the CAF DND and interpret them to the ACC and the House of bishops. In such a way they are the advocates for the priorities of which are set out in the doctrine and discipline of the Anglican Church.