

Most Reverend Murray Chatlain

Archbishop of Winnipeg

Most Reverend Murray Chatlain was appointed the eighth Archbishop of Winnipeg by Pope Francis on December 30, 2024. His installation as Archbishop took place on Friday, April 4, 2025, at St. Mary's Cathedral. Archbishop Murray Chatlain was born in Saskatoon on January 19, 1963; he completed a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon and then studied at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario, where he completed a Master of Divinity degree. During his priestly ministry, Archbishop Chatlain served in Saskatoon, Martensville, Kindersley, and remote communities in the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, NWT, where he focused on pastoral care in Northern Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories. His commitment to linguistic and cultural immersion led him to study the Dene language at La Loche, Saskatchewan, from 2000-2001. On June 23, 2007, he was named Coadjutor Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith by Pope Benedict XVI. He succeeded to the office of Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith on May 10, 2008. On December 6, 2012, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bishop Chatlain as the Archbishop of Keewatin-Le Pas. Archbishop Chatlain has held a variety of leadership roles within the Church. From 2008 to 2019, he was a member of the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Between 2014 and 2017, he served on the Episcopal Commission for Justice and Peace. In 2016, he chaired the *ad hoc* Committee on the Transition of the Northern Dioceses. From 2016 to 2021, Archbishop Chatlain acted as the CCCB Representative of Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle and was Co-Chair in 2018. In 2020, he was elected President of the Assembly of Western Catholic Bishops (AWCB). His portrait contains gifts from the Indigenous communities he has served. The eagle feather is a sign of speaking in connection with God, our Creator. The eagle symbolizes this connection as it flies the highest and often appears at significant moments in the community's life. Holding the feather while speaking demonstrates that we are not just expressing our opinions but trying to express the Creator's words.



Archbishop Chatlain's Coat of Arms

The Archbishop's personal coat of arms (on the right half of the shield) is impaled with the Archdiocesan coat of arms to indicate his office as Archbishop of Winnipeg.

The field of the shield is blue. Blue represents the many lakes and rivers which make up the life blood of the land. A gold cross is placed on it with the four arms extending to the edges of the shield. This includes the red heart, which is the emblem of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Caritas movement. The Gold Cross indicates that Bishop Murray Chatlain was ordained on the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The sacred drum on the top right corner of the shield represents the strength of the spirituality and culture of Indigenous people. The stole in the shape of the letter "M" in the bottom left corner symbolizes the gift of the priesthood in Archbishop Murray's own life and for the people. The "M" represents Mother Mary's presence and help.

Above the shield is the green hat with ten tassels at either side, which signals that these are the arms of a Roman Catholic Archbishop. The shield is placed on a gold archiepiscopal cross as an additional mark of Office. The Archbishop has chosen as his motto: "The Almighty has done great things for us" from Psalm 126.



Former Archbishops

First Archbishop

Most Reverend Alfred A. Sinnott, J.C.D., D.D., born February 22, 1877. Ordained to the Priesthood February 18, 1900. Consecrated as Archbishop of Winnipeg on September 21, 1916, installed in Winnipeg, December 24, 1916. Resigned January 14, 1952, died April 18, 1954 and laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery, Winnipeg.

Coadjutor-Archbishop of Winnipeg

Most Reverend Gerald Murray, C.Ss.R., D.D., born December 26, 1885. Ordained to the Priesthood September 4, 1910. Consecrated as Bishop of Victoria May 7, 1930. In 1933 he was named Bishop of Saskatoon. Appointed Coadjutor-Archbishop of Winnipeg, January 27, 1944, died June 3, 1951 and was buried in Montreal.

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Second Archbishop

Most Reverend Philip F. Pocock, J.C.D., D.D., born July 2, 1906. Ordained to the priesthood June 14, 1930. Consecrated Bishop of Saskatoon on June 29, 1944. On April 6, 1951, named Titular Archbishop of Aprus, Coadjutor-Archbishop of Winnipeg - Apostolic Administrator. Named second Archbishop of Winnipeg January 14, 1952. Appointed Titular Archbishop of Isauropolis, Coadjutor-Archbishop of Toronto - Ordinary, February 18, 1961, Archbishop of Toronto March 30, 1971. Died September 6, 1984. He is buried in Thornhill, Ontario.

Third Archbishop

His Eminence George B. Cardinal Flahiff, C.S.B., D.D., (elevated to the College of Cardinals in the Consistory on April 28, 1969) born Oct. 25, 1905. Ordained to the Priesthood on August 17, 1930. Appointed Archbishop of Winnipeg, March 15, 1961, consecrated May 31, 1961, installed in Winnipeg on June 25, 1961, retired on March 31, 1982 and died August 22, 1989. He was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery, Winnipeg.

Fourth Archbishop

Most Reverend Adam J. Exner, O.M.I., D.D., born December 24, 1928. Ordained to the Priesthood July 7, 1957. Consecrated March 12, 1974 as Bishop of Kamloops, named Archbishop of Winnipeg, April 8, 1982, installed June 24, 1982. Appointed Archbishop of Vancouver May 25, 1991. Retired in 2004 and died September 5, 2023. He was laid to rest in Mariahilf Cemetery, near Killaly, Saskatchewan.

Fifth Archbishop

Most Reverend Leonard James Wall, S.T.D., D.D., born September 27, 1924. Ordained to the Priesthood June 11, 1949. Consecrated as Titular Bishop of Leptimino and Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto June 21, 1979. Appointed Archbishop of Winnipeg on February 25, 1992. Installed April 8, 1992, retired June 7, 2000 and died March 9, 2002. He was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery, Winnipeg.

Sixth Archbishop

Most Reverend V. James Weisgerber, Ph.L, S.T.L., D.D., born May 1, 1938. Ordained to the Priesthood June 1, 1963. Ordained 1996 as Bishop of Saskatoon. Appointed Archbishop of Winnipeg on June 7, 2000. Installed August 24, 2000. Retired Oct. 28, 2013.

Seventh Archbishop

Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, D.D., born June 17, 1948. Ordained to the Priesthood June 24, 1983. Ordained 2004 as Bishop of Victoria. Appointed Archbishop of Winnipeg on October 28, 2013. Installed January 3, 2014. Retired December 30, 2024.

General Information

A diocese is a portion of the People of God, entrusted to a Bishop to be nurtured by him, with the cooperation of the priests, in such a way that, remaining close to the pastor and gathered by him through the Gospel and the Eucharist in the Holy Spirit, it constitutes a local church. In this church, the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church of Christ truly exists and functions. (Canon 369).

The Archdiocese of Winnipeg was erected on December 4, 1915. It comprises that portion of the Province of Manitoba lying south of the line dividing Townships 44 and 45 and west of Lake Winnipeg and the Red River, except the territory south of the line dividing Townships 9 and 10 and east of the Meridian between the 13th and 14th Ranges west of the principal Meridian.



The Archdiocesan Coat of Arms

The Y-shape alludes to the Forks (a traditional meeting place for First Nations Peoples), where the Red and Assiniboine rivers converge at Winnipeg to form a single stream. The gold of the shield represents the wheat fields of southern Manitoba and, by extension, the Eucharist as the bread of life. The blue refers to the waters of baptism, the gateway to Christian life. The lily refers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, patronness of the cathedral of the Archdiocese, and to St. Joseph, the principal patron of the Archdiocese, the city of Winnipeg and Canada. The crenellated line refers to Fort Rouge, the settlement established on the site of Winnipeg in 1738 by the explorer La Verendrye. The maple leaves are a Canadian symbol and allude to the diversity of the archdiocese's population, and their number represents the Holy Trinity. (Granted by the Canadian Heraldic Authority, August 15, 2014).



Heavenly Patron

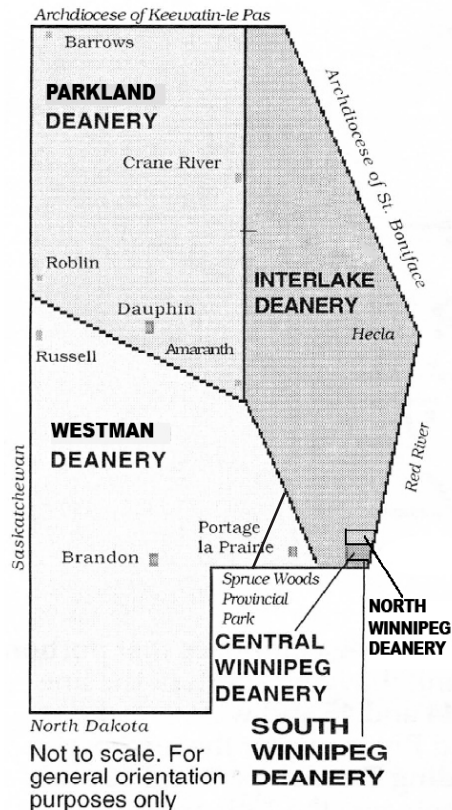
The patron of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg is St. Joseph.

Basic Statistics

Area (Square kms)	116,405
Total Population	560,000
Catholic Population	155,000
Deaneries	6
Parishes	67
Missions	21
Reduced Service Churches	9
Diocesan Priests	59
(includes 12 Retired Priests)	
Religious Priests	12
Deacons	20
Brothers	1
Sisters	12

Deaneries:

Parkland Deanery	See pg. 40
Westman Deanery	See pg. 40-41
Central Winnipeg Deanery	See pg. 42
North Winnipeg Deanery	See pg. 41
Interlake Deanery	See pg. 41-42
South Winnipeg Deanery	See pg. 42



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