



Huron Chaplain appointed Bishop of Brandon

London, ON - It is with mixed feelings that Huron University College announces the election of The Revd Canon Bill Cliff to Bishop of the Diocese of Brandon. Although the entire community at Huron University College shares in his excitement on this new journey, we are saddened at the thought of how much he will be missed.

“I am deeply grateful for my years as a priest in this Diocese and at the College. I came to faith in Jesus Christ in the Cathedral and was baptised. I finished my degrees and was ordained there as well. I have loved my ministry here and you are genuinely my family,” wrote The Revd Canon Cliff in a statement to Huron Church News. “Leaving the College and Diocese may be the hardest thing I have to do in my life to this point. There will be a significant amount of pain but it will be mixed with the joy of the faces and lives that crowd my thoughts as I will be thinking of life here.”

Father Bill has served as Rector of The Collegiate Chapel of St. John the Evangelist, Huron University College since September 2002, and has enjoyed being the parish priest for Huron University College and the Anglican Community at UWO. Fr. Bill is a pastor, musician and liturgist who has been working in the Diocese of Huron with young people for his whole ministry.

“Fr. Bill has long been a cherished member of the Huron community, as a student, an alumnus, and as a member of staff. We are immensely grateful for his years of service and the passion he genuinely feels for our students, the wider community the College and the Diocese,” said The Revd Stephen McClatchie, Ph.D., Principal of Huron University College. “While it will certainly be very difficult to say goodbye to Fr. Bill, we are very happy for him on his election as Bishop of Brandon and wish him well as he pursues this calling from God and begins a new chapter in his life.”

Appointed to the Cathedral Chapter of Canons in 2003, Canon Cliff remains active in the Diocese and wider church through liturgy. Appointed Canon Precentor of the Diocese of Huron in 2009, Canon Cliff continues to work with music and liturgy to enrich the worship life of the Church and spends a great deal of time supporting youth programming. He is a Chaplain of the Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem, a Fellow of the National College of Music and the Arts (U.K.) and enjoys greatly his time spent with the students and faculty day by day around the college. His ministry interests include liturgy, preaching, work with youth and support or Diocese of Huron ministries such as Huron Church Camp.