



Eucharistic Congress 2024: *Communion to Heal the World*

Matthew: 23.8

The Congress calls us to reflect on how the Eucharist – and our reception of it – heals the world. To help break open the five themes of the Congress, two speakers have been invited.

Who will be speaking at the Eucharistic Congress?

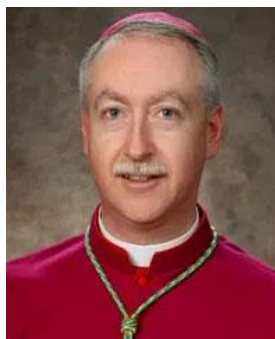


Archbishop Paul-André Durocher was born in Windsor, Ontario in 1954, and grew up in Timmins, Ontario. Ordained to the priesthood for the diocese of Timmins on July 2, 1982, he taught high school and served in various parishes. He eventually was named Episcopal vicar for pastoral and sacramental affairs and director of the chancery. He completed the civil Licentiate in Canon law with the University of Strasbourg, France, in 1992. During a sabbatical year in 1995-1996, he attended the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and completed his ecclesiastical Licentiate in theology.

The following year, he was named titular bishop of Ausuaga and auxiliary bishop of Sault-Ste-Marie, Ontario. Ordained to the episcopacy on March 14, 1997, he was entrusted with the pastoral leadership of the French sector of the diocese and of the native parishes in the Manitouslin-North Shore area.

In 2002, he was named diocesan bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall, Ontario, where he remained for nine years. During that time, he served on the Education Commission of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario and was elected to the Executive Committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Archbishop Paul-André Durocher was installed as the Archbishop of Gatineau, Québec on November 11, 2011.



Archbishop Richard W. Smith was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia on April 28, 1959. Ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1987 for the Archdiocese of Halifax, he pursued further studies in theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and earned a licentiate degree in 1993 and a doctorate in 1998.

Within the Archdiocese of Halifax, he served in a number of positions including vicar general and he was responsible for the pastoral ministry of French-speaking Catholics in Halifax. Archbishop Smith was chaplain to the deaf community in Halifax from 1986-1991. He was also a professor of theology at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ontario in addition to serving simultaneously as pastor of three communities.

He was appointed Bishop of Pembroke on April 27, 2002 by Pope St. John Paul II and ordained to the episcopate on June 18, 2002. He received his episcopal consecration on the following June 18. Pope Benedict

XVI appointed him to the Metropolitan See of Edmonton on March 22, 2007. Archbishop Richard Smith was formally installed as seventh Archbishop of Edmonton on May 1, 2007.

Archbishop Smith serves as President of the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories and is past president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (2011-2013). At the level of the CCCB, the Archbishop currently serves as a member of the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, and as chair of the Ad hoc committee on Indigenous Issues.

In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress...

Let's Talk about Jesus in the Eucharist!

Join Deacon Dan for soup, rolls, and a time for sacred scripture, prayer and sharing!

WHEN:	Saturday, September 14	St. Rose of Lima Church @ noon
	Saturday, September 21	St. Bernard Church @ noon
	Saturday, September 28	St. Bernard Church @ noon

Contact Deacon Dan (902-999-6720) or the parish office to let us know if you plan to attend. He is looking for a great turnout.

Let's be a small part of healing in a broken world!

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

This four-part video series explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

St. Bernard Church

Wednesdays September 18 and 25/October 2 and 9 @ 1 pm

St. Rose of Lima Church (Mitchell Hall)

Thursdays September 19 and 26/October 3 and 10 @ 6:30 pm