

Curriculum Vitae

LCol The Rev'd Canon C. Shawn Samson, CD, BA, MDiv, STM, LLM

Ordained Deacon: May 2, 1993
Ordained Priest: Apr 25, 1994

Ecclesiastical Appointment

Feb 2014- Jan 2016
May 23, 2014
Diocesan Archdeacon
Installed Diocesan Archdeacon (Stall of St. Gudrid)

November 2013 - Present
May 25, 2014
Appointed Canon of the Military Ordinariate
Installed Canon of the Military Ordinariate (Stall of St. Patrick)

Oct 2012 – Feb 2014
Jan 25, 2013
Appointed Archdeacon Avalon
Installed Archdeacon of Avalon (Chair of St. Mary Magdalene)

Education:

May 2009
Master of Laws (Canon Law) Cardiff University, Wales

May 2003
Master of Sacred Theology, Nashotah House Seminary,

April 1998
Certificate in Bereavement and Grief Counseling

April 1993
Master of Divinity, Queen's College,

July 1991
Supervised Pastoral Education Certificate

May 1990
Bachelor of Arts, Memorial

June 1985
Graduated Mount Pearl Central High School

Awards

Jun 17 2025
Canadian Decoration 1

May 6 2023
King Charles III Coronation Medal

June 2018
Coin recognition by Commander of Canadian Military Personal Command

Jul 7, 2015
Canadian Decoration

Jun 18, 2007
Chief of Land Staff Commendation

Parish Work Experience:

Feb 2014 – Jan 2015
Diocesan Archdeacon

Nov 2003 – Feb 2014
Rector Holy Innocents, Paradise

May 1998 - Nov 2003
Rector St. James, Carbonear

Sept 1995 - May 1998
Assistant Priest (Curate) Parish of St. Mary the Virgin St. John's

Apr 1994 - Sept 1995	Assistant Priest Parish of Labrador West
Aug 1993 - Apr 25, 1994	Deacon Parish of Labrador West.
June & July 1993	Deacon Hospital Chaplain
Sept - Dec 1992	Internship at St. Thomas' Church St. John's

Military Service & Committees

July 2021 – Present	Appointed Director Chaplain Operations 3
December 2021	Advanced Chaplain's Officer's Course (Ottawa)
June 2020-July 2021	Appointed 5 Div Command Chaplain
Aug 2019 – 2021	Member of the Advisory Group of Canadian Army Reserves
May 1-16 2019	Chaplain in Deployed Operations Course
Feb 2018 – July 2021	Appointed Deputy Army Command Chaplain and promoted to the rank of LCol
June 15-30 2018	Ministry in a Pluralism Environment Course
August 15- 31 2017	Military Counseling course
August 1-15 1017	Ethics Course
January 2016 - January 2020:	Responsible for PRes Chaplaincy recruiting CAF wide
Jan 2015 – 2020	Member of Chaplain Recruiting Committees
Sept 2015 – Feb 2019	Deputy Division Chaplain for 5 Canadian Division,
November 2013	Appointed Canon of the Military Ordinariate
March 2013	Appointed Major
February 2013	Intermediate Chaplain's Officer's Course (CFB Borden)
September 2012 - 2015	Appointed Brigade Chaplain 37 CFG (Canadian Battle Group)
July 2011	Ceremony at Beaumont Hamel, France
April 2010	Trooping of Colours Ceremony 1 st BN Royal Newfoundland Regiment & Visit of Commander-in-Chief (member of steer committee for Princess Royals visit)
July 2006	Royal Newfoundland Regiment Pilgrimage to France & Flanders
May 2005	Canadian Armed Forces Basic Officer Training Course (Part II)
May 2004	Canadian Armed Forces Basic Officer Training Course (Part I)
Aug 2002 – January 2013	Chaplain 1 st Battalion Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Secular Work Experience (Non-ministry):

Summer 1992 Library Assistant at Queen's College
August 1991 Stock Clerk, Manson Drugs
1984-1990 Employed by Grafton Fraser

Volunteer Experience

2013 – 2020 TAMMI interviewer (Tradition and Mini-Med Interviews); volunteer interviewer for potential medical students at the Memorial School of Medicine

2013 Planned Silent Auction with donations to the new Parish of St. Michael's

July 2005 - July 2006 Chair Fund-raising France & Flanders Pilgrimage for the Royal Newfoundland Regiment

1998 – 2003 Member Kiwanis Carbonear
July 2001 - Aug 2002 1st Vice President, Kiwanis Club of Carbonear
Oct 2000 - Sept. 2001 Chair Kiwanis YCPO (Young Children Priority One)
1998-2003 Music Festival Volunteer

1995 – 2014 CLB Officer & Chaplain
April 2001 Chaplain CLB W & NCO's England Trip
Nov 1999 - Sept 2002 Member Brigade Council of the CLB
Sept 1995 – May 1998 Volunteer with Entertainment committee
Oct 1999 - Sept 2002 Battalion Chaplain of CLB Avalon North Battalion
July 1994, 1996 & 2001 Camp Chaplains

Committee Experience (Contributions to the local church, local community and wider church):

July 2013 Diocesan Representative to General Synod (Ottawa 2013)

October 2012 – Jan 2015 Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Chapter Member (Chair of St. Mary Magdalene)

May 2011 – Jan 2015 Member Diocesan Legislative Committee (Governance Restructuring)

Nov 2008 – Jan 2015 Member of Governance Committee Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

Sept 2006 – Jan 2015 Member of the Ecclesiastical Court for the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

Sept 2006 Member of Provincial Synod
June 2006 - Sept 2006 Diocesan coordinator for Provincial Synod

Nov 2005 – April 2007 Chair Diocesan Monitoring Committee

Oct 2005 – April 2007 Member of the Diocesan Working group for Synod 2007

June 2005 – Oct 2009 Member of Diocesan Legislative Committee

June 2005 – April 2007 Member of 2007 Synod Planning Committee

May 2005 – Oct 2009 Secretary of the Diocesan Administration and Finance Committee

May 2005 – Oct 2009	Secretary of Diocesan Council
Nov 2004 – Nov 2005	Treasurer Paradise/CBS Ministerial Association
Jan 2002 - Nov 2005	Secretary Diocesan Monitoring Committee
Sept 2001 – Nov 2003	Secretary Conception Bay Deanery Chapter
Oct 2000 - Oct 2001	Chair Pastoral Care Committee Avalon Health Care Institutions Board
Feb 2000 - Sept 2002	Member of Medical Care Committee for the Carbonear General Hospital
Jan 2000 - May 2001	Member of the Diocesan Youth Commission
Oct 1999 - April 2001	Member of organizing committee CLB W & NCO's England Trip
Oct 1999 - Aug 2002	Member Kiwanis Board of Directors
Sept 1999 - Nov 2003	Member of Diocesan Task Force Commission on Pastoral Ministry
Nov 1998 - Aug 2002	Member Kiwanis Music Festival Committee, Carbonear
May 1998 - Nov 2003	Chaplain to Carbonear General Hospital
May 1998 - Sept. 2002	Member of Avalon Health Care Institution Pastoral Care Board
May 1997	Attended Leadership Consolation on Anglican Essential's in Ottawa
1994-1998	Member of St. Michael's Diocesan Youth Conference Teaching Committee
1997	Convening Secretary of St. John's and Area Council of Churches
1997-1998	Vice-president St. John's Ministerial Association
1996-1998	Secretary St. John's Mission to Seafarer's Board of Director's (Representing the Mission to Seamen)
1994-1996	Member Diocesan Program Committee
1993-1995	Member of Labrador Planning and Strategy Committee
Sept 1991- Sept 1992	President of Student's Association & Senior Student - Queen's College
Sept 1991 - Sept 1992	Member of Queen's College Cooperation Board