

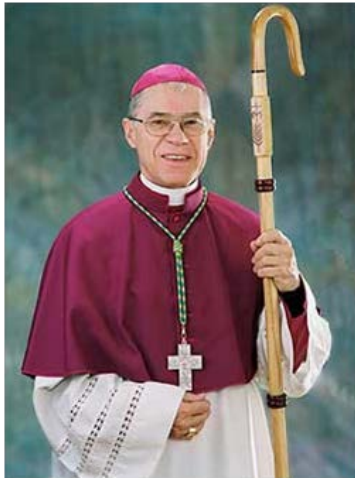


Former Vancouver Archbishop Raymond Roussin dies at 75

Recipient of Canadian Mental Health Voices Award in 2006 following public battle with depression

VANCOUVER (April 24, 2015) – Archbishop J. Michael Miller made the following announcement today:

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Archdiocese of Vancouver,



I regret to inform you that Archbishop Emeritus Raymond Roussin, SM, passed away this morning in Winnipeg. He was 75 and had been under the care of his sister, Mrs. Lucille Lang, since returning to Winnipeg.

The funeral will be Saturday, May 2, in Winnipeg at St. Boniface Cathedral, with prayers the night before at the cathedral. Times are still to be confirmed.

I know you will all join with me in prayer for the eternal repose of the soul of Archbishop Raymond, who led the Archdiocese of Vancouver so courageously from 2004 to 2009. Parishes are asked to include a prayer for the repose of his soul in their Prayers of the Faithful this Sunday.

More information will be provided as soon as it is available.

Sincerely Yours in the Risen Christ,

✠ J. Michael Miller, CSB
Archbishop of Vancouver

Archbishop Roussin previously served as Bishop of Gravelbourg, Sask., and Bishop of Victoria. In Vancouver he waged a public battle with depression and in 2006 was honoured by the Canadian Mental Health Association, receiving its Mental Health Voices Award for helping to advance mental health and/or reduce the stigma related to mental illness.



Archbishop Roussin meets with Pope Benedict XVI during his visit to Rome in 2006

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