



JOURNEY

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Meet our new Archbishop The Most Reverend Michael Mulhall

On Friday, May 3, 2019, the Archdiocese of Kingston welcomed a new Chief Shepherd, the Most Reverend Michael Mulhall. Archbishop Mulhall is the 15th Bishop and 10th Archbishop of Kingston.

Left: Archbishop-Elect Mulhall waits with the Apostolic Nuncio at the door of St. Mary's Cathedral for the formal Installation Ceremony to begin. With them is Deacon Blaine Barclay.

Above: Archbishop Michael Mulhall takes his seat in the Episcopal Chair (*cathedra*), now officially the Archbishop of Kingston. The Most Reverend Brendan M. O'Brien, Archbishop Emeritus, and the Most Reverend Luigi Bonazzi, Apostolic Nuncio, applaud the new Archbishop. Father John Hibbard, Master of Ceremonies, masterfully guided every aspect of the ceremony.

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Photo by Susan Lett

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

My dear friends:

It is a great joy to express my greetings to each of you in the Lord Jesus.

I would like to thank those who have planned and brought to fruition this special edition of *Journey* to mark my installation as Archbishop on 3 May, and to recognize Archbishop O'Brien for his many years of dedicated episcopal ministry to the Church and to the Archdiocese of Kingston.

The Mass of Installation celebrated at the beginning of May left lasting memories for me. The beauty of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the rich patrimony of the liturgy of the Church, and the joyful faith of the people of the Archdiocese were special signs to me of the Lord's blessings on the Church of Kingston.

At moments like this in the life of the Archdiocese, our hearts are drawn to the witness of so many people who have gone before us in faithful service to Christ. Their lives of faith are a precious treasure for us, and their continued prayers are a source of ongoing grace for each of us still on our earthly pilgrimage towards Christ.

My dear brothers and sisters, let us be conscious and give thanks for this beautiful testimony. May we draw closer in the unity which comes from God and support one another in the mission of the Church in this present time. In these days of the Solemnity of the Pentecost, may we allow the Holy Spirit to continue to guide the Church in the coming years.

† Michael Mulhall
Archbishop of Kingston



Photos by Sharon Buffett

Celebrating the Congregation of Notre Dame

Archbishop Mulhall has had a busy schedule since his Installation on May 3rd. One of the happiest events was a Mass for the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame, recognizing the 400th Anniversary of the birth of their foundress, St. Marguerite Bourgeoys. The Mass was held on Friday, May 31st, at St. Joseph Parish in Kingston. More details and pictures of this special celebration will be included in the September issue of *Journey*.



Installation of Archbishop Michael Mulhall



A Warm Welcome to our new Chief Shepherd

Katherine Quinlan

The third of May, 2019, was a day of celebration in the Archdiocese of Kingston – and what a celebration it was! St. Mary's Cathedral was at its loveliest that Friday afternoon, alive with people, music, and an array of beautiful flowers, as the Most Reverend Michael Mulhall was installed as our new Archbishop in a colourful ceremony rich with pomp and tradition. Parishioners from every corner of the Archdiocese crowded into the Cathedral with dozens of bishops from across Canada and the United States, hundreds of priests and deacons from our own Archdiocese and other dioceses in Ontario, three congregations of religious sisters, Faith Leaders of the Kingston community, Government representatives, and visiting laity from other dioceses. This was definitely a day to remember.

The Ceremony began with two processions, the first led by two long lines of 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, resplendent in their uniforms, and members of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, in ceremonial dress; followed by the Superior and Coordinators of the three main religious congregations of Sisters within the Archdiocese; Leaders of Faith Communities in their ceremonial vestments; members of the Diocesan Executive of the Catholic Women's League in their signature blue scarves; the priests and deacons in white albs and red stoles; and the bishops, who were a particularly impressive presence in their red chasubles and white mitres. Once they were all seated, Archbishop-Elect Mulhall arrived with the Apostolic Nuncio (the Pope's representative in Canada), and the formal ceremony of installation began. After the Archbishop-Elect was greeted by the Apostolic Administrator, Archbishop O'Brien, and the Consultors of the Archdiocese, the second procession moved up the centre aisle, and all were seated on the Sanctuary. The Apostolic Administrator then extended Words of Welcome to Archbishop Mulhall, and the Apostolic Letter of Appointment was read by the Chancellor, Monsignor Joseph Lynch. The Apostolic Nuncio and the Apostolic Administrator then led Archbishop Mulhall to the Episcopal Chair (*cathedra*), where he was given the Crozier and officially became the new Archbishop of Kingston. When Archbishop Mulhall took his seat, the entire congregation enthusiastically applauded our new Chief Shepherd.

Words of Greeting followed, beginning with Father Brian Price, Dean of the College of Consultors, who greeted Archbishop Mulhall on behalf of the clergy of the Archdiocese. He was accompanied by Deacon Bill Gervais, Coordinator of the Permanent Diaconate, and Rev. Roman Rytsar, of St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Parish. The next to offer Words of Greeting was Sister Sandra Shannon, General Superior of the Sisters of Providence, who was accompanied by Sister Marilyn Larocque, Local Superior of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, Sister Rosemary Shannon, Local Coordinator of the Congregation of Notre Dame, and Friar David Collins, of the Franciscan Friars. Greetings on behalf of the Laity were given by Maureen Vincentine, President of the Kingston Diocesan Catholic Women's League, who was accompanied by Anne Madden, Ontario Provincial President of the Catholic Women's League, and Elizabeth Anne Brown-Davidson, National Past President of the Catholic Women's League. Next to bring Greetings, on behalf of the Faith Communities, was the Right Reverend Michael Oulton, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ontario, accompanied by Rev. Andrew Johnston, Pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; Rev. Barry King, Pastor of Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches; Rabbi Erin Polansky, of the Beth Israel Jewish Congregation; Chief Don Maracle, of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte; and Mr. Keith Greenham, of the Baha'i Community of Kingston.

Following are the Words of Greeting to our new Archbishop:

**Father Brian Price, Dean of the College of Consultors,
on behalf of the Clergy:**

"To devote oneself totally to the service of God and His Church is both a privilege and a burden. This is especially true of one who has been given the office of Bishop. We are grateful to the Most Reverend Michael Mulhall for assuming this role as Archbishop of Kingston. On behalf of the clergy of this Archdiocese, I extend a warm welcome and assure you that we look forward to working with you for the good of the Archdiocese and of the Church."





Sister Sandra Shannon, General Superior of the Sisters of Providence, on behalf of the Religious Communities:

"On behalf of the 95 vowed Religious men and women of the Archdiocese, I wish to welcome you, Archbishop Mulhall, to the Kingston Archdiocese. Please be assured of the continued prayers of the Conventual Franciscan Friars, the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame, the Sisters of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, the Sister of Charity of Halifax, and the Sisters of my congregation, the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul. We wish you peace, joy, and good health as you take up your important ministry of Chief Shepherd of the Archdiocese of Kingston. The Religious welcome you!"

Maureen Vincentine, President of the Kingston Diocesan Catholic Women's League, on behalf of the Laity:

"It is a very great honour for me to bring a welcome to you from the laity of Kingston Archdiocese. Your Grace, in every parish, there are many faith-filled men and women who participate in the life of their parish with energy and enthusiasm. They participate in prayer groups, Sacramental preparation and instruction of new Catholics, liturgical and music ministries, finance committees, and social justice groups. They attend and facilitate meetings and presentations for our Archdiocese, always willing to learn more about their faith and anxious to share their love of the good news with others. They also carry the gospel message with them as they access their workplace, where they volunteer, and in their social encounters. I speak for all the laity when I say we welcome you to the Archdiocese of Kingston. We look forward to meeting you in our own parishes, and we want you to know that we are happy to support you in your pastoral role here in the Archdiocese of Kingston."



The Right Reverend Michael Oulton, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ontario, on behalf of the Faith Communities:

"It is indeed a privilege to be asked to welcome and greet you, Archbishop Mulhall, as you take up your new responsibilities within the Archdiocese of Kingston. I feel doubly blessed in doing so, having been asked to greet you as a member of the faith communities represented within Kingston and the region coming under your spiritual care. The Interfaith Community of Kingston gathers around the following Mission Statement: "Sharing our Faiths, spiritual traditions, and beliefs, fostering mutual growth in respect and understanding for the good of all." The heart of this mission statement is lived out through building and fostering relationships among people of faith. I had the absolute joy of once hearing the late Henri Nouwen of the L'Arche Community preach at Trinity College Chapel in Toronto. Grafted on my heart from that sermon are these words: "There are two things you know, without fail, about every person you encounter. First, they are created and passionately loved by God, and, second, they are a gift to you today." This is true of the people you encounter whose

presence brings an easy smile to your face, and equally true as regards those who evoke a different reaction. Thirty years later, those words still inspire me. We live together within a world that is increasingly divided and disrupted by the loud voices who foment fear and intolerance. The rhetoric of hate would have us believe that every person we encounter is an object, and I deliberately use that word "object", of fear, suspicion and hidden malice. Our world is in desperate need of a counter narrative, rooted in hope, that calls upon us all to commit to strive for the high ground within our relationships so that we may stand united in our commitment to divine justice, mercy, reconciliation and peace. The sacred texts within the beautiful mosaic of the interfaith community, who serve the heart and soul of the people of eastern Ontario, all point us to ways in which we can find our way to the high ground where we can work together, building communities rooted in mutual growth, respect, and understanding. Please accept our heartfelt words of welcome at this new beginning for you and the people of the Archdiocese of Kingston. We look forward to the opportunities to deepen and foster our walk together on behalf of the beloved of God as the years unfold."

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After the Greetings, the Mass began in earnest, with Archbishop Mulhall as presider, and the bishops and priests as concelebrants. Readers were David DeSantis, Director of Education for the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, and Sister Denise Bérubé of the Congregation of Notre Dame. The Gospel was proclaimed by Deacon Bill Gervais, and the Intercessions were read by Deacon Joe Kennedy and Debbie Kennedy. Gift bearers represented various pastoral ministries in the Archdiocese – the Ministry with the Deaf was represented by Alana McDonald; the ministry to the poor was represented by Joe McCabe of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kingston; parish ministry was represented by Mark

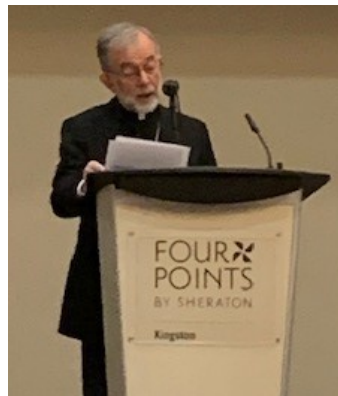
Levac and Ann Lyng of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish; Archdiocesan service was represented by Raymond Doyle and Shirley Kelliher of the Archdiocesan Finance Committee; and the youth of the Archdiocese were represented by Andrea Brown, Student Trustee for the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board and student of Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School, and Callan



Murphy, Head Boy of Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School. The Mass was accompanied by the magnificent music of Jeffrey Moellman, Cathedral Organist, who directed the Archdiocesan Choir, St. Mary's Cathedral Choir, the Cathedral Youth Singers, the Leader of Song, Bernadette Burgess, and the Psalmist, Rebecca Miller.

Archbishop Mulhall gave an inspiring homily, and, at the end of the Mass, the Apostolic Nuncio, the Most Reverend Luigi Bonazzi, brought greetings to Archbishop Mulhall directly from the Holy Father, Pope Francis. He then added his own words of admiration for our new Archbishop and expressed gratitude to Archbishop O'Brien for his years of service.





Just prior to the Mass of Installation, a Luncheon in honour of Archbishop Mulhall was held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel for Bishops and the Archbishop's family. At that Luncheon, Bishop Lionel Gendron, President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, brought greetings on behalf of the CCCB, and Cardinal Thomas Collins, Vice President of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, brought greetings on behalf of the ACBO.

Luncheon photos by Susan Lett



Following the Mass, a Reception was held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, at which everyone could meet Archbishop Mulhall and extend their own words of welcome.



Reception photos by Sharon Buffett

Celebrating Archbishop O'Brien's years of service to the Church



Many Thanks to all of you

I will long remember March 25th, 2019, the Feast of the Annunciation of our Lord, for it was on that day that I received the message – not from an Angel, but from the Apostolic Nuncio – that the Holy Father had accepted the resignation which I had submitted to him in September of 2018. This set in motion a rather intense period of transition, not only for me and my successor, Archbishop Michael Mulhall, but for the staff of the Pastoral Centre and St. Mary's Cathedral.

All of this took place at the same time that we were preparing for the Easter celebrations. Each year, the Chrism Mass is a truly Archdiocesan event, as priests, religious, and laity gather during Holy Week for the blessing of the oils and the consecration of the Chrism. This year, it was an even more special event, for it gave me the opportunity to thank so many people with whom I had shared my ministry over the last twelve years.

When I came to Kingston in 2007, I had been a bishop and an archbishop for twenty years. I did know a few priests and people in the Archdiocese when I arrived, but I did not realize how many more I would come to know, what fruitful projects we would undertake together, how many memorable events we would celebrate, and what wonderful friendships would develop. I think in a special way of the priests and deacons whom I had the privilege to ordain, as well as the thousands of young people on whom I conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation.

On a daily basis I was supported by Msgr. Joe Lynch, my Vicar General, and Katherine Quinlan, my Executive Assistant, as well as the staff of the Pastoral Centre, who were always ready for new pastoral initiatives and worked so well together to carry them out. The events of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in 2015-2016 will always bring back special memories.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people of the Archdiocese for their cooperation and support throughout the last twelve years. I also want to acknowledge, in a particular way, the Deans of the four Deaneries of the Archdiocese for their advice and assistance, especially in making pastoral appointments.

I am grateful to all those who sent prayers, gifts, and best wishes on my retirement. Throughout the last twelve years, I have appreciated the many kindnesses of people throughout the Archdiocese, and especially the parishioners of the Cathedral parish and their Rector, Fr. Shawn Hughes.

Finally, I thank God for giving me the grace and strength to complete my ministry as your Archbishop. As the Archbishop Emeritus of Kingston, I ask you to keep me in your prayers. Be assured that you – the clergy and people of the Archdiocese – will always be in mine.

† Brendan M. O'Brien
Archbishop Emeritus of Kingston



Farewell, Archbishop O'Brien

Katherine Quinlan



photo by Sharon Buffett

The announcement came from the Vatican on the morning of Thursday, March 28, 2019. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, had accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Brendan Michael O'Brien and had appointed the Most Reverend Michael Mulhall as Archbishop of Kingston. Archbishop O'Brien had submitted his letter of resignation to the Pope on his 75th birthday, September 28, 2018, and had been waiting since that day for the resignation to be accepted and his successor to be appointed. Now that day was here, and we knew that, in just a few short weeks, Archbishop Brendan O'Brien, the longest serving Bishop in office in Canada, who had been ordained to the Episcopacy a full 32 years before, would become our Archbishop Emeritus. His actual retirement did not come immediately. The Holy Father appointed Archbishop O'Brien as Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Kingston until his successor was installed.

The next five weeks were a flurry of activity as we planned for Archbishop O'Brien's Retirement and Archbishop Mulhall's Installation. Archbishop O'Brien continued to work hard for the priests and people of the Archdiocese, just as he had throughout his long career, preparing the way for his successor and ensuring a smooth transition. Our office was flooded with heartfelt messages of gratitude, congratulation, and best wishes to our retiring Archbishop from across the Archdiocese, the province, the country, and beyond – from clergy, religious, bishops, and laity – from people he had served in Ottawa, Pembroke, St. John's, and here in the Archdiocese of Kingston. As I read these letters, notes, cards, and e-mails, I realized how many lives Archbishop O'Brien had touched throughout his priestly and episcopal career, and how blessed we were to have him as our Archbishop for these 12 years. He came to us at a difficult time for the Archdiocese. We were mourning the loss of our beloved Archbishop Meagher, who had died after a valiant five-year battle with cancer. Archbishop O'Brien stepped gently into Archbishop Meagher's shoes, and expertly navigated the Archdiocese through the challenges and accomplishments of the next 12 years, providing effective and innovative leadership through them all.

Now it was time to express our gratitude, and planning began for Retirement celebrations. On Tuesday, April 16, 2019, the people of the Archdiocese said 'thank you' to Archbishop O'Brien at three special events: a Retirement Dinner with Clergy and Religious; the Mass of Chrism, which was also a Mass of Thanksgiving for his Ministry; and a Reception following the Mass at École Cathédrale. The program at the Retirement Dinner included Words of Gratitude from Father Brian Price, Dean of the College of Consultors, on behalf of the Priests of the Archdiocese; from Deacon Bill Gervais, Coordinator of the Permanent Diaconate on behalf of the Deacons of the Archdiocese; from Sister Sandra Shannon, General Superior of the Sisters of Providence, on behalf of the Religious Communities; from Maureen Vincentine, President of the Diocesan Catholic Women's League, and Al DeBenedetti, Diocesan Director of the Knights of Columbus, on behalf of the Laity; and Greetings from the O'Brien Family, represented by the Archbishop's brother, Michael O'Brien. These were followed by a very moving song of blessing, "May the Lord Bless You and Keep You", performed beautifully by Elisabeth Santos, and a video slideshow of pictures of the Archbishop through the years, produced by Nadia Gundert, which ended with a song of gratitude by the students of École Cathédrale, "Thank you, Lord, on this day, for Archbishop O'Brien" (to the tune of *Edelweiss*).

Maureen Vincentine summed up well the gratitude of the people of the Archdiocese of Kingston, "Faith-filled men and women in all our parishes are grateful for your quiet leadership and care. We are blessed with such a diversity of groups in our diocese focusing on prayer, parish concerns, sacramental preparation, reception and training of new Catholics, and social justice issues. The participation shown by the laity in Kingston Archdiocese is our response to the leadership you have shown us. You have always been willing to listen to individuals or groups, whether about parish issues or diocesan initiatives. I know, from attending meetings, that you have always made us feel that you had all the time we might need, and we had your undivided attention! What I believe we appreciate most is your friendship. You have visited our parishes and have participated in events across the Archdiocese, getting to know parishioners and sharing their joys and concerns."

At the beginning of the Mass of Chrism and Mass of Thanksgiving, Father Brian Price again expressed gratitude to Archbishop O'Brien on behalf of the Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Archdiocese, and his remarks were followed by a prolonged standing ovation from the many hundreds of people in attendance. After the Mass, parishioners from every parish of the Archdiocese gathered at the reception and waited in line patiently to extend gratitude personally to their retiring Archbishop.

I have been blessed to work for Archbishop Brendan O'Brien for all of his 12 years here in the Archdiocese of Kingston. His kindness and thoughtfulness have been an inspiration to me, and I have constantly been amazed by the extent of his knowledge and expertise. He has worked hard for all of us, and he truly deserves every accolade that has been extended to him.

At the Mass of Thanksgiving, Father Brian Price expressed best our farewell message to our retiring Archbishop: "On behalf of the Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Archdiocese, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for your faithful and faith-filled service. While we regret your leaving us, it is our prayer that you enjoy a long, healthy, and richly earned retirement." Amen.



Above left: Archbishop O'Brien cuts his Retirement Cake at the Reception following the Chrism Mass and Mass of Thanksgiving. Above centre: Archbishop O'Brien with his Executive Assistant, Katherine Quinlan. Above right: The staff of the Pastoral Centre gather around Archbishop O'Brien at their Farewell Luncheon on Friday, April 26th.

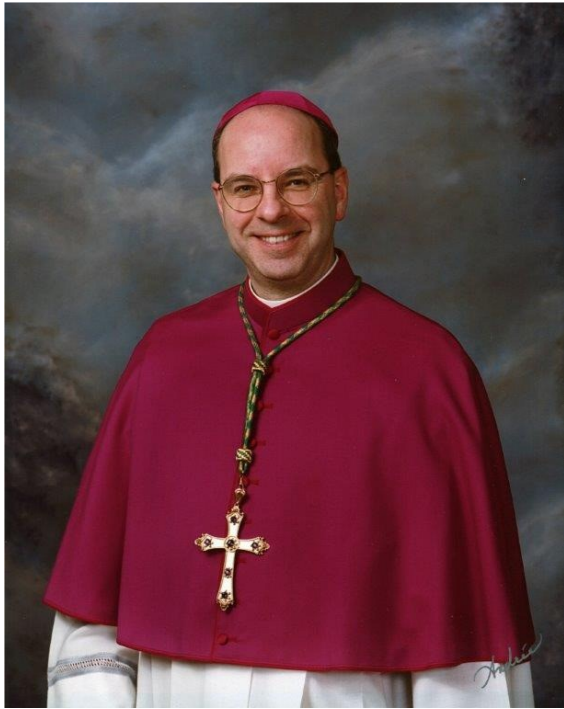
Photos by Sharon Buffett and Dan Lajoie



On May 7, 2019, Archbishop O'Brien was presented with the **Contribution to Catholic Education Award** at the Catholic Education Week Mass of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board. The Archbishop Emeritus was honoured for "his support and advocacy of Catholic Education during his 12 years of episcopal ministry in the Archdiocese of Kingston." Pictured, at left: Archbishop Emeritus O'Brien with Michael Gundert, ALCDSB Coordinator of Religious and Family Life Education, and Theresa Kennedy, ALCDSB Superintendent of School Effectiveness.

Photo by Jessica Salmon

ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL MULHALL

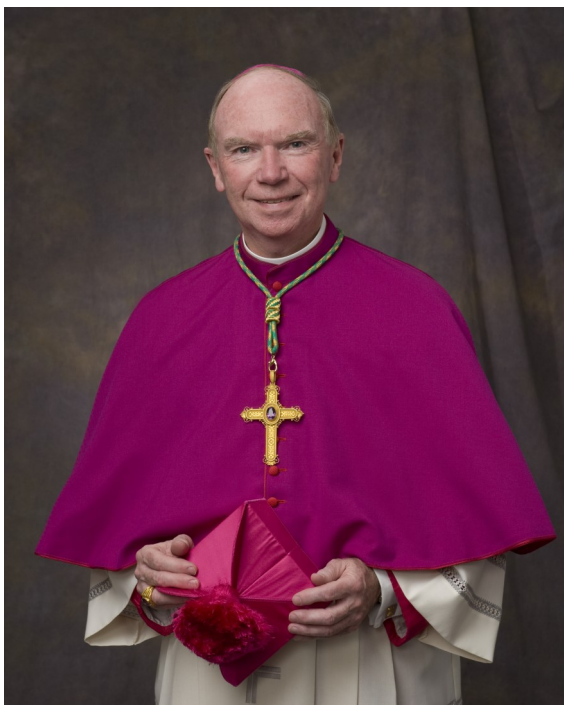


Priestly Ordination	July 21, 1989
Episcopal Ordination	September 21, 2007
Bishop of Pembroke	2007-2019
Archbishop of Kingston	May 3, 2019



O God, shepherd of all the faithful,
look favourably on your servant, Michael,
whom you have set at the head
of the Church of Kingston as her shepherd;
grant, we pray, that, by word and example,
he may faithfully carry out
the episcopal ministry,
so that, together with the flock
entrusted to his care,
he may lead us in the praise of your name.
Through Christ our Lord

ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS BRENDAN O'BRIEN



Priestly Ordination	June 1, 1968
Episcopal Ordination	June 29, 1987
Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa	1987-1993
Bishop of Pembroke	1993- 2000
Archbishop of St. John's	2000-2007
Archbishop of Kingston	2007-2019



O God, ruler and guardian of your Church,
who care for your people with gentleness
and govern them with love and wisdom,
we thank you for your servant, Brendan,
whom you set over our Church in Kingston
as Bishop and Chief Shepherd.

We pray that the dedication and care
that he showed in his pastoral ministry
may continue in our hearts and minds
to confirm the truth of your love
and direct all that we do.

Grant that his labours in the name of your Son
may continue to bring you glory
and bear fruit in building up
your Kingdom on earth.
Through Christ our Lord.