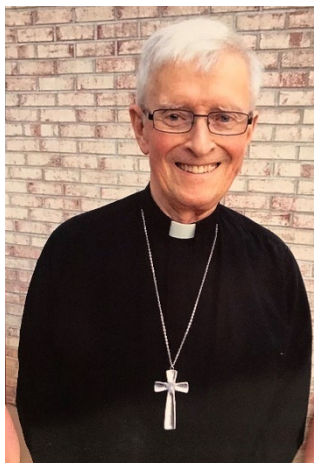


## Rev. Hans O. Andrae



Hans Andrae and his brother Göran, sons of Vanja (f. Johansson) and Anders Andrae, were born on Midsummer's Day June 24, 1933 in Trollenäs parsonage on Prästgårdsgatan 14 in Vimmerby, Sweden. In 1938, the family, including big brother Tord and little sister Berit, moved to the rectory Näs on Prästgårdsgatan 24.

Hans graduated from the gymnasium in Västervik in 1953, attended the platoon leadership school at I 12 in Eksjö 1953-1954, and conducted theological studies at Uppsala University 1954-1959. Holy Trinity Day 24 May 1959 Hans (with brother Göran) was ordained by Bishop Torsten Ysander in Linköping Cathedral. (Göran passed away on February 25, 1997, when he was pastor in Södra Vi and Djursdala.)

Hans Andrae held the following pastoral positions in the parishes of the diocese of Linköping: Tuna 1 June-27 Nov. 1959, Norrköping's Ö. Eneby 1959-68, Norrköping's Matteus 1968-72, and Lönneberga 1972-79. Within the same diocese he also served as the president of the Church Coalition for Bible and the Confessions [*Kyrklig samlings*], whose national chair was Bo Giertz.

From Aug. 1964 to March 1965, Hans stayed in the United States as a fellow of the Sweden-America Foundation. He first studied theology at Union Seminary in New York and then visited congregations and church institutions in Atlanta, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago.

On June 11, 1966, Hans was married to Sylvia Irvine in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hagerstown, Maryland. Their first home was in Penn Hills, a suburb of Pittsburgh, where they worked at Zion Lutheran Church, Sylvia as organist and D.C.E., Hans as assoc. pastor.

In 1979-85, he served Gustaf Adolph's parish in New Sweden, Maine, and 1985-96 at Holy Trinity in Jeannette, a suburb of Pittsburgh. He became a proud U.S. citizen in 1988. As pastor emeritus since 1996, he had been a vacancy pastor in eight congregations, including St. Peter & St. Paul Lutheran Church in Central City for nearly two years; he provided pulpit supply to many others, including for the final time at Redeemer, Oakmont on Trinity IX, 2 Aug. 2015. Before First Trinity joined the English District in Oct. 2016, he served Circuit Visitor of the Pittsburgh Southwest Circuit of the Eastern District 2012 until 2013.

Hans has been responsible for a unique 70+-year journalistic contribution to his hometown newspaper, *Vimmerby Tidning*, reporting and commenting on everything from the school trip to Gothenburg in June 1946, "Church news from Tuna" - and many more articles, including "The inspiring works of art in Vimmerby church (July 2012) and "Who killed Jesus?" (March 2013). The most comprehensive article was "My father - the parish pastor in Vimmerby" in the Christmas issue 1961. Many other articles and letters to the editor have been published in other periodicals, as well.

Hans Andrae has written a booklet, *Yes to the Church's Pastoral Commission According to the Bible and the Confessions* (Uppsala: Pro Veritate, 1979), defending the traditional and biblical position on a male-only pastorate. This contributed to his being elected that same year by the pastors of the Linköping diocese as an alternate for the national Church Assembly in Sweden, which had only 100 representatives for the entire 7.7-million-member church body.

In 2005 he translated the ninth and final chapter of Giertz's classic novel, *The Hammer of God*. Five years later he translated the entirety of Giertz's first book, *Christ's Church*. He provided detailed introductory material for both books.