

Press Release on the Occasion of the Death of Bishop Colin Campbell

The Diocese of Antigonish regrets to announce the death of Bishop Colin Campbell who passed away on Tuesday evening in Halifax. Bishop Campbell was the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese, having succeeded Bishop William E. Power. Though Bishop Campbell had been in declining health over the past few years, he continued to find ways to engage in pastoral ministry and maintained a lively interest in the life of the church.

Bishop Campbell served as Bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish from 1987-2002, when he retired. Bishop Brian Dunn, the current Bishop of the Diocese of Antigonish, acknowledged with sadness the death of his predecessor. He expressed the sympathy of the Diocese to Bishop Campbell's family and all those who knew and worked with him over his years of ministry. He noted that

“Bishop Campbell will be remembered as one who served with zeal in parish ministry as a priest. He will also be remembered as one who had a deep commitment to the Canadian Church in his years of service as the Director of the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies and in his service on several commissions of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. As a diocese we are grateful for some of the developments that Bishop Campbell initiated, especially connected with pastoral planning in the diocese. The role of a bishop can be quite challenging in today's church, and Bishop Campbell will be remembered for his initiatives and for his faithful service to this diocese.”

Visitation for Bishop Campbell will begin on Saturday, January 21st, at St. Ninian Place in Antigonish from 3:00 -9:00pm, and again on Sunday January 22nd, from 2:00 -3:30 pm. His remains will be transferred to St. Ninian's Cathedral for a Vigil Service at 4:00pm.

The Funeral Mass for Bishop Campbell will take place at St. Ninian's Cathedral at 11:00am, with Bishop Brian Dunn presiding. Committal will follow in St. Ninian Cemetery, Antigonish.