



Huron Confers Honorary Degree upon The Rt. Revd. Dr. Linda Nicholls

London, ON - On September 14, 2016 (Holy Cross Day, as recognized by the Anglican community) Huron University College will confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Right Reverend Doctor Linda Nicholls, coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Huron. The College community will gather at 11:30 AM in the Chapel for a celebration of Holy Eucharist and special convocation.

This special convocation is in advance of Dr. Nicholls beginning her new role as the Chair of the Corporation for Huron University College on November 1, 2016.

Huron's 15th annual Holy Cross Lecture will also take place on September 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. Dr. Barry Craig, Huron's Principal, will deliver a public lecture titled "The Blessing of Secularity." The Holy Cross Lecture, for the wider Theology Community, is given each fall by a member of faculty.

Both of these events are open to the public at no charge, and there will be free parking available at the main (south) lot of Huron University College, 1349 Western Road in London.

-30-

Photo Opportunities

Wednesday, September 14th, 2016

11:30 a.m. – Eucharist and Special Convocation in the Chapel. The Right Reverend Dr. Linda Nicholls will receive her Honorary Doctor of Divinity during the service.

12:30 p.m. – Photo Opportunity in the Chapel immediately following the service

7:00 p.m. – Holy Cross Lecture in the Great Hall

Background

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Linda Nicholls, formerly area bishop of Trent-Durham and bishop suffragan of the Diocese of Toronto, was elected coadjutor bishop by the Synod of the Diocese of Huron on Saturday, February 13, 2016. The first woman to be elected bishop in Huron, Bishop Nicholls is also the first bishop from outside the diocese since 1931.

Bishop Nicholls has been an active advocate for Anglican, ecumenical, and interfaith dialogue at a national and international level. Her research and work focus on bridging divides within communities of conflict by drawing upon traditions of spiritual reflection and shared communal practice.

An experienced bishop, parish priest, chaplain and spiritual director, Bishop Linda Nicholls brings with her a rich treasury of gifts dedicated to the service of God's people. It is with joy and great expectations that we welcome Bishop Nicholls to the Diocese of Huron and look forward to her upcoming role as Diocesan Bishop and Chair of the Huron University College Corporation.