



Roman Catholic Archdiocese of St. John's

News Release:

ARCHBISHOP CURRIE TO TAKE PART IN CELEBRATION AS BISHOP DOUGALS CROSBY IS INSTALLED AS BISHOP OF HAMILTON

Pope Benedict XVI has named the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., as Bishop of Hamilton. Bishop Crosby is best known to Newfoundlanders through his ten years of service as a Bishop in this province. He is presently Bishop of Corner Brook and Labrador. Bishop Crosby will be installed as Bishop of Hamilton on Monday, November 8, 2010. As Chair of the bishops of Atlantic Canada, Archbishop Martin W. Currie, Archbishop of St. John's, will attend the celebration, and will be one of the three bishops who will serve as co-consecrators during the liturgy.

As Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, Bishop Crosby succeeds the Most Reverend Anthony F. Tonnos, who has reached the mandatory age of retirement for bishops at 75.

Douglas Crosby was born on June 28, 1949, in Marathon, Ontario. He is a member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI), and was ordained to the priesthood on September 27, 1975. On January 2, 1998, he was ordained Bishop in Ottawa, and installed two days later as Bishop of Labrador City-Schefferville.

In 2007, he was named Bishop of the newly-established Diocese of Corner Brook and Labrador, which comprises all parishes and missions in the former Diocese of St. George's on the Island of Newfoundland, in addition to those in the territory of Labrador which had

previously been part of what used to be the Diocese of Labrador City –Schefferville. At present, there are two dioceses in Newfoundland that do not have a resident bishop. Rome is in the process of naming these two bishops for these two dioceses

The Diocese of Hamilton has a Catholic population of 559,290 in 155 parishes and missions. These parishes are served by 122 diocesan priests, 88 priests who are members of religious orders, 24 permanent deacons and 281 religious Sisters and Brothers.