



ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

Reaching North America with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

The Most Reverend Robert Wm. Duncan **Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church in North America**

Robert William Duncan, the Bishop of Pittsburgh and Archbishop for the Anglican Church in North America, was born 61 years ago at Fort Dix, N.J.

The 18th priest (and second bishop) to be ordained from Christ Church in Bordentown, Duncan was valedictorian of the Bordentown Military Institute in 1966. He graduated with honors from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., in 1970 and from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York in 1973. He also undertook advanced research in Scottish history at Edinburgh University in 1972-73.

Duncan was ordained a deacon in 1972 and a priest later that year. He served the Chapel of the Intercession in New York City; Christ Church in Edinburgh, Scotland; and Grace Church in Merchantville, N.J., during his first years in holy orders. He was assistant dean of General Seminary from 1974-78, Episcopal chaplain of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1978-82, and rector of Saint Thomas's Parish in Newark, Delaware, from 1982-92.

In 1992, he became canon to the ordinary – similar to a chief of staff – for Bishop Alden Hathaway in Pittsburgh. In 1995, Duncan was elected bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

He has devoted himself to mission and evangelism throughout his ministry, with a special passion for reaching adolescents and young adults. He has also led short-term missions to Haiti, Rwanda and Trinidad. He is a champion of the poor and dispossessed of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, encouraging creative urban church-planting.

Duncan served on the Programme Committee of the Network for Anglicans in Mission and Evangelism, an agency created at the 1998 Lambeth Conference. In 2004, he was a driving force in the creation of the Anglican Relief and Development Fund, a multi-million dollar enterprise for which he continues to serve as president.

Best known globally for his role in mission and for years of labor to draw together the Anglican Church in North America, “Archbishop Bob” has proven to be an extraordinary leader at a critical moment in Church history. At the request of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams, Archbishop Duncan attended the February 2007 Primates Meeting in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, to speak on behalf of orthodox Anglicans in the United States. In December 2007, he was elected moderator of the Common Cause Partnership and on June 24, 2009 was invested as Archbishop of the Anglican Communion’s “39th Province.”

Archbishop Duncan married Nara Dewar on August 16, 1969. They are a dynamic team. They share a love of gardening, travel, hospitality and music. They have one married daughter, Louise Elizabeth, for whom, with her husband Mark, two grandchildren and their numerous nieces, nephews and godchildren, they are intensely thankful.

