Senator Steve Callaghan
PCMNO Senator Candidate

As an MNO official, a Senator is required “to perform their duties and exercise their powers in accordance with those Métis values identified in the Statement of Prime Purpose, including the values of honesty and truth, doing so impartially and with regard to the common good of all MNO citizens.”

These last words, are what I consider as my driving force: “doing so impartially and with regard to the common good of all MNO citizens.”

I am a proud Métis with lineage tracing from the Métis communities of Penetanguishene and Killarney. I’ve raised three sons to also be proud of their Métis heritage and now my grandchildren are registered with the MNO. We are all proud of our heritage.

In the past I served as the Vice-President of the MNO Veteran Council, and in various positions on the Sudbury Métis Council, as the Senator for the MNOVC, and currently as a Senator on the PCMNO.

I retired a couple of years back from 32 years as a chaplain and educator where I served as part of the Indigenous Support Council to the School Board among other things. I was an associate professor of Religion and Communication Studies at Laurentian University and I also taught Scripture and Ethics to teachers as their Additional Qualification training.

I served the limit three terms on the Board of Governors at the Child and Family Center as it transitioned into the lead agency for mental health in the region.

I worked in the local hospital system as a Pastoral Care worker, and I am an ordained Deacon and continue to serve my local church.

In my Undergraduate degrees I studied Physics, Mathematics, Philosophy, Psychology, and Theology. My first Masters degree is in Divinity and the second in Pastoral Counselling. I did my Doctoral studies in Ministry at the University of British Columbia.

In 2010 I received the Civic Award for Volunteerism for the City of Sudbury. In 2016 I was given the Chairpersons Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to the School Board. In 2019 I was given the Coach of the Year award. I continue to serve as Padre to the Royal Canadian Legion and lead prayers at the annual Remembrance Day Ceremonies.

I would very much like the opportunity to continue to serve the citizens of the MNO as a PCMNO Senator. We have been navigating some very significant decisions and processes these past few years and there are important steps ahead. If I am chosen to serve another term on the PCMNO I intend to do so with “honesty and truth, doing so impartially and with regard to the common good of all MNO citizens.”