

Most Reverend James M. Wingle, DD
Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines

Most Reverend James Matthew Wingle was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines, Ontario, succeeding Bishop John A. O'Mara upon his retirement.

Bishop Wingle was born in Pembroke, Ontario. After graduation from Brockville Secondary School, Bishop Wingle enrolled in the University of Windsor where he obtained an MA. He was employed for five years by the Ontario government in the corrections system.

He completed seminary studies at St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, and served in several parishes before pursuing postgraduate studies in moral theology in Rome, which he later taught at St. Augustine's Seminary.

Bishop Wingle was ordained a priest April 16, 1977, for the Diocese of Pembroke. In 1993 he was installed as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. On January 24, 2002, Bishop Wingle was installed as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of St. Catharines, Ontario.

Appointments to Commissions, Boards and Committees

- Pontifical Council for Health Pastoral Care 2003 to present

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

- Executive Board, Co-treasurer CCCB 2005 to present
- Permanent Council 2003 to present
- Programs and Priorities Committee 2003 to 2005
- Moderator Canadian Appeal Tribunal 2003 to 2005
- Episcopal Commission for Ecumenism
- Episcopal Committee for Youth and Vocations 2002 to present
- Episcopal Committee for World Youth Day 2002
- Episcopal Liaison for Serra International in Canada

Ontario Conference of Catholic Bishops

- President 2007
- Executive Committee 2004 to present

Boards of Directors

- Catholic Health Association of Canada
- Catholic Health Association of Ontario
- Christ the King Seminary, Diocese of Buffalo
- Hotel Dieu Shaver Health and Rehabilitation