

## NOMINATION FORM/FORMULAIRE DE MISE EN CANDIDATURE

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NOMINEE'S NAME/  
NOM DE LA CANDIDATE  
OU DU CANDIDAT

DENNIS P. DRAINVILLE

We/Nous the Ven. R. L. Leavitt and/et the Rev. James M. Dermott Clerical Delegates/  
délégués ecclésiastiques

And/  
ainsi que Wendy Crooks and/et IRENE MARTIN Lay Delegates/  
délégués laïques

Nominate/  
proposons la candidature de the Rt. Rev. Dennis Drainville as a candidate for the episcopal election of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.  
aux élections épiscopales du 6 juin 2015.

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS/RENSEIGNEMENTS BIOGRAPHIQUES

Present Diocese  
Diocèse actuel

QUEBEC

Ordination Dates and Diocese  
Dates d'ordination et diocèse  
Deacon/diacon

May 30<sup>th</sup> 1982

Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)  
Date de naissance (jj/mm/aaaa)

20/02/1954

Priest/prêtre  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1983  
Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 2008

Education/  
Formation

OSSGDBachelor of ArtsMaster of DivinityDoctor of DivinityDoctor of DivinityEAST YORK COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE 1972Trinity College, U of T 1978Trinity College, U of T 1982Trinity Montreal Diocesan Theological College 2015

Positions served to  
present (include  
diocese)

Postes occupés  
jusqu'au présent  
(y compris le diocèse)

Incumbent Land LakesExecutive Director STOP103Associate Priest Christ Ch. CathedralRegional Dean + IncumbentMember of Provincial Parliament (Ontario)Teacher of Humanities Cégep de la Gaspésie et des ÎlesArchbishop's Missioner, Bishop Coadjutor, Bishop of QuebecOntario Diocese 1982-84Toronto Diocese 1984-86Montreal Diocese 1986-88Toronto Diocese 1988-19901990-19931994-20062002-20062006-2009

TO THE CANDIDATE: PLEASE INCLUDE A PHOTOGRAPH (PASSPORT SIZE) AND YOUR STATEMENT ON "MY VISION OF EPISCOPAL MINISTRY IN THE DIOCESE OF MONTREAL" (MAX. 500 WORDS) ON A SEPARATE SHEET AND SEND ELECTRONICALLY BY EMAIL TO: SOPHIE BERTRAND (SOPHIEB@montreal.anglican.ca) FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ALL ELECTORAL SYNOD DELEGATES.

MESSAGE À LA CANDIDATE OU AU CANDIDAT : VEUILLEZ JOINDRE UNE PHOTO DE PASSEPORT AINSI QUE LA DÉCLARATION INTITULÉE « MA VISION POUR LE MINISTÈRE EPISCOPAL DU DIOCÈSE DE MONTRÉAL » (MAXIMUM DE 500 MOTS) SUR UNE FEUILLE À PART ET L'ENVOYER PAR COURRIEL À SOPHIE BERTRAND (SOPHIEB@montreal.anglican.ca) POUR QUE NOUS LA FAISSONS SUIVRE À TOUS LES DÉLÉGUÉS DU SYNODE ÉLECTORAL.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May  
Fait le

R. L. Leavitt  
Wendy Crooks

and  
et  
and  
et

J. L. Martin

Clerical Delegates/  
délégués ecclésiastiques  
Lay Delegates/  
délégués laïques

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+ Dennis P. Drainville

Nominee  
Candidate ou candidat

## **My Vision of Episcopal Ministry in the Diocese of Montreal**

A bishop is to be the symbol of unity in Christ of the life of the diocese, even as the priest is in the parish and all baptized persons are in the world.

This is our scriptural and historical understanding of the exercise of authority and ministry in the Anglican Church. In today's world, where so much is called into question, the bishop must be a leader who articulates and promotes a vocation for the church pertinent to our time. I believe that I can do this.

Since becoming bishop, I have traveled to communities throughout Quebec and to many places beyond Canada. I have watched and listened keenly. What I have witnessed has deeply affected my understanding of the state and needs of our Church. People in our pews and in our neighbourhoods, over-consume materially and are afflicted by depression, addictions and other forms of illness. Much of this is caused by want of the spirit in their lives. But despite our best efforts, too many remain unsupported and isolated.

Never have the needs of Creation and the created been so great. And never have we been at such a loss about how to respond. However it is not a crisis of faith that we as Church are suffering, but a crisis of identity. Who are we? What is our message? Where are we going?

My vision of the church has changed as a result of 8 years of episcopal leadership: I affirm the following key priorities for a sustainable and effective witness to Christ in Quebec:

1. *Forming disciples dedicated to learning, prayer, and the life of the Christian community; hence, a greater emphasis upon lay training and leadership.*

This priority recognizes the need for a transition in many of our churches where full time salaried clergy are no longer affordable

2. *Promoting greater imagination in the ways in which we speak of Christ and act in the world as his agent.*

This priority recognizes that in many ways we are simply not communicating with the world nor engaging in it in ways considered valuable.

3. *Developing more francophone churches and respond better to the integration of immigrants into our communities*

Historically, the development of a francophone church has been problematic. I believe that the present context opens up new possibilities.

*4. Restructuring the institution.*

This priority recognizes that the diocesan and parish structures, need to be redesigned to serve a smaller community in a very different social context.

This vision has sustained my episcopal ministry in Quebec. We have restructured our administration and ministries, enhanced support for Francophone communities, renewed and strengthened ecumenical partnerships, expanded work with young people and responded to the Crisis of Creation by increasingly becoming a “Green Church”.

We have also brought order and stability to our financial affairs by balancing the budget of Church Society and doubling our shared investments with the parishes. Our stronger financial situation has been guided by the step by step implementation of ethical investment guidelines.

I believe that building upon the strengths of our two dioceses we will be better equipped to evangelize, to care for the people in our communities and our province, and to contribute to solutions for a sustainable future for all of God’s creation.

- Dennis Drainville



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**NOMINEE'S NAME/** The Rev'd Karen L. Egan  
**NOM DE LA CANDIDATE**  
**OU DU CANDIDAT**

We/Nous Jennifer Bourque and/et John Simons Clerical Delegates/  
délégues ecclésiastiques

And/  
ainsi que Marsha Hunter and/et Helen Foster Lay Delegates/  
délégues laïques

Nominate/  
proposons la candidature de The Rev'd Karen Egan as a candidate for the episcopal election of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.  
aux élections épiscopales du 6 juin 2015.

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS/RENSEIGNEMENTS BIOGRAPHIQUES

**Present Diocese**  
**Diocèse actuel**

Montreal

**Ordination Dates and Diocese**  
**Dates d'ordination et diocèse**

Deacon/diacre Sept 14, 2003

**Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)**

**Date de naissance (jj/mm/aaaa)** 1 July, 1957

Priest/prêtre June 18, 2004

**Education/  
Formation**

D.Min. (Preaching) LSTC 2012

M.Div. MDTC (2003)

B.Th., STM McGill (2002)

MLS McGill Univ. (1984)

M. Sc. (Chem) Simon Fraser Univ. B.C. (1981)

B.Sc. Queen's Univ. Kingston (1979)

**Positions served to  
present (include  
diocese)**  
**Postes occupés  
jusqu'au présent  
(y compris le diocèse)**

Montreal Diocesan Theol. College 2013-pres

Director 2013-pres

Regional Dean (Deanery of Pointe Claire)

St. Andrew and St. Mark's 2005-2013

St. Paul's Lachine 2004

Director of Pastoral Studies

Montreal School of Theology

2009-2013

Incumbant

Priest in Charge

Member of the Council of General Synod

(COGS) Anglican Church of Canada

Member of COGS Planning and Agenda Team

Representative to the General Synod from the  
Diocese of Montreal.

Member of the Diocesan Council

Chair of the Bishop's Commission on Ministry.

Member of the Clergy Conference Planning  
Committee.

Appointed visitor to the Synod of the Diocese of  
Quebec

Member of the Resources for Ministry  
Committee

Associate of the Sisters of St. John the Divine  
(Toronto)

2013-16

2013-2016

2007, 2010, 2013

2012- 2015.

2006-2011

2005-2015

2011.

2005-2008.

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ÉLECTORAL.**

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Signed this _____ day of _____		
Fait le _____	and	Clerical Delegates/ délégués ecclésiastiques
_____	et	
_____	and	Lay Delegates/ délégués laïques
_____	et	
	* I consent to being nominated and confirm that I meet the canonical requirements to be elected Bishop.	
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		Nominee
		Candidate ou candidat

The Rev. Karen L. Egan

## **My Vision of Episcopal Ministry in the Diocese of Montreal**

Episcopal ministry is a ministry of leadership in the church, yet at the same time, it is a leadership that is characterized by a willingness to humbly follow Jesus, and to oversee that willingness to follow Jesus take root in the church that God loves. In practice this means that a bishop's life must be grounded in prayer, a deep prayer of the heart that opens us up to the hurts and struggles of the world.

The first Mark of Mission of the Anglican Communion reads: *"To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom."* I think this call to bold proclamation of the gospel is foundational to the ministry of the bishop, but like any Christian proclamation, it is not undertaken simply with words, but with all manner of acts that lead to transformation in the community and the world. For this reason, episcopal leadership is one of encouragement, to lead the church out to participate in the mission of God in the world.

But it is not enough to describe what a bishop must do; it is just as important to describe how this leadership is exercised. I believe that episcopal ministry must be undertaken in a spirit of collegiality, gathering together clergy and lay people in lively dialogue to seek the wisdom of the community and to discern a shared vision that draws on the widest possible number of people, from both the central leadership and the dynamic periphery. Just as Jesus was not born in Rome, or Jerusalem, but rather in a small shack on the outskirts of a small town on the edge of the empire, so too will prophets be found on the edges of our communities, and in the most unlikely of places. In this way, bold episcopal ministry is a ministry of perpetual gathering in, again and again, so that the margins brush up against the centre, and transform tired and static dynamics of power.

The Diocese of Montreal is challenged by its deeply secular context, and its diminishing membership, which creates stresses in every parish and every level of the diocese. For decades we have watched as numbers and finances have diminished. Far from standing by and idly watching, we have made consistent efforts to understand our situation and to reverse the decline. Unfortunately most of our efforts have met with disappointment. I believe that the time has come to abandon our self-concerned efforts to increase the church in numbers and financial capital, and instead focus on vibrant worship which is open and accessible to the newcomer, and energetic mission in the world. I believe this focus on authentic Christian worship and service will surely lead to something more important than growth in numbers and power, namely, to a healthy and vibrant church that lives the Marks of Mission and is able to inspire future generations with a longing for God's Kingdom, and the faith to live joyfully.





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**NOMINEE'S NAME/** *The Venerable Bill Gray*  
**NOM DE LA CANDIDATE**  
**OU DU CANDIDAT**

We/Nous *The Venerable James Bennett* and/et *The Venerable Michael Robson* Clerical Delegates/  
 délégués ecclésiastiques  
 And/ ainsi que *Mr. Tony Hadley* and/et *Mr. Archibald Robertson* Lay Delegates/  
 délégués laïques  
 Nominate/  
 proposons la candidature de *The Venerable Bill Gray* as a candidate for the episcopal election of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
 aux élections épiscopales du 6 juin 2015

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS/RENSEIGNEMENTS BIOGRAPHIQUES

**Present Diocese** *Diocese of Montreal* **Ordination Dates and Diocese** *1981 Diocese of Huron*  
**Diocèse actuel** **Dates d'ordination et diocèse**  
**Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)** **Deacon/diacre**  
**Date de naissance (jj/mm/aaaa)** *26/01/1955* **Priest/prêtre** *1982 Diocese of Huron*

**Education/** *Bachelor of Arts- Huron University, 1978* *Bridge Builders Training -1999*  
**Formation** *Clinical Pastoral Education- Psychiatric -1979* *Fresh Start Training-2002,2004*  
*Master of Divinity -Huron University- 1981* *Via Media Training-2005*  
*Language of Caring-L. E. A. D. S.-1989* *Natural Church Development Training-2006*  
*Parish Conflict Management-L.E. A. D. S.-1989* *Mission Transformational Church-2010 to 2012*  
*Parish Growth Training-Wycliffe Institute-94-97* *St. Clement's College of Preachers-2011*

**Positions served to** *Executive Archdeacon, Montreal* *Assistant Curate, Trinity, Cambridge, Huron*  
**present (include** *Rector, St. George's, Place du Canada, Montreal* *Lecturer, Pastoral Theology, Huron University*  
**diocese)** *Incumbent, All Saints, Peterborough, Toronto* *Territorial Archdeacon, Huron and Montreal*  
**Postes occupés** *Incumbent, All Saints, Windsor, Huron* *Canon, St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Huron*  
**jusqu'au présent** *Rector, St. Stephen's, London, Huron* *Regional Dean, Huron and Toronto*  
**(y compris le diocèse)** *Rector, St. Jude's, Brantford, Huron* *Diocesan Planning Officer, Huron*  
*Rector, St. Stephen's/Trinity, Howick, Huron* *General Synod*  
*Assessor, Postulants for Ordination, Ontario* *Delegate- Huron*

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Signed this *12* day of *May*  
 Fait le

*Archibald Robertson* and  
*Michael J. Robson* and  
 et

*Michael J. Robson* Clerical Delegates/  
 délégués ecclésiastiques  
*Archibald Robertson* Lay Delegates/  
 délégués laïques

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*William T. Gray* Nominee  
 Candidate ou candidat

## **My Vision of Episcopal Ministry in the Diocese of Montreal**

I believe above all that what matters to God is people. God loves all people, everywhere, in all times. In the words of Jesus, "God no longer calls us servants but friends". (John 15)

I believe that God loves us not only for what we can become but also for who we are. The term friend redefines our relationship with God. People are not just a means to the church's ends. People are the church. God lives for us not only in defined roles such as creator, redeemer and sustainer but also as companion on our journey. Similarly, our relationships with one another as God's people goes beyond roles of clergy, lay person; teacher, disciple, employer or employee. A Bishop must also be more than simply that defined by prescribed roles. A Bishop too must live in relationship with others that embraces our entire person, which involves being vulnerable, open to risk and as friend.

Dans la société d'aujourd'hui, je crois que l'évêque incarne l'amour de Dieu pour chacun, au sein et au-delà des frontières de l'Église. Un évêque incarne l'humilité et la servitude tel que témoigné et enseigné par Jésus-Christ. Un évêque doit embrasser la diversité du peuple de Dieu afin d'être inclusif, ouvert et tolérant envers tous. Il se doit d'être entièrement disponible et représentatif de l'Église et de ses gens dans son ensemble, et non seulement une partie de celui-ci. Un évêque encourage le leadership et les dons d'autrui en s'assurant que tout le monde ait la possibilité de partager le ministère de l'Église. Un évêque travaille en collaboration avec les autres en valorisant leur sagesse et leurs dons de leadership.

As Executive Archdeacon I am encouraged by the dedication and commitment demonstrated by the Bishop's office, diocesan staff, clergy and lay leaders. I have made it a personal goal to better communicate, and make visible the reality of diocesan mission and activity. Together, we help to provide the required resources to parishes to move beyond maintenance and survival to become hopeful and vital communities. We are dedicated to support our fantastic clergy and laity who have a heart for the gospel, mission and ministry.

I have been privileged to be part of a diocesan team including front line local clergy and lay leadership that has supported the development of regional ministry, repurposed churches through redevelopment, engaged in collaborative decision making and considered plans for new church planting. I have learned a great deal through this process of what's possible. My experiences include serving as a diocesan officer, an Archdeacon four different times in two dioceses, and a parish priest of 34 years. My relationships with diocesan staff, deanery leaders, clergy and laity means that I don't require a steep learning curve but can invest more time in a seamless continuation of building on the great foundation we have built together. My goal is to help parishes manage change and transition. I want to encourage us to be people of hope and confidence in the gospel rather than a community of fear and anxiety.



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NOMINEE'S NAME/ THE VERY REVEREND MARY IRWIN-GIBSON  
 NOM DE LA CANDIDATE  
 OU DU CANDIDAT

We/Nous PAUL KENNINGTON and/et Chris Barrigar Clerical Delegates/  
 délégués ecclésiastiques

And/  
 ainsi que SALLY HARRINGTON and/et VALERIE BENNETT Lay Delegates/  
 PHILIPPO délégués laïques

Nominate/  
 proposons la candidature de MARY IRWIN-GIBSON as a candidate for the episcopal election of June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.  
 aux élections épiscopales du 6 juin 2015.

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS/RENSEIGNEMENTS BIOGRAPHIQUES

Present Diocese Diocèse actuel	ONTARIO	Ordination Dates and Diocese Dates d'ordination et diocèse	MONTREAL
		Deacon/diacre	07/06/1981
Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) Date de naissance (jj/mm/aaaa)	23/10/1955	Priest/prêtre	16/05/1982

Education/ Formation	MBA/MAITRISE EN ADMINISTRATION DES AFFAIRES, 2005, UQAM	BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY, 1979, MCGILL
	DIPLOMA IN MINISTRY, 1981, MONTREAL INSTITUTE FOR MINISTRY	

Positions served to present (include diocese) Postes occupés jusqu'au présent (y compris le diocèse)	DEAN AND RECTOR, ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, KINGSTON, DIOCESE OF ONTARIO 2009 -PRESENT	ASSISTANT CURATE, PARISH OF VAUDREUIL, DIOCESE OF MONTREAL 1981-1984
	RECTOR, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, STE- AGATHE-DES-MONTS DIOCESE OF MONTREAL, 1991-2009	BISHOP'S MISSIONARY, PARISH OF HEMMINGFORD - CLARENCEVILLE, DIOCESE OF MONTREAL, SUMMER 1981
	RECTOR, PARISH OF DUNHAM- FRELIGHSBURG, DIOCESE OF MONTREAL 1984-1991	

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Signed this FIFTH day of MAY 2015  
 Fait le

Sally Har Phillippe

and  
 et

Valerie Bennett

Clerical Delegates/  
 délégués ecclésiastiques  
 Lay Delegates/  
 délégués laïques

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Mary Irwin-Gibson

Nominee  
 Candidate ou candidat

## **My Vision for Episcopal Ministry in the Diocese of Montréal**

I believe that Episcopal Ministry is shared: developing over time and building on the gifts that each person in the leadership group brings. God has given us the gifts we need for accomplishing the mission we are called to at this time and in this place.

The particular gifts I bring to this partnership in ministry include:

- Loving God and people
- Fluency in English and French
- Experience from 34 years of ordained ministry served in several parishes, including rural, suburban, vacation-country, and inner-city ministries
- Gifts as a pastor, reconciler and a healer, and faith that the God of love and hope is with us always and in every circumstance
- A heart for justice in society and for ecological issues
- Wide experience of the Diocese of Montreal as a lay worship leader, theological student, curate, priest, regional dean and archdeacon, with active participation on Diocesan Council, AWARE, and Visioning 2005-6 and on francophone provincial committees
- Recent experience in another diocese, participating in shared leadership, management and decision-making in a Cathedral, on Diocesan Council, as Bishop's Commissary, and as a member of the Bishop's Advisory Committee under two bishops
- An executive MBA (UQAM, 2005) with study focussed on the Church and its future

Together we will work to strengthen this part of God's Church. As a Diocese, we will apply our gifts of leadership, listening for the voice of the Spirit of God and growing ministry and service where the opportunities and gifts are present.

We are facing transitions that challenge us. That is not new for the Church. We have a message of hope, grace and healing to share; that message is rooted in our life in Christ. Although we may wonder what lies ahead, the mission of Jesus Christ is not diminished and there is much remaining for us to do.

My priorities in ministry will be:

- To minister the Holy Spirit, bringing encouragement and hope
- To focus together on building and sharing the Kingdom of God and the good news of Jesus Christ, strengthening our witness of faith, grace and hope in this city and in the province of Quebec
- To unite members of this Diocese in faith, fellowship and shared mission
- To find authentic and realistic ways to be the church in a changing spiritual climate
- To be a pastor who supports and motivates the clergy, who play a critical role as equippers of the saints and leaders in worship
- To continue the Diocese of Montreal's inclusive policy of ordaining partnered gay people

- To share in the decision-making processes of Episcopal Council, Diocesan Council, and Diocesan Synod as we clarify and carry out the mission of Jesus Christ
- At a practical level, to continue to build a shared vision for ministry in the Diocese, finding ways to manage the financial and other constraints, all the while seizing opportunities for mission
- To build our fellowship ties with other Christian denominations, our partners in mission and within the greater interfaith community.

- Mary Irwin-Gibson

