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Bishop Robert Duncan

Archbishop designate of the Anglican Church of North America

Robert William Duncan, the Bishop of Pittsburgh and Archbishop-designate for the Anglican Church in North America, was born 60 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 beyond Pittsburgh for his role as moderator of the Anglican Communion Network and the Common Cause Partnership, “Bishop 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, Bishop Duncan attended the 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. The Anglican Church in North America’s proposed constitution names the moderator as the province’s initial archbishop.

He is married to the former Nara Dewar. They share a love of gardening, travel, hospitality and music. They have one married daughter, Louise Elizabeth.

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