**Commissioning of a CLCGB Chaplain**

Introduction:

The Brigade’s Patron Saint, St Martin of Tours (316-397ad), was a Roman Army officer who encountered a destitute man near the gates of Amiens and cut his army cloak (capella) in half and became known as the first capellanus or chaplain.

After ordination, he was commissioned to work away from the main church building in places where people were in special need. Buildings created for this special work were known as chapels.

So from the beginning chaplains have had a particular pastoral and practical care for people in need of support.

As with all God’s people, Brigade officers, helpers and members need guidance, encouragement and support from time to time.

**Celebrant: Will you exercise your ministry for the benefit of the entire \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Battalion?**

Chaplain: I will.

**Celebrant: Will you be a true listening ear, ready to give time and care to the concerns of all those you meet in your work?**

Chaplain: I will.

**Celebrant: Will you constantly seek an increase in the quality of the Christian faith-life of all members of the CLCGB community?**

Chaplain: With God’s help, I will.

*The Chaplain bows his/her head. The Celebrant extends his hands over the chaplain and says,*

**Celebrant: Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.**

**We ask you to bless this chaplain.**

**Send your Spirit on him/her to grant him/her the gifts of sensitivity and understanding, wisdom and insight, enthusiasm and patience.**

**We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Captain and Companion,**

**Amen**