

**Name:**

The Reverend John Organ

**Ordinations:**

**Deacon**, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. John's, September 6, 1987, Diocese of Western Newfoundland, Ordaining Bishop, Archbishop Stewart Payne

**Priest**, Church of the Holy Spirit, Isle aux Morts, November 25, 1987, Diocese of Western Newfoundland, Ordaining Bishop, Archbishop Stewart Payne

**Academic Background/Professional Qualifications:**

**Doctor of Ministry**, (First year only), St. Paul University, Ottawa, 2008-2009, Area of concentration: Theology of Sacred Space and Theological Underpinnings for Multi-Faith Chapels

**Master of Arts, Clinical Pastoral Counseling**, St. Paul University, Ottawa, 1998-2000, Thesis: Morality of Expected Forgiveness on the part of victims of the German Holocaust and South Africa Apartheid: Therapeutic Role of Forgiveness in Mental Health

**Bachelor of Theology**, Queen's College, St. John's, NL, 1985-87.

**Memorial University Summer Semester in the Holy Land**, Queen's College Scholarship, 1989.

**Rhodes House Library, Oxford, 1989** one week of research at Oxford, focused on Rev. LeGallais, an English priest who accidentally drowned while serving the parish of Isle aux Morts.

**Parish Placements/Ministry History:**

**1981 – Summer Catechist, Parish of Seal Cove**

**1984 – Catechist, Parish of Flower's Cove**

**1987-1989 Rector – Forteau Parish, Labrador**, a four-point parish, Capstan Island, L'Anse au Loup, L'Anse au Loup, and Forteau.

**1989-1992 Rector - St. Anthony Parish, Newfoundland**, a seven-point parish, St. Anthony, St. Carols, Raleigh, Griquet, L'Anse aux Meadows, Cook's Harbour, and Boat Harbour. The parish

was also responsible for pastoral care to patients at Curtis Memorial Hospital, a large hospital serving Northern Newfoundland and much of Labrador.

**1992 – 1997 Unit Chaplain, CFB Calgary, Army Base, Canadian Forces**

**1997-1998 Unit Chaplain, CFB Shilo, Army Base, Canadian Forces**

**1998-2000, St. Paul University, Ottawa, MA** in Clinical Pastoral Counseling, Canadian Forces Posting

**2000-2004, Medical Branch, Mental Health Clinic, Ottawa,** Pastoral Counsellor, Canadian Forces

**2004-2005, French Language Training, Ottawa,** Canadian Forces

**2005-2008, Sr. Chaplain, CFB Gagetown, New Brunswick,** Army Base, Team Leader, Canadian Forces

**2008-2009, Deputy Area Chaplain, CFB Halifax,** Nova Scotia, Land Forces Atlantic Area Headquarters, Canadian Forces

**2009-2012, Executive Assistant to the Chaplain General, Ottawa,** Canadian Forces

**2009-2012, Staff Officer to the Principal Chaplain (Protestant),** National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, Canadian Forces

**2012 – 2015, Chaplain to Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem**

**2015 – Present – Rector, St. Martin's Parish,** Diocese of Ottawa

**2016 – Present – Regional Dean,** Ottawa West Deanery

**Interim Ministry 1998-2005/2009-2012** in the Diocese of Ottawa over a nine year period when residing in the diocese as a member of the Canadian Forces: Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, (Hon), Parish of St. John the Apostle, Vankleek Hill, Church of Epiphany, Ottawa, Parish of St. Columba, Ottawa, Parish of Chelsea-Lascelles-Wakefield, Parish of Long Sault, Parish of Aylmer, Parish of Maniwaki, Church of the Resurrection, Ottawa, Parish of Bearbrook, Vars, and Navan, Parish of St. Mark's, Cumberland, and the Parish of St. Margaret's, Ottawa, (Hon.)

**Specialized Ministry: 4 years as Chaplain/Pastoral Counselor** with Canadian Forces Operational Trauma and Stress Support Clinic

**Co-developing and Co-leading Care for the Caregivers Program, Clergy Self-Care,** a psycho-social-spiritual wellness program for clergy returning from military deployment.

**Course Leader and Course Instructor** on chaplain courses at the Chaplain School

**Course Instructor to Estonia Chaplaincy** (three summers in Estonia)

**Chaplain Ministry in Trauma:** Landstuhl Hospital, Germany, and at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, caring for Canadian/American/Allied soldiers returning from Afghanistan and Iraq.

**30 Years Ordained Ministry** (1987 - Present)

## **Tri Diocesan /General Synod/Provincial Synods/ Diocesan**

### **Committees:**

**Diocese of Western Newfoundland, Synod Executive, 1991-1992**

**Diocese of Western Newfoundland, Delegate to the Worldwide Anglican Encounter: A Celebration of Hope, Decade of Anglicans in Solidarity with Women, Brazil, 1992**

**Delegate to General Synod, Waterloo, 1997**

**Member of General Synod Committee of Companions of the Diocese of Jerusalem, 2015-2017**

## **Volunteer/ Community Service/ Secular Service Organizations:**

**PEACECANADA** - promoting peace through education, social support, and recreation.

**NORTHBOARDS** – a snowboard initiative to promote peace through recreation.

**PERSONAL PHILANTHROPY** – Financial support of a student from Gaza to study in Greece to finish a Master of Arts program. Financial support of a Palestinian Widowed Mother's family in the West Bank, Palestine.

**Voluntary Pastoral Support** – to individuals, Christian and non-Christian members of the local gym as well as to former military personnel who reach out for support during times of difficulty such as a family funeral.

**Active Citizen in Civic, Provincial, and Federal Elections**

**Participant in a Jewish/Christian Dialogue Group, Monthly Meeting, Ottawa**