

## Forms of Address for Clergy

The correct forms of address for all Orders of the Anglican Ministry are as follows:

### Archbishops

In the Canadian Anglican Church there are 4 Ecclesiastical Provinces each headed by an Archbishop. All Archbishops are Metropolitans of an Ecclesiastical Province, but Archbishops of their own Diocese. Use "Metropolitan of Ontario" if your business concerns the Ecclesiastical Province, or "Archbishop of [Diocese]" if your business concerns the Diocese.

The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada is also an Archbishop. The Primate is addressed as The Most Reverend Linda Nicholls, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada.

1. Verbal: "Your Grace" or "Archbishop Germond"
2. Letter: Your Grace or Dear Archbishop Germond
3. Envelope: The Most Reverend Anne Germond,  
Metropolitan of Ontario  
Archbishop of Algoma

### Bishops

1. Verbal: "Bishop Asbil"
2. Letter: Dear Bishop Asbil
3. Envelope: The Right Reverend Andrew J. Asbil  
Bishop of Toronto

In the Diocese of Toronto there are Area Bishops (four other than the Diocesan); envelopes should be addressed:  
The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw [for example]  
Area Bishop of Trent Durham [Area]  
in the Diocese of Toronto

### Deans

In each Diocese in the Anglican Church of Canada there is one Cathedral and one Dean.

1. Verbal: "Dean Vail" or "Mr. Dean"
2. Letter: Dear Dean Vail or Dear Mr. Dean
3. Envelope: The Very Reverend Stephen Vail,  
Dean of Toronto

In the Diocese of Toronto the Dean is also the Rector of the Cathedral.

- Envelope: The Very Reverend Stephen Vail, Dean and Rector  
St. James Cathedral

### Archdeacons

1. Verbal: "Archdeacon Smith"
2. Letter: Dear Archdeacon Smith
3. Envelope: The Venerable A. B. Smith,  
Archdeacon of X

### Canons

1. Verbal: "Canon Smith"
2. Letter: Dear Canon Smith
3. Envelope: The Reverend Canon A. B. Smith

### Other Priests and Deacons

1. Verbal: A priest is addressed as: "Mr./Ms./Father/Mother Smith"  
A deacon is addressed as: "Deacon/Mr./Ms. Smith"  
Although grammatically incorrect, some priests prefer to be called "Reverend" or "Reverend Smith". It is courteous to call a priest by their preferred title.

2. Letter: Dear Sir or Madam or Dear Mr./Ms./Father/Mother Smith
3. Envelope: The Reverend A.B. Smith

2nd person: "Ms. Smith, I have something to ask you..."

3rd person: "Let me introduce the Rev. Alex Smith, Incumbent of..."

### For married clergy and spouse, some examples of the written form are:

The Reverend and Mrs. A.B. Smith  
The Reverend A.B. Smith and Mr. C.D. Smith  
The Reverend A.B. Smith and Ms. E.F. Jones  
Mr. E.F. Jones and the Reverend A.B. Smith