



Ottawa – The Most Reverend Dorylas Moreau, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Rouyn-Noranda, died on 22 October 2019.

Bishop Moreau was born on 15 July 1947 in Kamouraska, Québec and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière on 20 May 1972 following the completion of his theological formation at the Grand séminaire de Québec. He then pursued further studies in liturgy at the Abbaye Saint-André de Bruges in Belgium, as well as the Institut de pastorale des Dominicains in Montréal. He later completed a one-year internship in Biblical studies in Jerusalem. Before being appointed Bishop, he served as the Vice Chancellor and Secretary for the Bishop of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, and also served as the head of the Diocesan service for sacramental and liturgical pastoral care and diocesan response for charismatic renewal. He likewise served as pastor for parishes within the diocese over a period of 20 years. On 30 November 2001, he was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Rouyn-Noranda and was ordained Bishop at Rouyn-Noranda on 2 March 2002. On 25 June 2019, Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Bishop Moreau for health reasons.

As a member of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB), he served as a member of the Commission for Liturgy and Sacraments (French Sector) on two occasions from 2003-2004 and 2008-2011, as well as a term as Commission Chair from 2005-2008. He also served as a member of the Commission for Doctrine from 2011-2016. Bishop Moreau was also an active member of the Assemblée des évêques catholiques du Québec (AECQ) serving as a member on a number of committees throughout his episcopacy (2002-2019).

Visitation will be held at St-Joseph Cathedral, in Rouyn-Noranda on Sunday, 27 October from

2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., as well as Monday, 28 October from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday 28 October at 11:00 a.m. at St-Joseph Cathedral with the Most Reverend Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau presiding.