

Special Synod Guest Biography
The Most Reverend Anne Germond
Metropolitan of Ontario

Archbishop Anne Germond was elected Bishop of Algoma on October 14, 2016 and consecrated the 11th Bishop of Algoma on February 11, 2017, becoming the first woman to serve in this capacity. The Diocese is geographically vast and diverse; there are five deaneries encompassing small rural communities and larger towns with 50 parishes and 80 congregations. It takes in a large portion of Northern Ontario from Thunder Bay in the west to Temiscaming in the east and to Gravenhurst in the south.



In the fall of 2018, Archbishop Anne was elected the 19th Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. In this role she provides leadership to the seven dioceses which comprise the Province. As metropolitan, Archbishop Anne also serves as the bishop for the Diocese of Moosonee which is a provincial mission area covering northern Ontario and Northwestern Quebec. There are 21 parishes in Moosonee with more than half of them in the Indigenous communities on the east and west side of James Bay.

Daily prayer and study of scriptures is the scaffold around which Archbishop Anne's ministry is formed. With a strong gentle spirit and a personal commitment to equity and the important work of reconciliation with indigenous peoples, Archbishop Anne sees this happening in relationship building, hospitality, and table fellowship. She believes it can only happen through truth-telling and justice-seeking.

Born in 1960, Archbishop Anne grew up in South Africa and graduated from the Johannesburg College of Education in the late 1970s. She taught primary school for a number of years and was seconded to the Johannesburg College of Education where she taught Religious Studies and English Methodology. She and her husband, Colin, were given the opportunity to move to Canada in 1986 when the Cancer Centre in Sudbury was recruiting oncologists.

Due to visa restrictions, Archbishop Anne was unable to work during the first years of her time in Canada and so she volunteered teaching English as a second language and completed an honours degree in religious studies through the University of South Africa and later a Bachelor of Theology at Thorneloe University in Sudbury. Since 2016, Archbishop Anne has served as the Chancellor for Thorneloe. Locally raised in the Church, she was called to ordered ministry: she was ordained a deacon in February 2001 and a presbyter in May 2002.

Archbishop Anne and her husband Colin reside in historic Bishophurst in Sault Ste. Marie which has been the home of all of Algoma's bishops since 1876. They have two adult children, Caitlin (Devan) and Richard (Mina). In her free time, she enjoys hiking, reading, entertaining, travelling and walking her gorgeous golden retriever, Rosie. During the pandemic Archbishop Anne discovered the joys of gardening at her cottage and looks forward to more summers of growing vegetables and watching the flowers bloom.