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Bp ALFRED JOLSON

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Al Jolson's father was a Norwegian immigrant in the United States who became a Catholic. Al entered the Jesuits in 1948 in the States and was ordained in 1958. He studied Business Administration and taught in Iraq for a while.

When he returned to the US, he adjusted his attention to the Social Sciences and it was at a conference in Helsinki, Finland, that he met Ted Rogers from the then Rhodesia and expressed an interest in contributing to the recently established School of Social Work.

He lectured there for a number of years, living at St George's College and taking a keen interest in the boys there. In 1972, he led a mission at the college for the seniors where individual students could raise questions and he sought to answer them.

Later, he was chosen as bishop for the small Catholic community in Iceland and was there when Pope John Paul made a pastoral visit in 1989 (picture).

