

# THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DAVAO

The dawning of the age of faith in Davao took place at the beginning of the nineteenth century. Three missionary groups shaped that glorious age. First, the Recollect Fathers in 1848; they stayed until 1858. The following years saw the Jesuits step into the lush forests of Davao. Then, in 1937, upon the request of the Bishop of Zamboanga, the Priests of the Foreign Mission Society of Quebec (PME Fathers) came to Davao.

The PME Fathers were entrusted with the spiritual care of the faithful in the areas included within the limits of Davao City and the present three provinces of Davao del Norte, Davao de Sur and Davao Oriental.

On December 7, 1949 the Holy See raised the Davao Mission to the rank of Prelature "Nullius" of Davao. Subsequently the Most Reverend Clovis Thibault, PME, JCL, DD was elected its first Prelate Ordinary and was installed on June 24, 1950.

In 1958, Davao Oriental and Davao del Norte were given to the pastoral care of the Maryknoll Fathers. The city of Davao del Sur and two municipalities of Davao del Norte composed the present Archdiocese of Davao.

On November 19, 1966 the Prelature of Davao was elevated into a Diocese, and the Most Rev. Clovis Thibault, PME, JCL, DD took canonical possession of the Diocese of Davao on January 15, 1967 as its first bishop.

On March 24, 1967 the Most Rev. Juan Nilmar, DD took office as Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Davao. However on May 22, 1970 he was appointed Bishop of Tagbilaran.

On August 1, 1970, the Diocese of Davao was erected into an Archdiocese with the Most Reverend Clovis Thibault, PME, JCL, DD as its first Archbishop and the Most Rev. Antonio LI. Mabutas, JCD as its First Coadjutor Bishop.

Upon the retirement of Archbishop Clovis Thibault, PME on December 9, 1972, Archbishop Antonio LI. Mabutas took over as resident Archbishop of Davao.

Archbishop Fernando R. Capalla was appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Davao on June 28, 1994 and, upon the retirement of Archbishop Antonio LI. Mabutas, and was installed as the third Archbishop of Davao on November 28, 1996.

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