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The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) is the national assembly of the Bishops of Canada. It was founded in 1943 and officially recognized by the Holy See in 1948. After the Second Vatican Council (1962–65), the CCCB became part of a worldwide network of Episcopal Conferences, established in 1965, as an integral part of the life of the universal Church. Until 1977, it was called the Canadian Catholic Conference. The change in name reflects more clearly the fact that it is an association of Bishops.

According to the statutes of the CCCB, the Bishops together exercise some pastoral functions for Catholics in Canada, while respecting the autonomy of each Bishop in the service of his particular Church.

Through the work of its members, the Conference is involved in matters of national and international scope in areas such as ecumenism and interfaith dialogue, theology, social justice,

aid to developing countries, the protection of human life, liturgy, communications and Christian education. The Conference also provides the Bishops with a forum where they can share their experience and insights on the life of the Church and the major events that shape our society.

### **Members and Staff**

Members of the Conference include all diocesan Bishops in Canada and those equivalent to them in law and all Coadjutor Bishops and Auxiliary Bishops. Also included are Titular Bishops of any rite within the Catholic Church who exercise a special office in Canada that has been assigned to them by the Holy See or by the CCCB.

In the Ottawa offices of the CCCB, a staff of about 31 people – laypersons, priests and religious – are at the service of the bishops.

The staff is supervised by Msgr. Frank Leo, Jr., C.S.S., General Secretary of the CCCB.