



# Joint Catholic-Lutheran Commemoration

## +Anders Arborelius, O.C.D. – bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Stockholm

Bishop Anders Arborelius, O.C.D. is the ordinary of the Catholic Diocese of Stockholm.

He was born in 1949 in Sorengo in Switzerland but grew up in Lund and converted to Catholicism in November 1969 in Malmö. He entered the Carmelite monastery in Norraby 1971 and took perpetual vows in Bruges, Belgium, in 1977. Anders Arborelius was ordained September 8, 1979 in Malmö.

He has a Master of Arts in modern languages – English, Spanish and German – from Lund University and has studied theology and philosophy in Bruges and Rome. In Rome, he studied at the Carmelite Pontifical Theological Faculty, Teresianum.

Anders Arborelius was appointed bishop by Pope John Paul II on November 17, 1998, and he was consecrated bishop on December 29, 1998 at St. Erik's Catholic Cathedral in Stockholm by Bishop Hubertus Brandenburg and the diocesan Auxiliary Bishop William Kenney C.P.

The bishop's motto is "In Laudem Gloriam" – "To God, praise and glory." The bishop has this to say about his motto:

*"In Laudem Gloriam" is an expression of all that I am. I want to give glory to the Triune God. In our time it has often been forgotten that our first duty – and our privilege – is to honour and glorify God. Man is not reduced by it, on the contrary, he grows, becomes freer and happier. One of my greatest desires is to help people discover this."*