



MOST REV. J. MICHAEL MILLER, CSB

ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS OF VANCOUVER

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, served as Archbishop of Vancouver from 2009 to 2025. Before that, he was coadjutor archbishop of Vancouver and Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education. In that Vatican role, he authored “The Holy See’s Teaching on Catholic Schools” (2006), the foundational text that outlined the five marks of a Catholic school. That framework remains a benchmark for Catholic school identity worldwide.

Miller was born and raised in Ottawa. He entered the Basilian novitiate after his first year at St. Michael’s College in Toronto and was ordained a priest in 1975. He earned a licentiate and doctorate in dogmatic theology, then taught at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, later becoming its president in 1997.

Few churchmen bring his combination of academic depth and Vatican-level policy experience to Catholic education. His five marks of a Catholic school continue to shape how Catholic schools define and measure their identity today.



VERY REV. STEFANO PENNA

PASTOR-RECTOR OF ST. PAUL'S CO-CATHEDRAL IN SASKATOON

Father Stefano Penna currently serves as Pastor-Rector of St. Paul's Co-Cathedral in Saskatoon, and as Bishop's Delegate for the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (GSCS) Board, Director of Education, and Executive Council. Ordained a priest in 1986, he has spent decades at the intersection of Catholic education, formation, and ministry in Western Canada. He taught at Newman Theological College in Edmonton before moving into administration there as Dean of Theology and then Vice-President of College Advancement and Development.

His work on Catholic education's engagement with contemporary culture has taken him across North America as a lecturer, workshop facilitator, consultant, retreat master, mission preacher, and animator of Catholic educational communities, alongside a long involvement with the Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association.

He holds graduate degrees from the Toronto School of Theology, the Gregorian University in Rome, and Yale University. Outside his ministry, he treasures his ten nephews and nieces, three grand-nephews, gardening, and pasta, and counts his greatest joy as serving the Eucharistic Lord as priest.