



Douglas Edwin Theuner  
VIII Bishop of New Hampshire  
1986-2003

Bishop Douglas Edwin Theuner was born in New York City in 1938. He was educated at the College of Wooster (Ohio), received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Bexley Hall, and Master of Arts from the University of Connecticut. In 1962 he was ordained by Bishop Burroughs. After serving congregations in Ohio and Connecticut, he was consecrated as Bishop Co-adjutor in April 1986, succeeding Bishop Philip Smith later that year.

His episcopacy has been distinguished by his strong stands and advocacy for social justice, serving on boards and committees on AIDS, human sexuality, family planning and planned parenthood. The Diocese has moved forward in the areas of clergy compensation, fair insurance coverage, mandates for accessibility for disabled persons in the churches, environmental concerns, and

the Annual Bishop's Award for Humanitarian Service. Bishop Theuner retired in 2003.

He served as summer supply priest at St. James' (summer chapel), "Burkhaven" in Sunapee, NH 1978-1985.

Source: "A History of the Diocese of New Hampshire 1802-1953" by The Reverend Robert H. Dunn, Rector, St. John's Church, Portsmouth, NH . . . "On the Occasion of The One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Diocese."