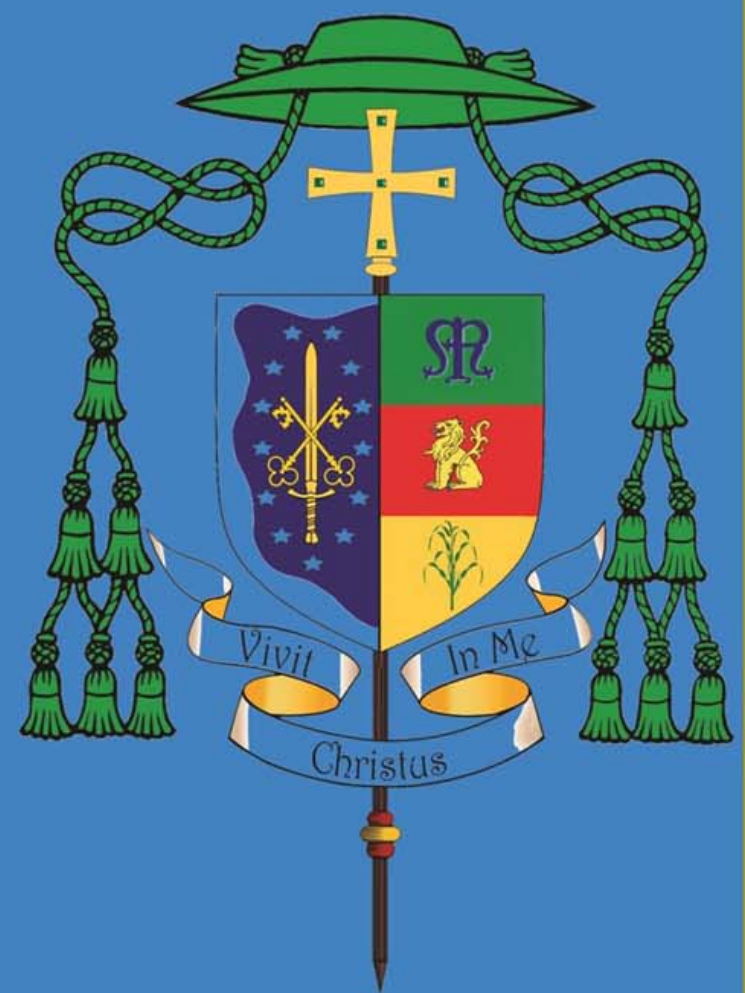


# Episcopal Ordination Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio

Saturday, April 17, 2021  
Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral  
St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands



**Congratulations to  
His Excellency Jerome Feudjio  
Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas**

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## **ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHE PIERRE**

Archbishop Christophe Pierre was born on January 30, 1946 in Rennes, France. He completed his primary education in Antsirabé, Madagascar, and his secondary schooling in Saint-Malo, France, and in Marrakech, Morocco. He attended the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Rennes (1963-1969) and the Catholic Institute of Paris (1969-1971).

He did the Military Service from July 1965, to October 1966. He was ordained a priest on April 5, 1970, in Saint-Malo, France and incardinated in the Archdiocese of Rennes. He was Parochial Vicar of the St. Peter and St. Paul Parish in Colombes, Diocese of Nanterre, France (1970-1973).

He has a Masters in Sacred Theology (Paris, 1971) and a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome (1973-1977).

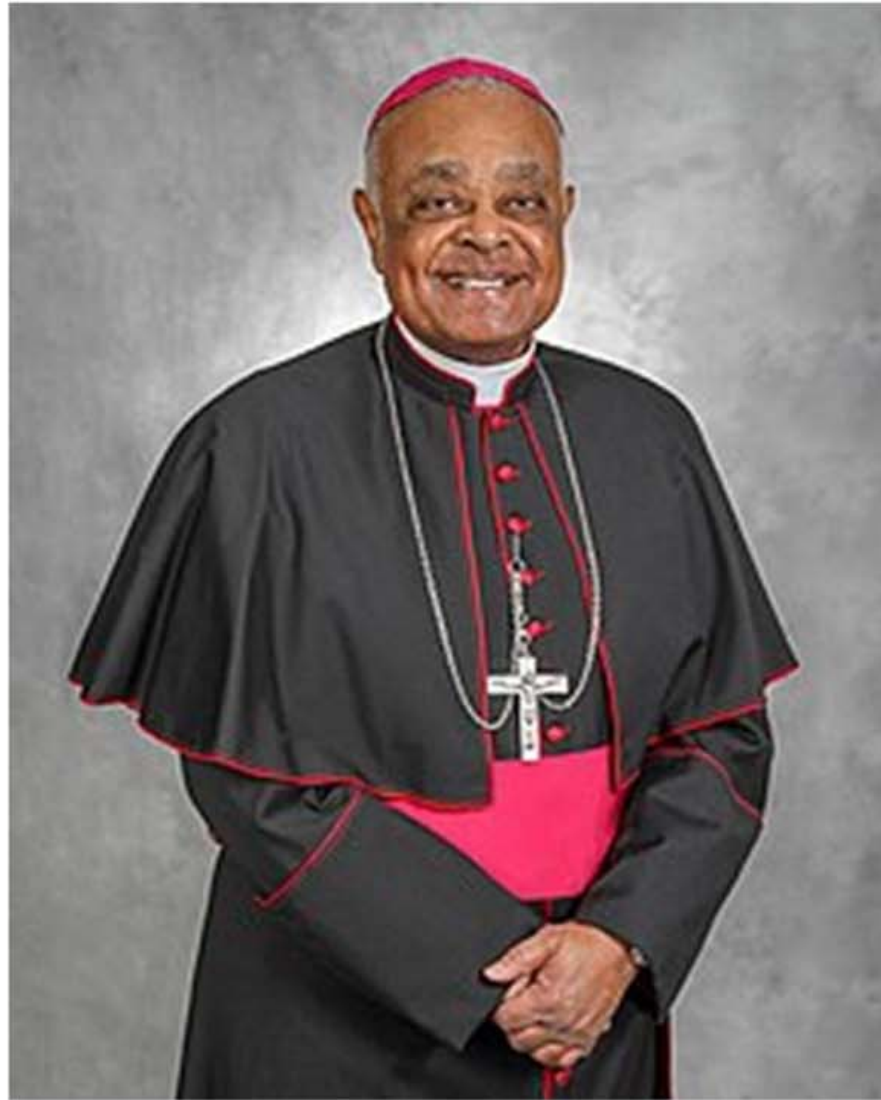
He completed his studies at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, in Rome (1973-1977), and started his service in the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See on March 5, 1977.

He was appointed first to the Pontifical Representation in New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific Ocean (1977-1981). Subsequently he served in Mozambique (1981); in Zimbabwe (1982-1986); in Cuba (1986-1989); in Brazil (1989-1991); at the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland (1991-1995).

He was elected Titular Archbishop of Gunela on July 12, 1995, and received the Episcopal Consecration on September 24, 1995, in Saint-Malo, France.

Archbishop Christophe Pierre was appointed Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti, on July 12, 1995, where he served until 1999. He has been the Apostolic Nuncio to Uganda (1999-2007) and then, the Apostolic Nuncio to Mexico (2007-2016). He was appointed as Apostolic Nuncio of the United States of America by His Holiness, Pope Francis on April 12, 2016.

Archbishop Pierre speaks French, English, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese.



**Statement of Cardinal Wilton Gregory  
on the Appointment of Monsignor Jerome Feudjio as  
Bishop of Saint Thomas**

“I readily join the clergy, religious, and faithful of the Diocese of Saint Thomas in the Virgin Islands today in warmly welcoming Pope Francis’ appointment of Monsignor Jerome Feudjio as the sixth Bishop of this local Church. Bishop-Elect Jerome is no stranger to the people of the diocese. His long history of service and pastoral dedication to the people of this community of faith are well known and widely respected. He now begins a new chapter in his own life and in all of your lives as well. Please keep him in your prayers as he transitions into his new office as I am certain he will hold all of you securely in his daily prayers from this day forward.”



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April 17, 2021

My Dear Friends in Christ,

As we gather to celebrate the ordination and installation of the Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio, allow me to express my appreciation for your kind and thoughtful welcome.

Together we give thanks to God that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has blessed the Diocese of St. Thomas with the pastoral leadership of Bishop Feudjio, who is fully dedicated to the spiritual and temporal needs of his flock, always placing those before any concerns for himself.

Bishop Feudjio is eminently qualified to serve as your shepherd. His longstanding, in-depth knowledge of the life of the Church throughout the Diocese will guide you during these challenging times by bringing forth the gifts and talents of the faithful for the good of all.

Going forward, please be assured of my continued affection and prayers for you and all your loved ones as I remain,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Boston

**Unofficial translation of the Apostolic Letter of Appointment of Msgr Jerome Feudjio as Bishop of Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands**

**FRANCIS  
BISHOP  
SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD**

To Our beloved Son, **Jerome Feudjio**, from the clergy of the Diocese of St. Thomas and, until now, Vicar General there and Rector of the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, appointed Bishop of the same See, greetings and Apostolic Blessing.

Foreshadowed by many events of the Old Testament and established by Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church diligently proclaims the Good News to those searching for God and, through the ministry of bishops and priests, offers to them the blessing of eternal salvation. Consequently, the principal and complete responsibility of the Roman Pontiff in his administration for the universal Church of those matters pertaining to instruction and guidance throughout the world, demands that suitable Shepherds be appointed to dioceses lacking an Ordinary. For this reason, We at this time, direct Our attention to the community of Saint Thomas, which owing to resignation of Our Venerable Brother Herbert A. Bevard, stands in need of its own rightful Bishop. And so, beloved Son, We have decided to entrust this office to you, given that you are outstanding in spiritual life, practical experience, sound faith, scholarship, charity and effective pastoral works.

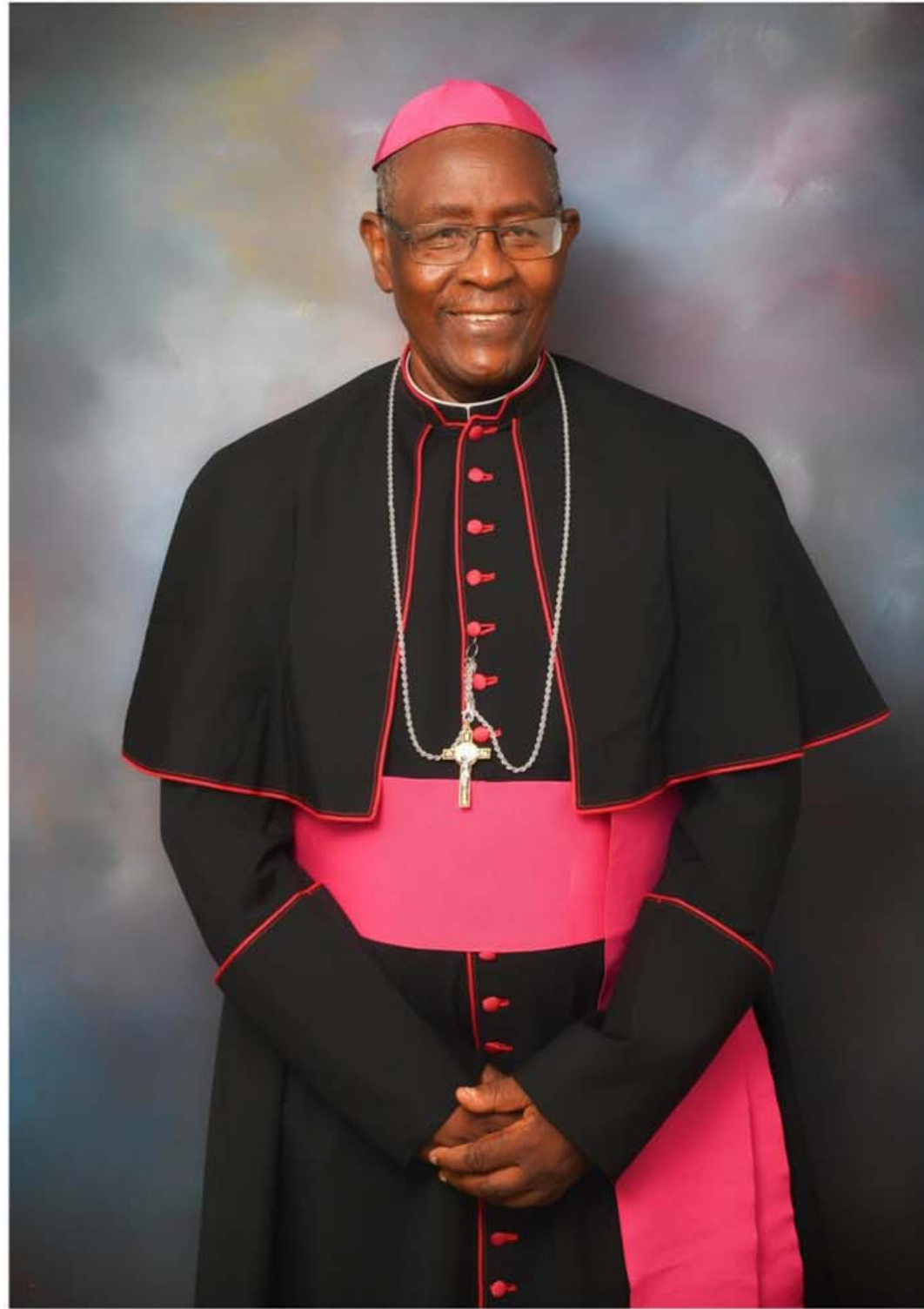
Therefore, upon consultation with the Congregation for Bishops, from the fullness of Our Apostolic authority and by virtue of this Letter, We appoint you Bishop of the Diocese of **Saint Thomas**, conferring upon you the rights and obligations, which belong to this mission. You may receive Episcopal Ordination anywhere outside the City of Rome from any Catholic bishop, the liturgical norms being observed. However, prior to this, as established by ecclesiastical law, you must make the Profession of Faith and take the Oath of Fidelity toward Us and Our Successors in this See.

Finally, it is Our heartfelt desire that you ardently carry out your ministry to teach the Catholic faith and to safeguard its doctrine, under the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who "is not only an example for the whole Church in the exercise of divine worship but is also, clearly, a teacher of the spiritual life for individual Christians"(Saint Paul VI, *Marialis cultus*21).

Given in Rome, at the Lateran, on the second day of March, in the year of the Lord two thousand twenty-one, the eighth of Our Pontificate.

**POPE FRANCIS**





**HIS EXCELLENCY**

*Bishop Jerome Feudjio*



THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS  
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**A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR ALBERT BRYAN JR.**

On behalf of the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands, I extend our most heartfelt congratulations to Monsignor Jerome Feudjio on his installation as the sixth Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas.

We are proud and eternally grateful to Msgr. Feudjio who has distinguished himself as a long and faithful servant of his church and the Virgin Islands community. He has been honored by the Pope for his service to the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas and, on this most auspicious day, Msgr. Feudjio becomes the chief shepherd entrusted with the care of the church.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas has endured and has thrived through the best and most difficult of times for the Territory, always ensuring that parishioners have a sacred place to pray and worship. An extension of that loving kindness is the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School where our children receive both a sound education and a strong spiritual foundation.

Given his unshakeable faith and his unbreakable bond with the Virgin Islands community, we know that Msgr. Feudjio will devotedly continue the mission to touch hearts and minds, to help strengthen our faith in the darkest of hours and to support this Territory in its spiritual growth.

May God continue to bless the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas. May God continue to bless these beloved U.S. Virgin Islands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Bryan Jr.".

Albert Bryan Jr.  
Governor



OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS



**MESSAGE FROM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ROACH**

I am honored to bring greetings from the larger Virgin Islands community as we join the Diocese of St. Thomas and the Episcopalian congregations in celebrating the installation of the sixth Bishop of St. Thomas, The Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio.

This sacred event serves as a celebration of the rich spiritual legacy and history of the Episcopal Diocese and its grand ordination tradition. Our community is grateful for the presence of the Episcopal Church in the Virgin Islands. Its ministry, spiritual contributions, and stewardship of both land and people have been an upliftment for all.

As part of this historic occasion, I extend sincere congratulations to The Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio for his commitment, spiritual resilience, and ministry of teaching and learning. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do, as you embody leadership and selfless service as a beacon of light for the congregation and our community.

May you continue to be richly blessed in all aspects of your life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tregenza A. Roach".

Tregenza A. Roach, Esq.  
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### A MESSAGE FROM CONGRESSWOMAN STACEY E. PLASKETT

On behalf of the Members of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress, my staff, and my family, I would like to extend congratulations and well wishes to Monsignor Jerome Feudijo on his ordination as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas. Monsignor Jerome's service and ministry to the people of St. Thomas over the past 30 years is unrivaled.

Fluent in three spoken languages, but most proficient in the language of God's love, Monsignor Feudijo moved to St. Thomas in the late 1980's with an already-established passion for people and spreading the message of God's Kingdom. He was ordained to priesthood in 1990 and first assigned as Parochial Vicar at Saint Peter and Paul Cathedral as well as Assistant Principal at Saint Peter and Paul School. Since that time, Monsignor Feudijo has held many posts throughout the St. Thomas Diocese to include: Administrator and Rector of Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, Vicar for Clergy and Religious as well as the Chancellor and Vicar General of the Diocese, Coordinator of Prison Ministry and Pastor of Holy Family Parish.

A man of great faith, he has dedicated his very life for the good of the community which he serves. From working tirelessly with the youth, leading and completing numerous construction and renovation projects in the Diocese to recruiting many of the current priests now serving in the St. Thomas Catholic community.

Monsignor Feudijo, you have my deep gratitude and commendation for the work you have done for the people of St. Thomas. May God continue to bless you and keep you as you continue serving our community. Again, Congratulations!

Sincerely,

Stacey E. Plaskett  
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*The Honorable*  
**Donna Frett-Gregory**  
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### **Honoring the Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio** **Sixth Bishop of St. Thomas**

Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral is the oldest Catholic Church in the Territory and has served the people of the Virgin Islands, and those who visit, for generations. To be such a blessing to our community for centuries is truly no small feat and can only be done with dedicated leadership and support. On this momentous occasion, I wish to congratulate you, Most Reverend Feudjio, on your ordination and installation as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. It is truly an honor to choose to serve, one that must be met with the utmost devotion to the people.

While our community heals from the devastation of the storms in 2017 and the present challenges brought on by the pandemic, we need leaders who stand firm in their faith and their service to others. Leaders who will stand up for what is right and who will radiate love and empathy for those who need it. It brings joy to my heart when another member of our community chooses a life of service. Indeed, it is a challenging path, but one that is most rewarding.

Now is the perfect time to reflect on the immense value of serving the people and how your leadership will impact many lives throughout your tenure. May the grace of God be your inspiration and your strength as you embark on this notable journey.

Donna A. Frett-Gregory  
Senate President, 34<sup>th</sup> Legislature

## Heraldic Achievement of

### **MOST REVEREND JEROME FEUDJIO**

Bishop of Saint Thomas in the Virgin Islands



*Arms Impaled.*

*Dexter, Arms of the Diocese of Saint Thomas, Virgin. Azure, semé of Mullets Argent, a Sword pointed to the chief over all two Keys in saltire Or, all behind bordure wavy of the second.*

*Sinister, Personal Arms of Bishop Jerome Feudjio. Tierced per fess, in chief Vert an "M" Azure and Argent, in center Gules Lion sejant Or, in base Or "Tree of Peace" of Cameroon Vert.*

### **Explanation**

**The dexter impalement** (on the viewer's left) displays the arms of the Diocese of Saint Thomas of the Virgin Islands (*Dioecesis Sancti Thomae in Insulis Virgineis*), which is comprised of the islands of Saint Thomas, Saint Croix, Saint John, and Water Island in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The blue field and the silver (white) wavy border around the dexter side of the shield, symbolize the Caribbean Sea where the Virgin Islands are geographically located. The thirteen five-pointed silver (white) stars represent the original thirteen colonies of the United States, of which the Virgin Islands are an unincorporated and organized territory. The diocese of Saint Thomas was established in 1977 and is within the ecclesiastical province of Washington, D.C.

The crossed gold keys are an attribute of Saint Peter and represent the keys of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:19); the gold double-edged sword, an attribute of Saint Paul, is a reminder of his martyrdom. Peter and Paul are the patron saints of the cathedral in Charlotte Amalie, located on the island of Saint Thomas, which is the seat or *cathedra* of the bishop of the diocese.

**The sinister impalement** (on the viewer's right) displays the personal arms of Bishop Jerome Feudjio. The tri-colored field carries the colors of the flag of Cameroon: green, red, and gold. Bishop Feudjio was born in Fonakeukeu, Dschang, Cameroon. It is here, where his life in the Church began with his Baptism, first reception of Eucharist, and Confirmation. In Cameroon he began his education at Catholic institutions of learning and his seminary training. Ordained a priest for the diocese of Saint Thomas in 1990 at the cathedral of Saint Peter and Paul, the placement of the "flag" of Cameroon next to the arms of the diocese of Saint Thomas speaks of the beginning of his life in sacramental ministry to the Church. In a unique heraldic twist, one could see the two distinct arms as one in the ecclesiastical life of Bishop Feudjio.

In the chief green field, is the blue and silver letter “M,” an emblem for the Blessed Mother. The letter has “fleury” or “fleur-de-lis” (quite literally, “flower of lily”) shaped edges. The fleur-de-lis is also a symbol of Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Blue and silver (white) are traditional colors of the Blessed Mother, symbolizing truth and sincerity, faithfulness and purity. The letter “M” also carries at its heart a cross, symbolizing the Cross of Redemption.

In the flag of Cameroon, green represents the rich and fertile soil of the country and the hope that it brings. Thus, the combination with the Marian “M” speaks not only of the devotion of Bishop Feudjio to the Blessed Mother, but also is a tender reminder of his time in Washington, D.C., when he was invited by then Father Sean O’Malley, O.F.M. Cap., whose Irish heritage is also recalled in the green field, to stay at San Francisco House of the Archdiocese of Washington. Jerome also attended the Oblate College which was then part of the Washington Theological Consortium and completed his studies in Philosophy and Theology for the priesthood. In 1987, he joined the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and made his temporary religious profession.

The center field of red speaks of the dignity of Saint Jerome, the patron saint of Bishop Feudjio. Saint Jerome (4th Century) is often depicted in the red of a cardinal. Though this office did not exist during his lifetime, the color is used to denote dignity. The lion sejant, here in gold, is seated on its haunches with forepaws on the ground. According to legend, while giving a lecture to his students in Bethlehem, a lion came to Saint Jerome, limping. Everyone fled except for the saint, who welcomed the lion and removed a thorn from his paw. The lion remained with Jerome until his death. The symbol of the lion is one of oldest designations for courage, and the color gold speaks of generosity.

The base field of gold, which represents religious freedom and peace in Cameroon, carries the emblem of the “Tree of Peace” of Cameroon. This emblem is of particular importance to Bishop Feudjio and is very close to his heart.

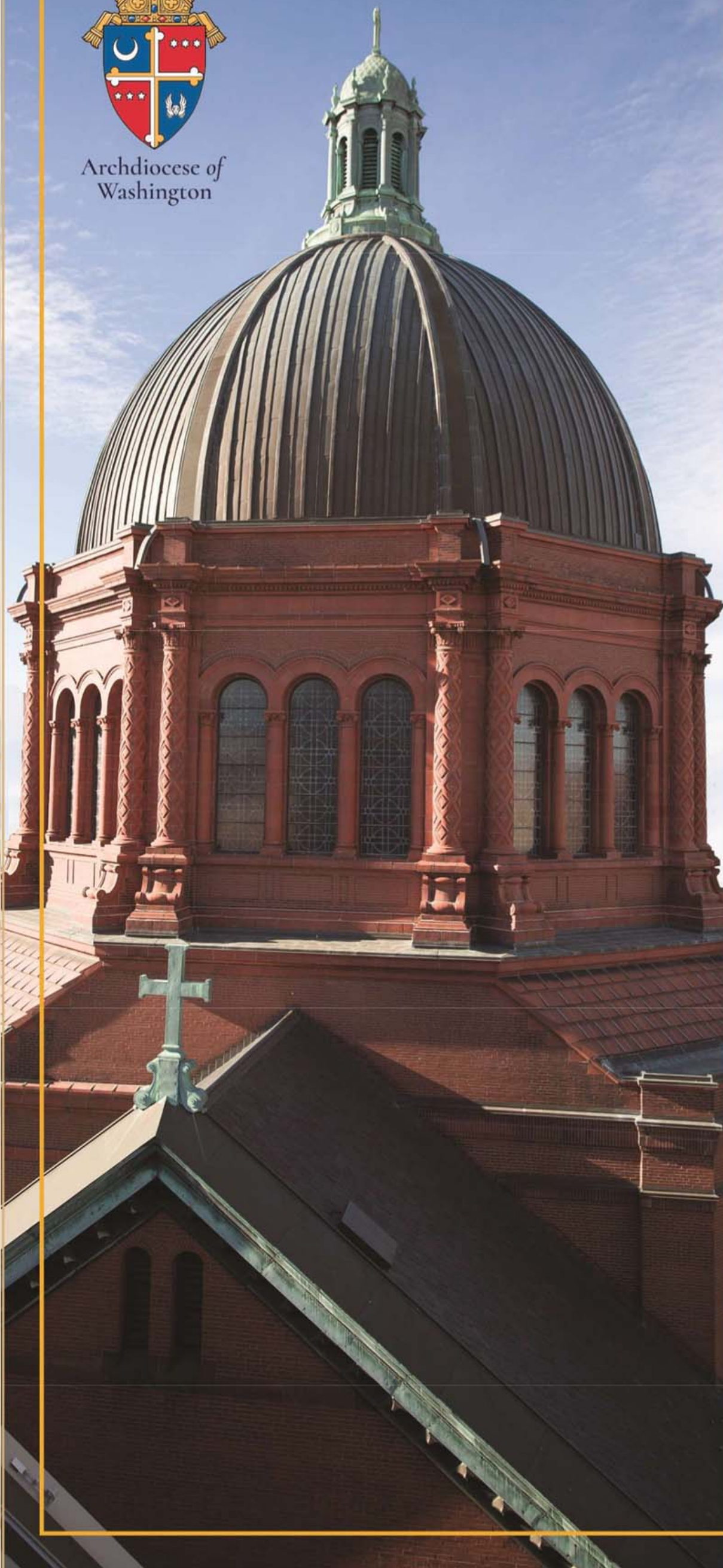
Behind the arms is placed a gold cross pattée, symbolic of the rank of a bishop; the stem of the cross is wood, symbolizing the staff of a shepherd. Over the whole achievement is the green hat or galero of a bishop with twelve tassels pendent on each side in three rows.

For his motto, Bishop Feudjio chose, “*Vivit in me Christus,*” taken from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians (2:20), in which the Bishop expresses the essence of his life as a Christian and as a priest in service to the Body of Christ: “Yet I live, no longer I, but **Christ lives in me.**”

The personal arms of Bishop Jerome Feudjio were devised and drawn by Geraldine M. Rohling, PhD, MAEd, Washington, D.C., March 2021.



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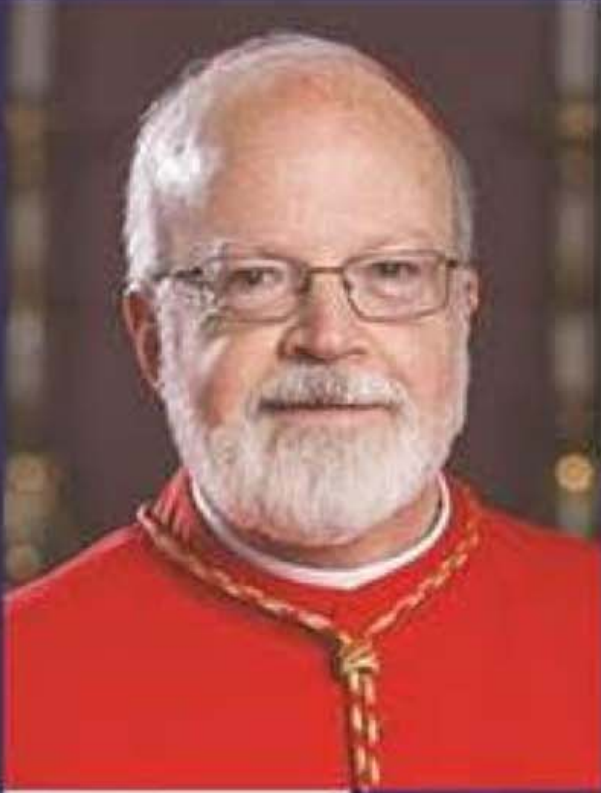
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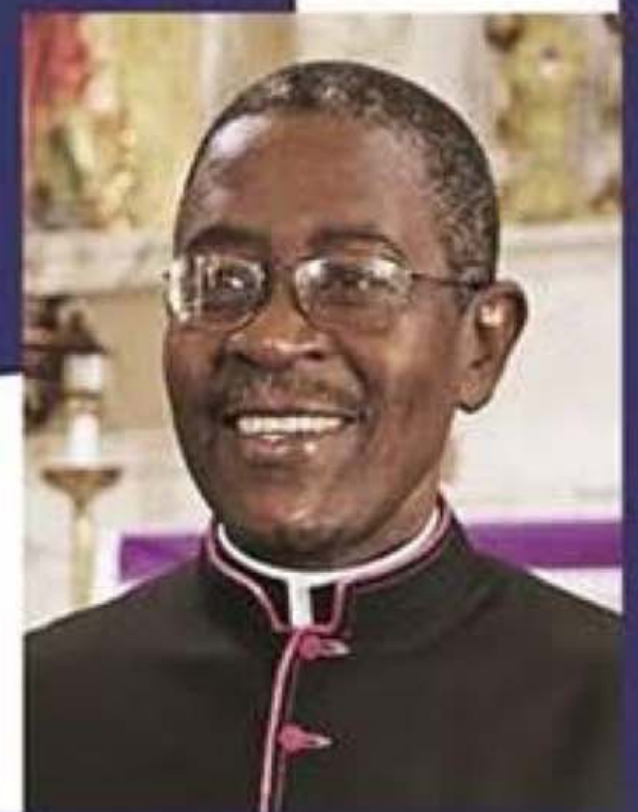
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*We wish you every grace and  
blessing in St. Thomas and  
assure you of our prayers.*





Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap.,  
the auxiliary bishops, the priests,  
deacons, religious and lay faithful  
of the Archdiocese of Boston  
offer prayerful best wishes to the  
**MOST REVEREND JEROME FEUDJIO**  
on his ordination and installation  
as the sixth bishop of Saint Thomas  
in the United States Virgin Islands.





**FRANCISCAN HANDMAIDS OF THE MOST PURE HEART OF MARY  
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God has chosen you as Christ's witness to shepherd his flocks and share his sacred ministry as a Bishop. May God's wisdom and grace continue to make you an instrument of peace, where there is hatred, love; where there is injure, pardon; where there thee doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness light; and where there is sadness joy.  
*(St. Francis of Assisi)*

## **Congratulations**

**Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio**



May God bless you and keep you; May God's face shine upon you and be merciful to you;  
May God turn His countenance to you and give you His Peace. Amen  
*(Numbers 6:22-27) Blessing of St. Francis of Assisi*

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## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands extends  
abundant blessings on our bishop  
His Excellency Bishop Jerome Feudjio.**

**God has chosen you as a true witness to Christ, the good shepherd.  
May he endow you with wisdom and ever deepening holiness  
as you guide the flock entrusted to your loving care.  
Congratulations as you begin your service  
to the holy people of the Virgin Islands.**



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**Bishop Jerome Feudjio**



**On behalf of  
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Fr. Simon Peter Opira  
Fr. Louis Kemayou  
The staff, Parish Council and Parishioners**

**All rejoice with you in your Episcopal Ordination as our Bishop of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. May the Triune God give you all the strength, joy, continued health in mind, body and spirit for this very important ministry. We are confident that you will bring unique competence and your experience to this position as you lead us forward to Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. We congratulate you on this milestone in the life of the Catholic Church in the United States of America.**

**To God be the Glory!  
What a great thing He has done for our Diocese!**

**Congratulations to  
His Excellency Bishop Jerome Feudjio  
Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas**

**May God continue to Bless you  
through the Intercession of our Blessed Mother.**

**From the Parish Family of  
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# Congratulations to Bishop Jerome Feudjio

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A Heartfelt congratulations and Best Wishes to  
His Excellency

*Jerome Feudjio*

Sixth Elected Bishop of the Diocese  
of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands.



May the grace of Our Lord  
be your continued strength and inspiration  
as you shepherd His Church.  
May you remain faithful to Him forever and be  
a blessing to all.

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On your

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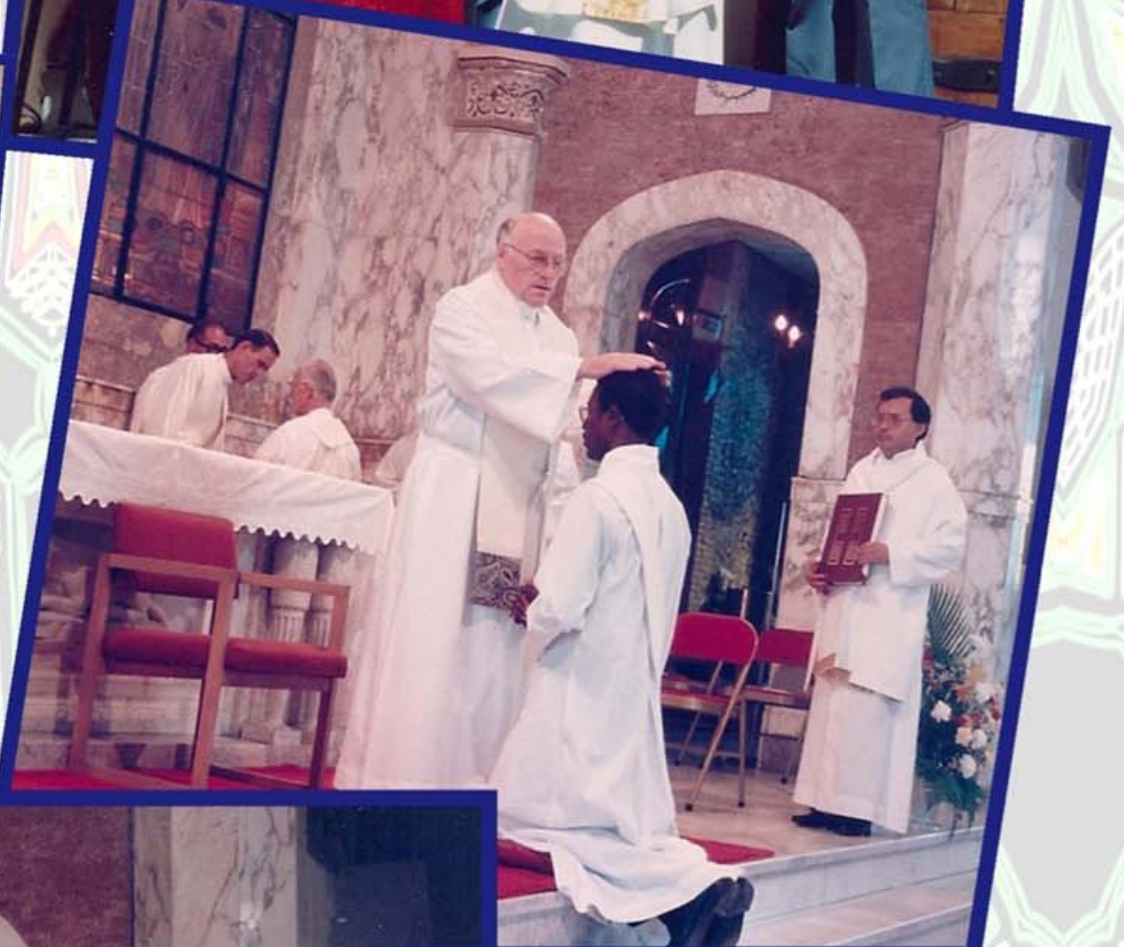
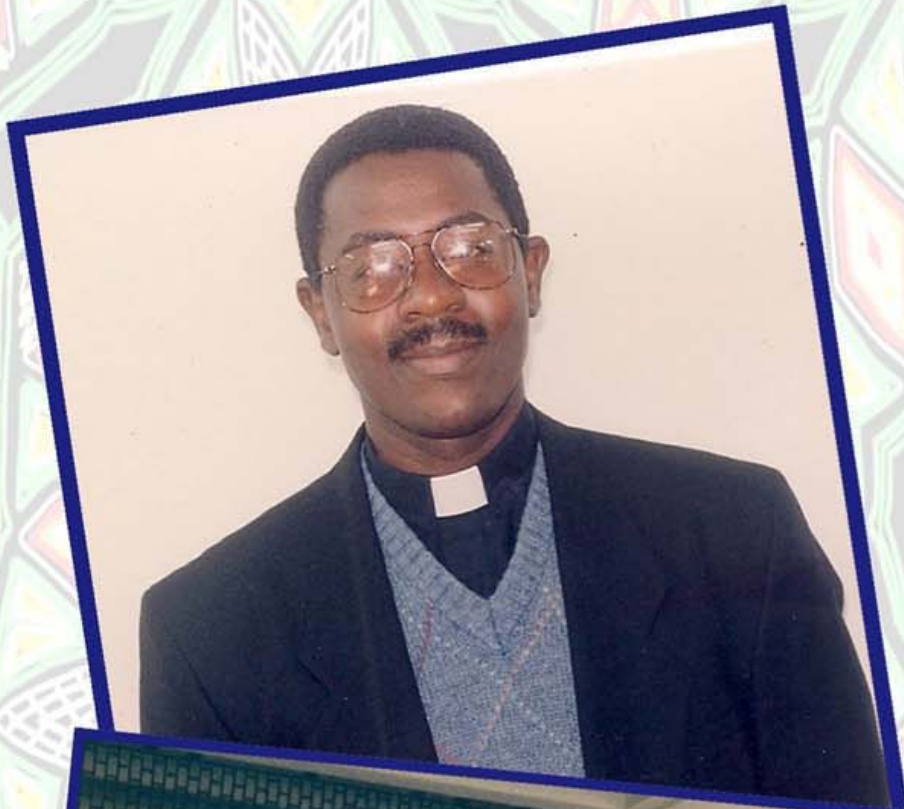


Lord make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow Love;  
Where there is injury, Pardon;  
Where there is doubt, Faith;  
Where there is despair, Hope;  
Where there is darkness, Light;  
And where there is sadness, Joy.

From our Lady of the Angels Fraternity

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“...let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised...” Hebrews 10:23

**Congratulations!**

**Bishop Jerome Feudjio**

**Love,**

**The Grant Family:**

**Carmen Grant**

**Jacqueline Grant**

**Joshua Grant**

On this special day, as you are ordained the 6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, we want you to know more than words can express how excited we are about what God has done in your life!

You have and continue to be a blessing in our lives!

“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Isaiah 52:7

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**MONSIGNOR JEROME FEUDJIO**

On becoming sixth Bishop of the Roman Catholic  
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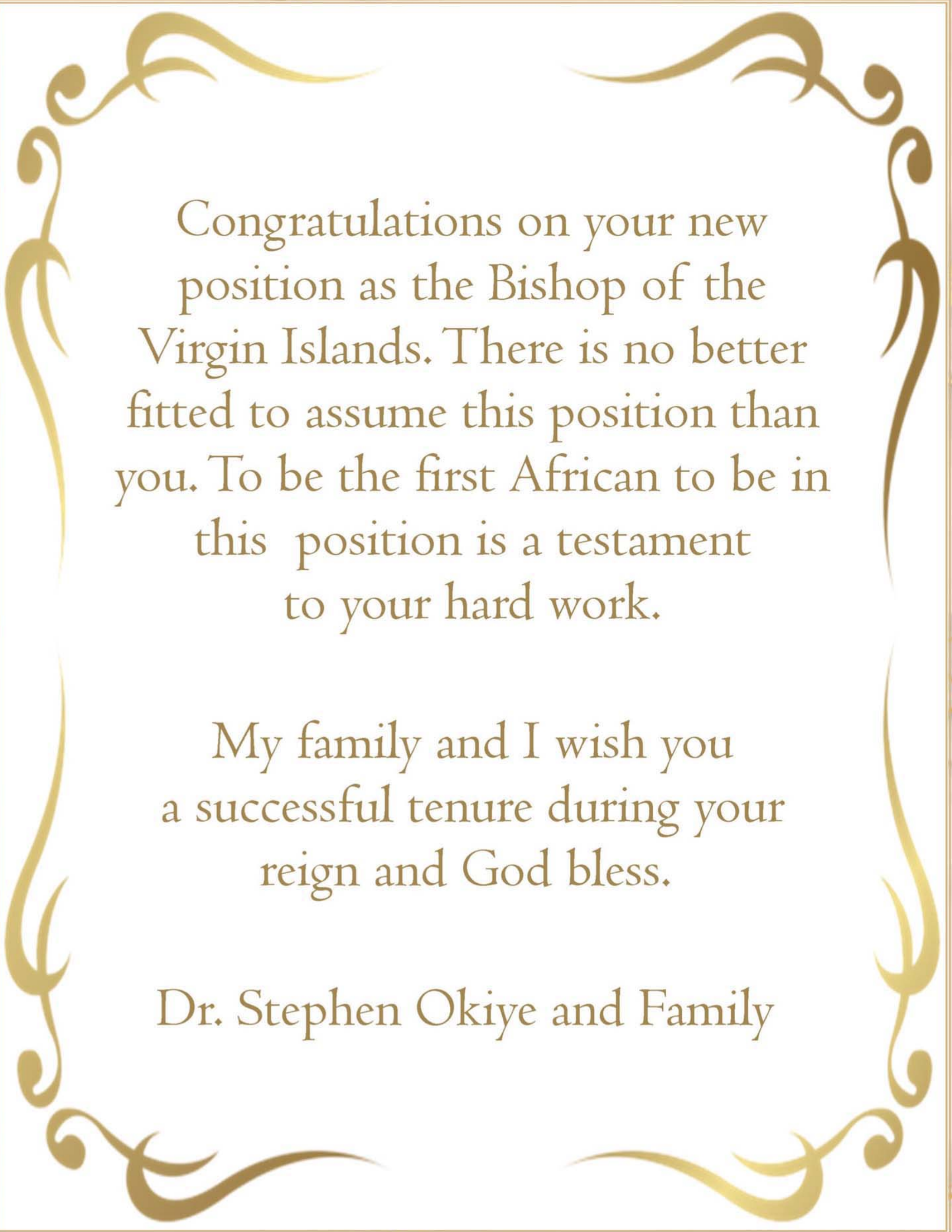
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My family and I wish you a successful tenure during your reign and God bless.

Dr. Stephen Okiye and Family

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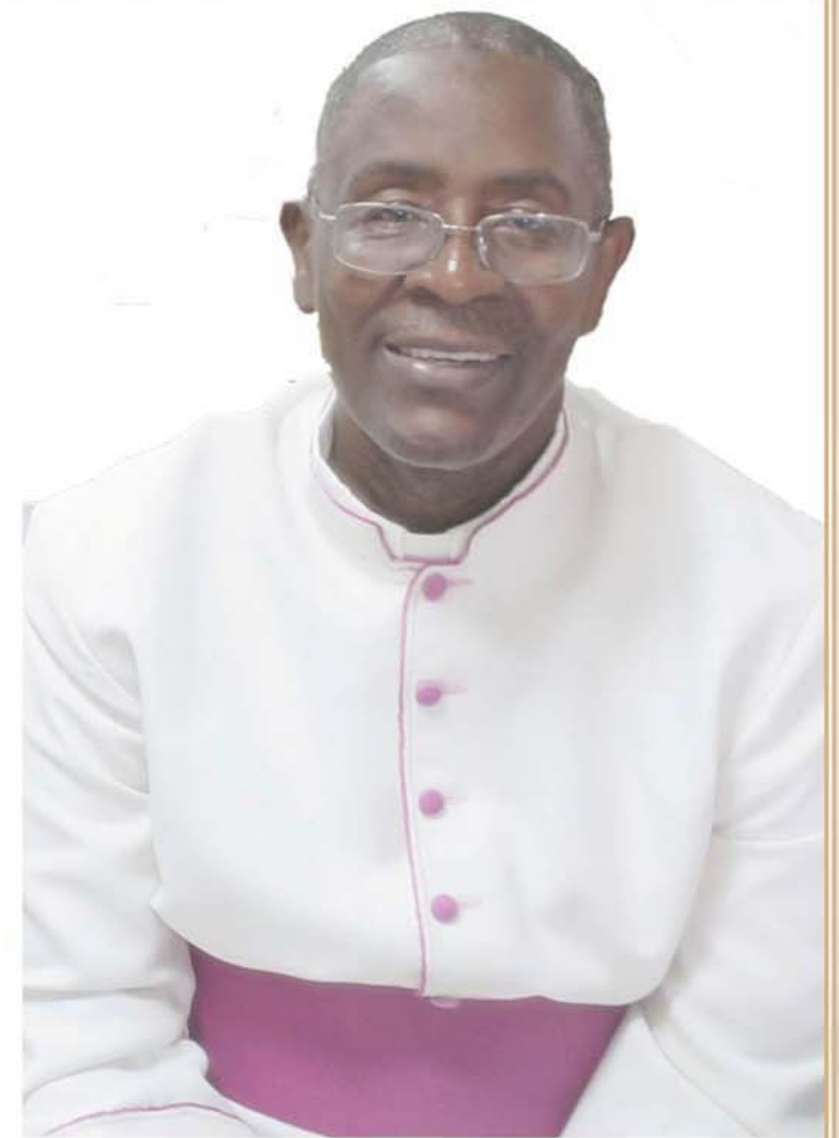
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The St. Croix Lucians Unity Association, Inc. extends congratulatory blessings to Bishop-Elect Monsignor Jerome Feudjio on this momentous occasion – your ordination as the Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands.

May the Lord bless you with the love, the wisdom, and the humility that you require to shepherd His people as you continue to

*“Prepare the way of the Lord and make His path straight”. (Luke 3:4)*



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30 March 2021

Your Excellency,

The de Chabert-Schuster-Highfield-King family extends its heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes on your episcopal ordination and installation as Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas. We join the community in celebrating this momentous occasion.

The Virgin Islands has a long history of drawing strength from faith, as we have faced and overcome many challenges; some of which have seemed insurmountable. We commend your many years of ministry and your outstanding service to this Diocese, during which you instilled and nurtured the faith of many. You have been faithful in upholding the sacred values our Territory holds dear. The Catholic Church has always offered comfort and healing, as well as great joy, fellowship, and peace. We are confident that, under your leadership, the Catholic Church in The Virgin Islands will continue to do so.

God and his Holy Church have chosen you to be a witness to Christ, the Divine Redeemer. May he grant you wisdom and ever deepening holiness as you guide the Diocese of St. Thomas and the souls entrusted to your loving care.

Congratulations as you begin your new role in your service to the holy people of God!

Warm regards,

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From Mrs. Charlotte A. Banks and  
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## The Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio

The sixth bishop of the St. Thomas Diocese comes to his new position well prepared for the role, having spent more than 30 years working with, and dedicated to, Virgin Islands parishioners, and having learned early in life to deal with challenge.

Bishop Jerome Feudjio was born in 1955, to the late Justine Komegou and Tontsa Tonleu Etienne, in Fonakeukeu, Dschang, Cameroon, a country then striving for its independence.

“There was civil unrest in Cameroon,” he said. “My father died when I was five years old.” From his mother’s arms, he watched his home burned. And then he began a “nomadic life,” moving with his mother from one uncle’s household to another and growing up as much with his cousins as with his siblings. His older brother, Seraphin Tazoo, lived with an uncle in another city. His sisters, Martine and Christine, also went to live with other family.

A bright spot of his childhood, he says, was his Catholic education.

“The missionaries opened the door to us,” he recalled. They offered schooling at an affordable cost. And more than that, they offered kindness and love. And, as it turned out, they set him on his life’s path.

After graduating from St. Albert Catholic School in Dschang, he entered St. John College of the Christian Brothers of Quebec in Mbanga, graduating with a degree in bookkeeping in 1972.

“I met the Christian Brothers in school,” he said, adding that he was impressed by their lifestyle. Their good example sowed the seeds of his vocation.

He became a postulant in the religious order, the Congregation of the Fathers of the Sacred Heart. In the 1970s, he attended Saint Apostles Seminary in Otelé, Cameroon, and the Major Seminary of Nkolbison in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

His journey to the priesthood was interrupted briefly when his brother died and he came under pressure from some relatives to abandon his path so he could marry and carry on the family legacy.

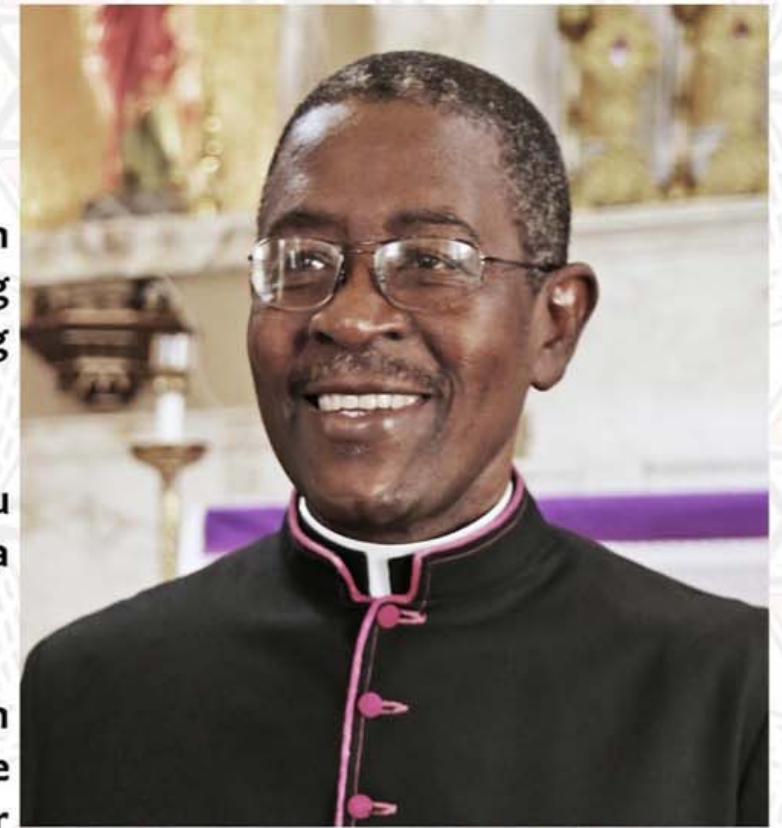
A cousin who lived in the U.S. sent him a plane ticket and he flew to Illinois to study accounting and English.

But his religious calling was intense.

In 1980, he had an encounter that strengthened his resolve and eventually led him to the Virgin Islands.

In Washington, D. C., he met then-Father, now Cardinal Seán O’Malley who encouraged him to complete his theological training, offered a place to stay at the San Francisco House for foreign seminarians, and enlisted him for a ministry to Haitians and French-speaking Catholics who had recently migrated to the D.C. area.

His interest in social justice and the rehabilitation of troubled youth led him back to Illinois to complete graduate studies in the Administration of Justice at Southern Illinois University, including an internship at a transi-



tional rehabilitation center, Southern Illinois Community Correctional Center. Many years later – well after he became a priest - he would return to pursue graduate studies in Rehabilitation Administration.

Throughout the 1980s, he continued his journey to the priesthood, making his religious profession with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1987, a year before he first moved to the Virgin Islands.

Once again it was his mentor, Cardinal O'Malley, then Bishop of St. Thomas, who guided him. His first service in the Virgin Islands was as the campus minister at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School.

In 1990, then-Bishop O'Malley ordained him to the priesthood, and he began a long and varied service to the St. Thomas diocese. Among the many positions he has held over the years are:

- \* Both rector and administrator of Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral
- \* Pastor of Holy Family Parish
- \* Director of Vocations
- \* Vicar for Clergy and Religious
- \* Both Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese
- \* Diocesan Finance Officer
- \* Member of the Board of Consulters
- \* Member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands
- \* Assistant Principal and religion and French teacher at Sts. Peter and Paul School
- \* Coordinator of Prison Ministry
- \* Coordinator of Catholic TV Ministries

In 2002, Pope John Paul II named then-Father Feudjio a Chaplain of His Holiness and conferred on him the honorific title of Monsignor.

In addition to his spiritual ministry and pastoral duties, he has overseen and/or been instrumental in the completion of numerous construction projects, from the renovation of St. Anne's chapel and the Holy Family parish to the years-long restoration of the historic Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral. He credits the "visionary support" of the late Bishop George V. Murry at the inception of the Cathedral project and, for the last 10 years, the "ardent and passionate leadership" of Bishop Herbert A. Bevard, who made the cathedral restoration a priority of his tenure.



As Director of Vocations, he helped to recruit more than 60 percent of the priests now serving in the diocese and was instrumental in inviting members of the Daughters of the Holy Family from Cameroon to minister in parishes and Catholic schools in the Virgin Islands.

At the announcement of his appointment in March, the new bishop thanked Pope Francis "for the honor and trust he places in me" and his immediate predecessor, Bishop Bevard "for his leadership, love and dedication during his episcopacy."

He also thanked the people of the diocese, saying, "Your faith and your dedication to the Church have ignited my zeal and motivated me to joyfully offer my contribution to this, our diocese."



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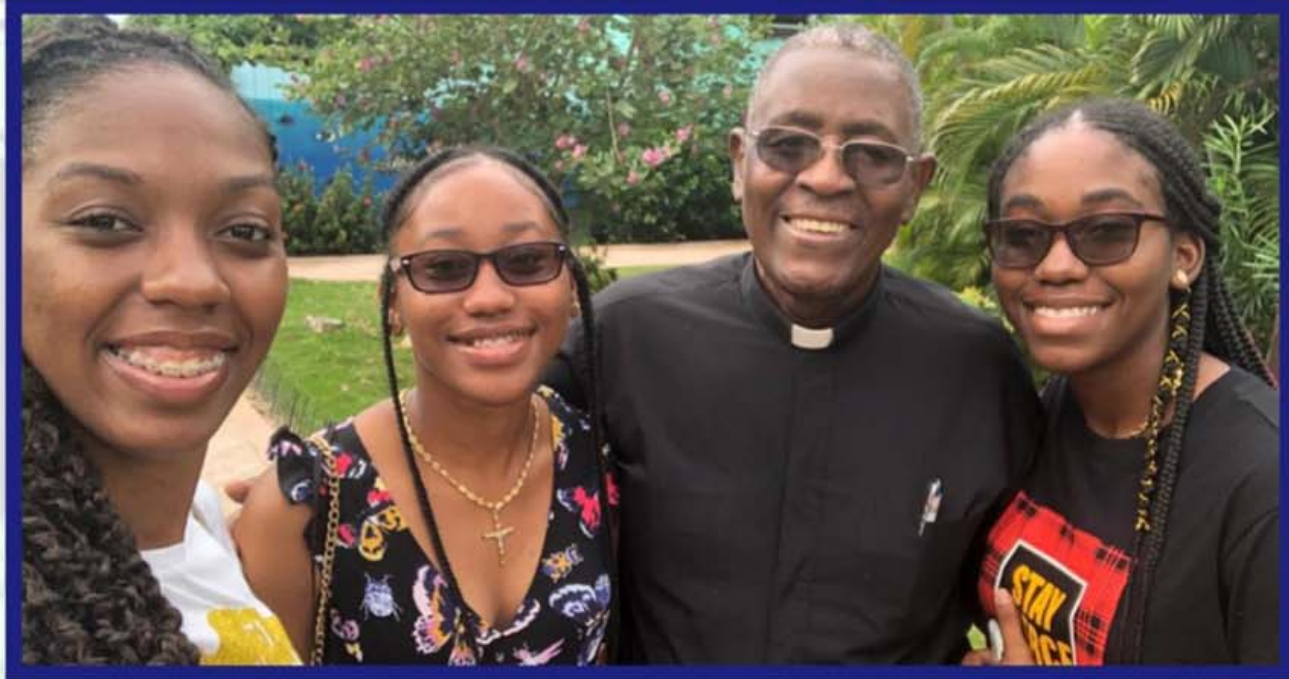


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*May God continue to bless you.*

*From: Rev. Fr. Anthony Abraham  
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## CONGRATULATIONS

Bishop Jerome Feudjio  
on your Ordination as  
Bishop of St Thomas in the Virgin Islands



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*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another  
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*1 Peter 4:10*



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God has chosen you Most Reverend Bishop – Elect Jerome Feudjio as the Good Shepherd. May He endow you with more wisdom and a deepening holiness as you embark on your new journey as Bishop to guide the flock entrusted to your loving care. Acts 20:28

May the grace of God be your ever-present inspiration and guide as you nourish your flock with the Word, strengthen them with the Sacraments, and lead them deeper in their faith.

May the Holy Spirit Shine brightly in you and may God's blessings be with you today and always!

Sincerely,

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Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio  
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Your Excellency,

In the months and years that I served His Excellency, your predecessor, Most Reverend Herbert A. Bevard, he was never short in his effusive praise of your zeal, passion, orthodoxy, and intimate knowledge of our diocese of St. Thomas and her people.

Our Church and therefore, our world is short these days of orthodox bishops; and it is a comfort to know that our Holy Father has selected for us a true, solid and traditional son of the Church, in elevating Your Excellency to the episcopacy of our diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

May God grant you many and fruitful years as our shepherd and guide; and may Our Lady's mantle shield you and guard you against every dart and arrow of the evil one.

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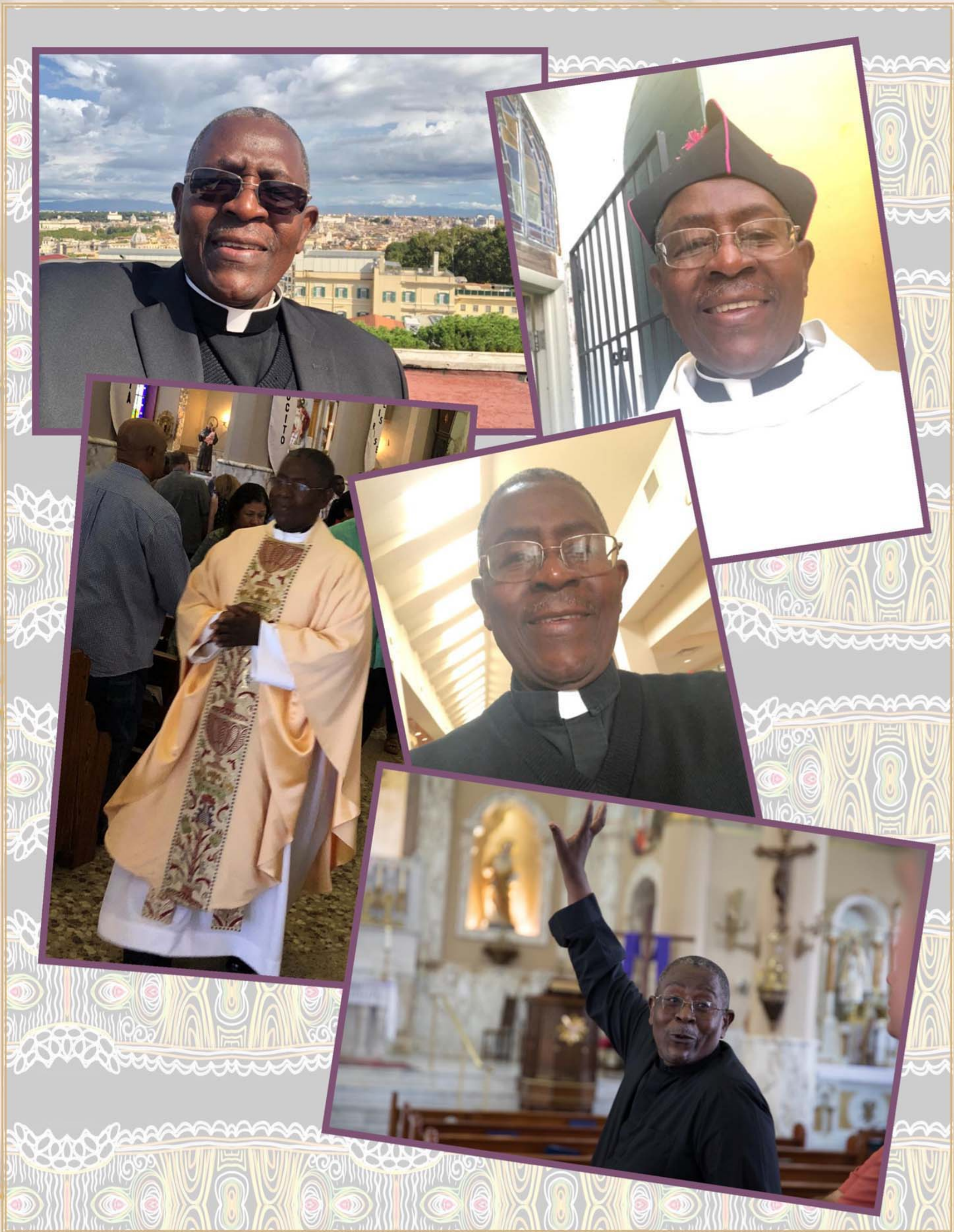
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Objet : Lettre de félicitations

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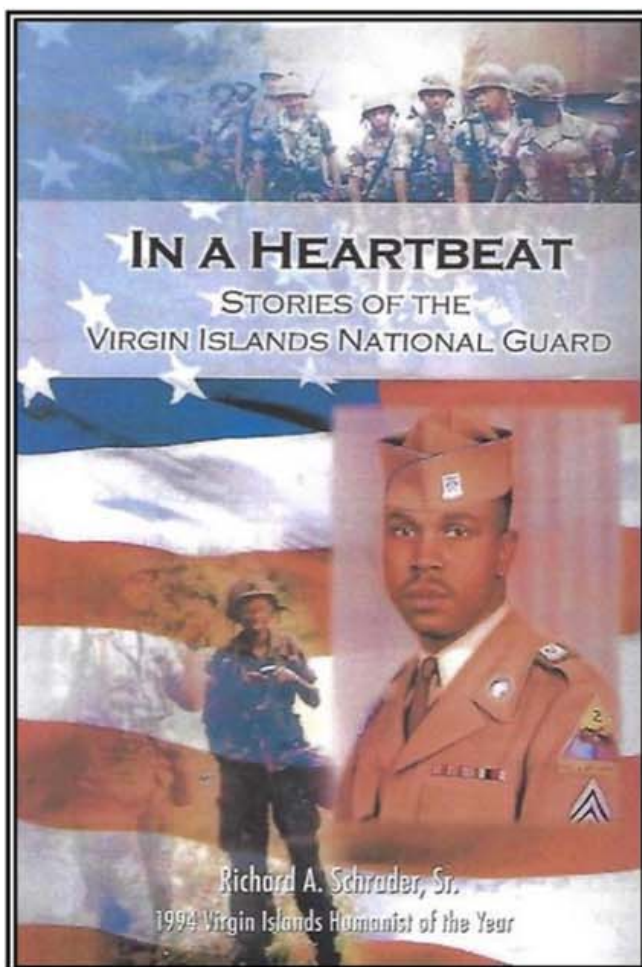


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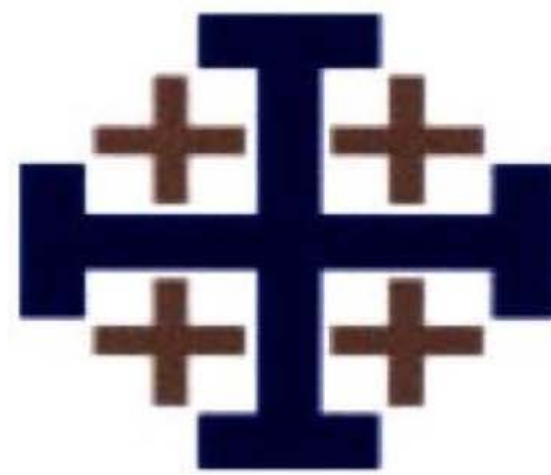
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## **MSGR JEROME FEUDJIO**

*(April 17 2021)*



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*We congratulate His Excellency Jerome FEUDJIO on his new assignment as the Bishop of Saint Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands.*

*May God bless him with good health and fruitful ministry!*



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## DIocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands



April 8, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2021 His Excellency Christophe Pierre informed me that His Holiness Pope Francis appointed me to become the Sixth Bishop of St. Thomas, I was spellbound. This surprised announcement quivered my whole being leaving me with a feeling of gratitude and awe. Since that day, it has become clear to me that the Lord is calling me to another pastoral ministry: The Episcopacy.

Therefore, it is with a renewed zeal and dedication that I accept my nomination for this challenging mission. Holy Mother Church is clearly inviting me to continue the threefold ministry of Christ (to teach, to preach and to heal) as a leader. I pledge to fulfill this awesome responsibility with a firm resolve, love and compassion. Mindful of the challenges inherent to this new office, I trust that the Lord and the good people of God will inspire and support me as I gather and lead the people entrusted to my pastoral care.

All my predecessors whom I delightfully served and assisted had each inspired and taught me a great deal. I am indebted to all of them - May God bless them - I pray that my ministry justifies the confidence that all these bishops have placed in me.

My Dear people, my appointment was met with your excitement and approval. In this sense, based on all the enthusiasm expressed at the announcement of my nomination, I know I can continue to rely on the indefectible support of so many of you, and I even expect more people to join in so many creative ways, to help me carry out my responsibilities in the most effective manner possible for the greater glory of God.

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to parishioners, friends and all the benefactors that so spontaneously and so generously contributed to the printing of this Commemorative Booklet. With profound gratitude and appreciation, I went meticulously over each line and each add, and each picture. Know that I accepted all your wishes of success for my ministry, and that I will hold them precious in my heart as a reminder that I am not alone, and that together, with the Good Lord, *great things happen!*

Moreover, I count on your unceasing and relentless prayers, as now the shepherd for all Catholic souls in the entire Virgin Islands and beyond, my duties will be at times particularly challenging.

As I conclude my remarks, it is with great joy that I impart on you and your families my Episcopal Blessing, in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend Jerome Feudjio  
Bishop of St. Thomas

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## DIocese OF ST. THOMAS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

8 Avril 2021

Frè'm ak sè'm yo.

Jou Ekselans Christophe Pierre enfòmè mwen ke Pap Francois nome mwen kòm sizyèm Evèk pou Dyozèz Sen Toma, nouvèl sa a te fè'm tranble anpil, tank mwen te sezi; an menm tan tou, gen yon santiman rekonesans ki te anvayi mwen. Depi lè sa a, li te klè pou mwen, ke Granmèt la te chazi mwen pou yon pi gwo chaj Pastoral ak Episkopal.

Konsa, nouvèl sa a reveye nan mwen anpil detèminasyon ak zèl pou mwen kapab akonpli misyon difisil sa a. Avèk konkou Lespri Sen an, Legliz manman nou envite'm pou'm kontinye twa fonksyon ministeryèl Jezikri yo (anseye, preche ak geri). Kòm lidè, mwen pwomèt pou mwen akonpli responsabilite enpòtan sa a nan renmen ak konpasyon.

Mwen konsyan chay la vini ak anpil responsabilite. Se poutèt sa mwen abandone'm nan men Granmèt la nèt al kole, epi mwen mete tout espwa mwen nan Bondye ki va sipòte mwen epi dirije mwen, pandan m'ap anseye epi pran swen pèp sa a ke li mande m akonpaye an antan ke Bèje li.

Tout Evèk ki te vini anvan mwen yo, e ke mwen te ede ak sèvi, enspire mwen, epi anseye'm anpil. Mwen gen yon gran redevans envè yo tout epi yo chak. Se pou Bondye beni yo tout. Mwen mande Bondye pou'l pèmet ke Episkopa sa a jistifye konfyans ke yo te toujou mete nan mwen.

Pèp mwen an ke mwen renmen anpil la, Mwen konnen ou te resevwa nominasyon sa a ak eksitasyon epi apwobasyon'w. Nan sans sa a, lè mwen kalkile antouzyas nou lè nouvèl la te tombe, mwen reyalize ke mwen ka kontinye konte sou sipò anpil nan nou te toujou banmwen, e menm espere plis moun toujou va patisipe nan konbit la, pou ede'm pote kokenn chenn responsabilite sa a, nan yon fason ki konsekan, tout pou glwa Bondye kapab eklate.

Mwen pwofite okazyon sa a pou mwen voye yon gwo kout chapo, ak tout fon kè m, pou tout zanmi ki te kontribye san gade dèyè, pou liv sa a te ka sòti. Mwen vle nou konnen se ak apresyasyon epi rekonesans ke mwen te pran tan gade chak foto e mwen te li chak sa nou te swete Mwen pou Episkopa mwen an ka tounen yon reyisit tout bon. M'ap konsève yo yon fazon presye nan fon kè mwen, etan y ap fè m sonje ke mwen pa pou kont mwen, e ke avèk nou, ak gras Bondye, anpil gwo mèvèy ka reyalize.

Etan m'ap konkli mesaj sa a, se avèk anpil kè kontan ke m'ap ban nou benediksyon Episkopal mwen, nan non Papa a, Pitit la, ak Lespri Sen an.

Frè nou nan Jezikri.

Trè Reveran Jerome Feudjio  
Evèk Sen Toma.

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## DIocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands



8 Abril, 2021

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Cuando el 22 de febrero de 2021 Su Excelencia Christophe Pierre me informó que Su Santidad el Papa Francisco me nombró para convertirme en el Sexto Obispo de Santo Tomás, quedé fascinado. Esta sorpresa estremeció todo mi ser dejándome con un sentimiento de gratitud y asombro. Desde ese día, me es claro que el Señor me llama a otro ministerio pastoral: el Episcopado.

Por lo tanto, con renovado celo y dedicación acepto mi nominación para esta exigente misión. La Santa Madre Iglesia claramente me invita a continuar el triple ministerio de Cristo (enseñar, predicar y sanar) como líder. Prometo cumplir con esta asombrosa responsabilidad con firme determinación, amor y compasión. Consciente de los desafíos inherentes a este nuevo cargo, confío en que el Señor y el buen pueblo de Dios me inspirarán y apoyarán mientras reúno y dirijo a las personas confiadas a mi cuidado pastoral.

Todos mis predecesores, a quienes serví y ayudé con gusto, me inspiraron y me enseñaron mucho. Estoy en deuda con todos ellos; que Dios los bendiga; oro para que mi ministerio justifique la confianza que todos estos obispos han depositado en mí.

Queridos amigos, ustedes recibieron mi nombramiento con entusiasmo y aprobación. Dado el entusiasmo expresado en el anuncio de mi nominación, sé que puedo seguir contando con el apoyo indudable de tantos de ustedes, e incluso espero que más personas se sumen con tantas formas creativas para ayudar. Cumplo con mis responsabilidades de la manera más eficaz posible para mayor gloria de Dios.

Aprovecho esta oportunidad para expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento a los feligreses, amigos y todos los benefactores que tan espontánea y generosamente contribuyeron a la impresión de este Folleto Conmemorativo. Con profunda gratitud y aprecio, revisé meticulosamente cada línea, cada adición y cada imagen. Sepan que acepté todos sus deseos de éxito para mi ministerio, y que los guardaré con mucho valor en mi corazón como un recordatorio de que no estoy solo, y que junto con el Buen Dios suceden grandes cosas.

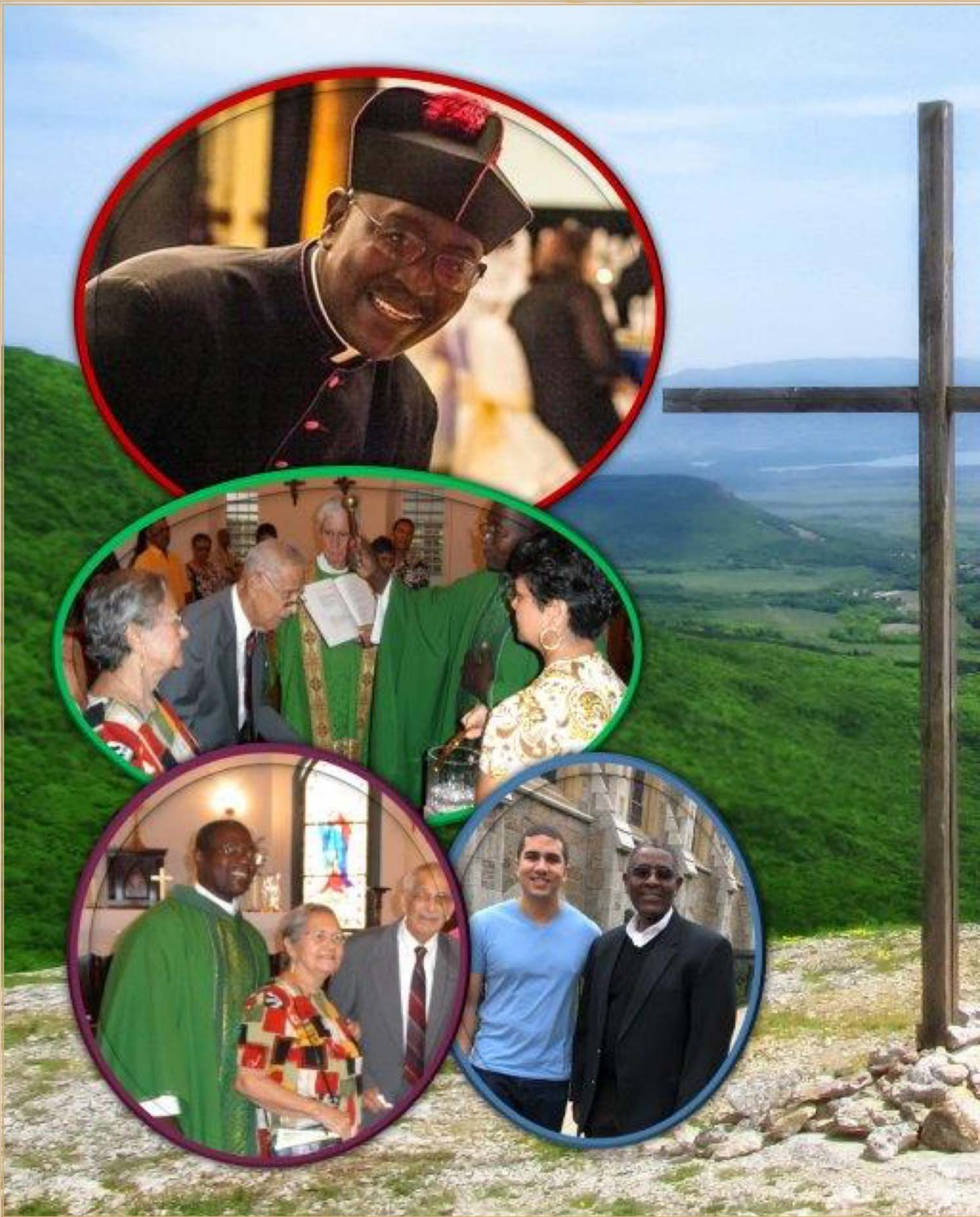
Además, cuento con sus oraciones incesantes e incansables, ya que ahora como pastor de todas las almas católicas en todas las Islas Vírgenes y más allá, mis deberes serán a veces particularmente desafiantes.

Al concluir mis palabras, con gran alegría les imparto a ustedes y a sus familias mi Bendición Episcopal, en el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

Su hermano en Cristo,

Reverendísimo Jerome Feudjio  
Obispo de Santo Tomás

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## Congratulations

# *Bishop Jerome Feudjio*

Thank you for your many years of service and friendship. We are blessed to now have you as the Bishop of the US Virgin Islands. We wish you an abundance of success and God's blessings.

**Aracely Nicholson  
Judith, Michael, & Michael, Jr. Watson**





**DIOCESE OF ST. THOMAS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE  
FROM THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

April 17, 2021

On behalf of the Episcopal Ordination Executive Committee and Subcommittee Members, we wish to congratulate you Bishop Jerome Feudjio.

Confident that you will continue to use your many God-given talents merged with your boundless generosity and faithfulness, we join with countless others in prayer for your continued strength as you lead your flock in the Diocese of St. Thomas and beyond.

Before closing, we wish to thank you, Bishop Feudjio for allowing us to share your joy as we planned, coordinated and executed what we pray will be an everlasting memory for you.

May the blessings of the Risen Christ be with you now and forever,

The Episcopal Ordination Executive Committee  
And  
Subcommittees



Your Excellency,  
May the Holy Spirit shine  
brightly in you as you  
serve the community of God's  
people.

Congratulations!

*Cardou*

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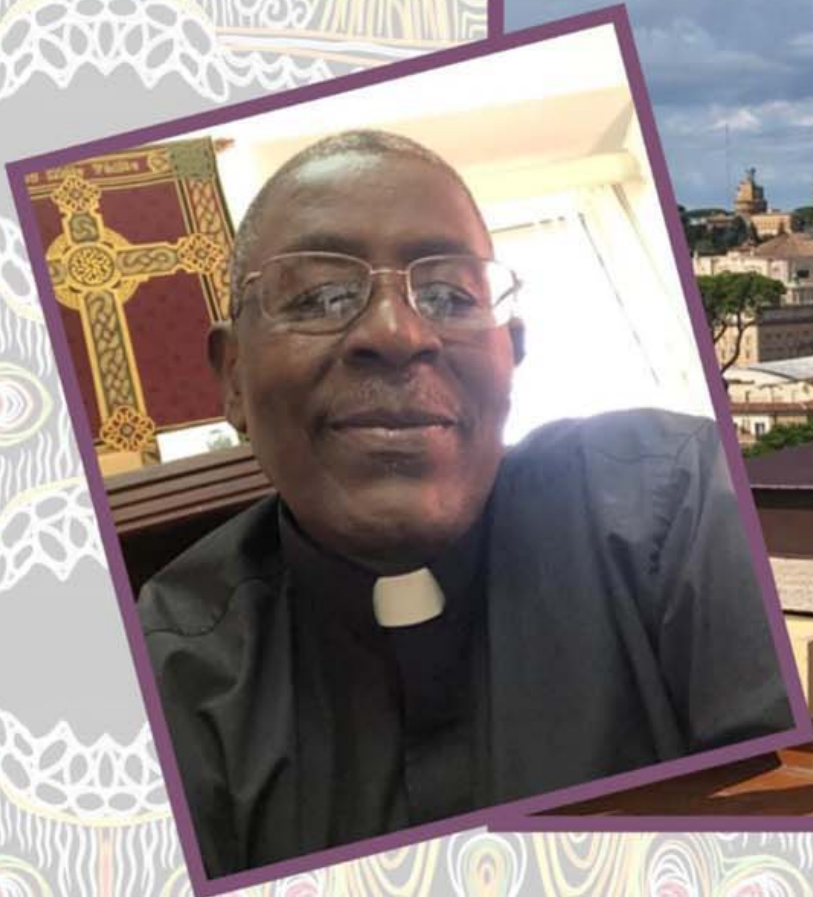
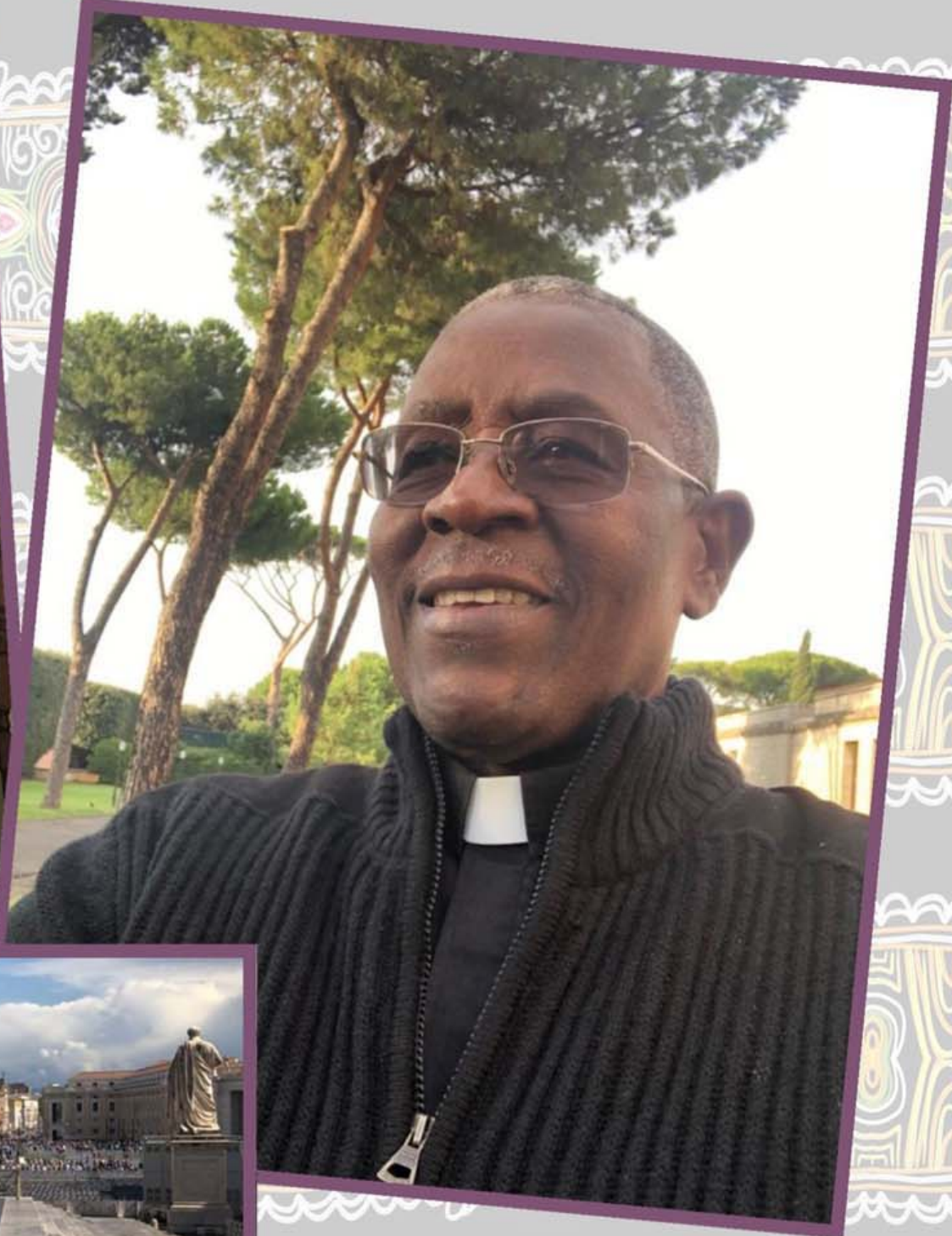
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Congratulations  
His Excellency  
Bishop Jerome Feudjio

*May the Lord Bless you*

*And protect you*

*May the Lord smile on you*

*And be gracious to you*

*May the Lord show you His favor*

*And give you His peace*

*-Numbers 6:24-26*

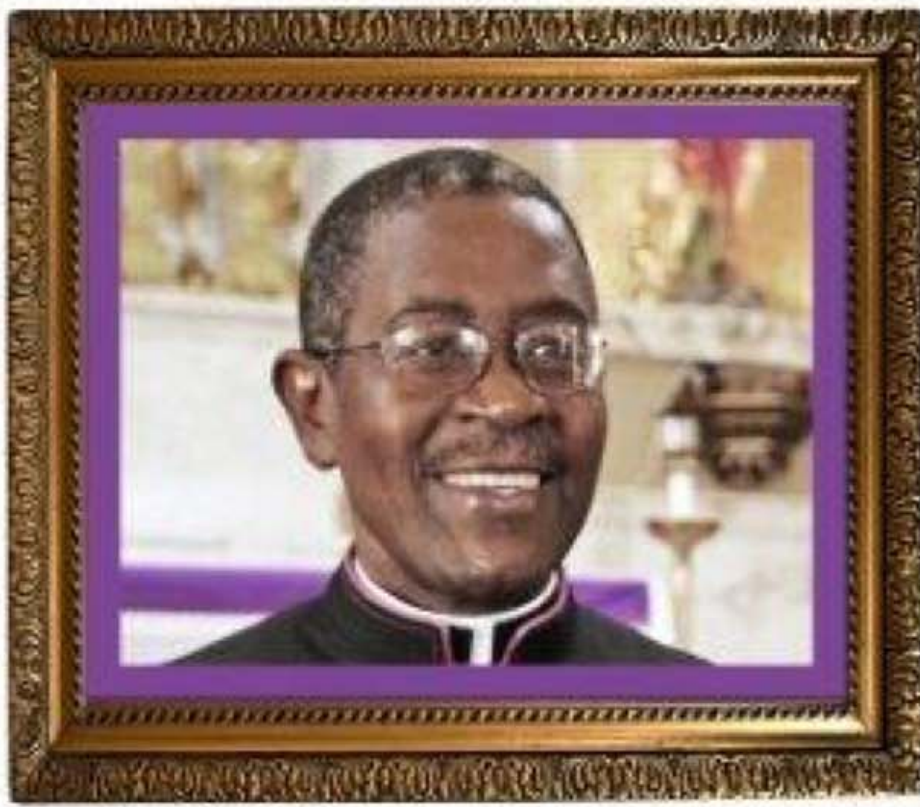
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*Carmen R. Sibilly and Family*

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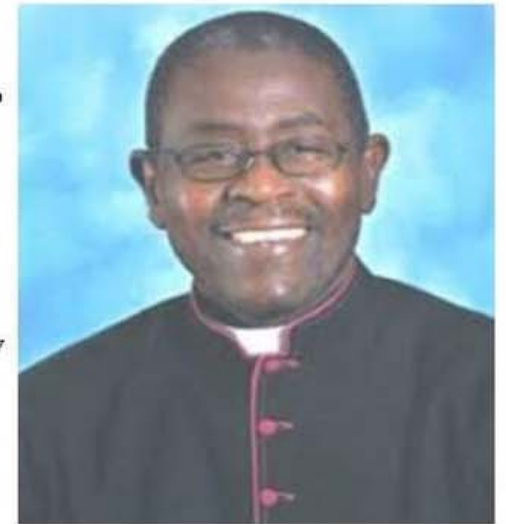
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We can't question God's plan and wisdom. We know he has a plan for us all. A particular plan was put for Father Jerome who was made Vicar general and later bishop. An African made Bishop of Saint Thomas Virgin Island. It is indisputable that God created him and gave him knowledge, wisdom, faith, which all makes you a good leader. Yes leadership skills is innate in him. He went to the United States ahead of us and made us join him.

He was the flag bearer of our new mission in Saint Thomas Virgin Island. He was God sent and a man full of human and spiritual qualities and full of discernment. We were enabled by him who helped us cross the seas and mountains and share our life-Religious with the universal church. Our presence and house there is thanks to Monsignor Jerome who as vocational director of the Diocese, hand in hand with Bishop Herbert invited and welcomed the Congregation in 2014. Yes, like any other hero, he surely passed through challenges and misunderstanding even from his own people. With the lord he is going from success to success in the glory of the Lord. He has been an example of tolerance and forgiveness.

Monsignor without discrimination and fear, has supported the local church of Saint Thomas in all its diversities, as well as mission stations and the Diocese. As a good pastor or shepherd of his flock he worked restlessly to see his dream come true.

As Monsignor, Jerome is a good example to follow. He is level headed, a born leader, loving, vigilant and caring and a father for us. He knows how to chastise and correct the people he is working with. With all these qualities, the pope chose him to be a bishop in a far country.

We thank God for this appointment as the sixth Bishop of Saint Thomas Diocese. We pray the lord for anointing him with all the talents of a good shepherd.

His excellence, Bishop Jerome, being known as a normal human being, you passed through dark days like the Lord Jesus Christ did, but light is now with you. Your master Jesus a Green Tree is now glorified after passing through many obstacles. Be sure of one thing your Excellency, "he will ever be with you".

We renew our commitment in prayers and promise to cooperate with you and help so that things move and you do your heart's desire- the salvation of souls entrusted into your care. Our entire Congregation is grateful for your guidance.

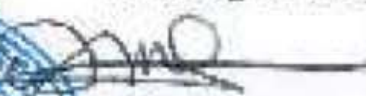
His worship, we know that many more good things are on the way for you, for we have a good and merciful God. "His mercy never come to an end; and they are new every morning".

Congratulations once more your Excellency.

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## **A BRIEF HISTORICAL OVERVIEW: THE CHURCH IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

Written by Dr. George Franklin

The Catholic Church in the Virgin Islands began with the advent of Christopher Columbus, the first Catholic to land on the shores of the "Virgin Islands" in 1493, on the island of St. Croix. The actual history of the Church started in 1650 when a French expedition from St. Kitts invaded St. Croix and took the island away from the Spanish. Shortly after the island was conquered two Jesuit priests established a mission on St. Croix at the request of the French Regent. One priest died and the other withdrew to St. Christopher. There was sporadic visitation of clerics along the way but many did not remain long because of frequent illness and death.

In 1650, the French Dominicans signed a contract to establish a mission on St. Croix. Two priests, Frs. Mamez le Clerc and Fr. Dubois, stayed on the island until they were replaced by two other priests in 1666. One of the new priests died within a month upon arriving on St. Croix. Nonetheless, they did establish a mission in the Salt River area on St. Croix where the first church in the Virgin Islands was built. The exact location of this site, called Les Jacobin Estate, is yet unknown.

Circa 1672, the Danish West Indian and Guinea Company settles on St. Thomas and establish Lutheranism as the official religion of the Danish West Indies. Limited religious toleration was granted to other religions. Thirteen years later, in 1685 Denmark proclaimed religious tolerance for Jews and Catholics, allowing only private worship. In 1687 a census on St. Croix showed there were three churches, one male religious and 1,162 Catholics. Eight years later the number of churches on St. Croix increased to four, with two priests and 1,227 Catholics, of which 551 were slaves. While in 1701, Fr. Jean Baptiste Labat found only one white and a few black slaves on St. Thomas were Catholic.

Fast forwarding to 1752, a Catholic plantation owner name Nicolas Tuit, newly arrived from Montserrat, requested permission to build a church and invite sufficient priests to care for Irish and Englishmen working on his plantation. He appealed to the Irish Dominicans for help. The first Dominican missionaries arrived in 1760. In 1755 Nicolas Tuit built a church in Christiansted, St. Croix. However, because of the high demand for priests, Mr. Tuit invited secular priests to the mission. These secular priests were to be chaplains to the planters and as such did not interfere with the work of the Dominican mission.

In 1773, Fr. Peter Sellarolli was named the first pastor on St. Thomas, conducting Masses in rental homes. Five years later, in 1778, Fr. Cellon gave the first baptism on November 22 in the newly constructed church site of Sts. Peter and Paul in Charlotte Amalie. This was known as the French Church and records were kept in French. A disastrous fire broke out in the town in 1804, destroying 600 buildings including the Roman Catholic Church, as well as the Dutch Reformed Church and the Jewish Synagogue. In 1825 another massive fire in Charlotte Amalie once again destroyed the Catholic Church on St. Thomas. A new Church was consecrated in 1828.

In 1804, the Catholic Church in the Danish West Indies was placed under the Diocese of Baltimore, with Archbishop John Carroll as the Ordinary of the Diocese. Later in 1819 the Church was placed under the Diocese of Trinidad, under Bishop James Buckely.

St. Ann's Church on St. Croix was consecrated in 1823. St. Patrick's Church in Frederiksted, St. Croix, was dedicated in 1846 by Archbishop Richard Smith of Trinidad. The Catholic Church in Christiansted, St. Croix, was officially erected in 1849 and given the name of Holy Cross. Later, in 1850, the Diocese of Roseau was established and the Catholic Church of the Danish West Indies was transferred to the new Diocese.

Due to a schism in the church on St. Thomas, in 1856 Pope Pius IX requested the Redemptorists to take charge of the church of St. Thomas. The first Redemptorist arrived in 1858. The Redemptorists have been serving in our Diocese ever since. Fr. Louis Buggenmons, C.S.S.R., started a parochial school, a Catholic hospital and a college on St. Thomas, which closed its doors in 1877. Meanwhile in 1865, construction of the Catholic School in Frederiksted was begun. In 1866 the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny arrived in St. Thomas. They were the first administrators of the Catholic hospital and also opened a free school for girls. Of special note, in 1880, Fr. Michael Naughten, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Frederiksted, was appointed bishop to replace Bishop Rene C.M. Poirier, C.J.M., of the Diocese of Roseau, who died two years before. In 1881, Fr. Charles Warren Currier, C.S.S.R., who was born on St. Thomas was ordained a priest. He became the bishop of Montanzas, Cuba, in 1913. In 1891, the Redemptorists took charge of the church in Frederiksted and later in 1897 they took charge of the Church in Christiansted and built a school.

In 1900, Bishop Naughten died and was later replaced by Fr. Phillip Schelfault, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul church on St. Thomas. Bishop Schelfault, in 1914, invited the Sisters of the Missionary Canonesses of St. Augustine, later renamed the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, ICM, to take charge of the Redemptorist schools on St. Croix. The chapel of St. Anne's on St. Thomas was dedicated in 1921 for the French speaking people. There was a transfer of the Virgin Islands from the Diocese of Roseau to the Diocese of San Juan, Puerto Rico, in 1924. Later in 1926 the Chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Estate Elizabeth was completed and dedicated. The first Catholic high school, Sts. Peter and Paul was started on St. Thomas in 1946 with the first graduating class in 1950. Also in that same year St. Joseph Chapel on St. Croix was built by Fr. Mark Knoll.

In 1960, the Prelature of the Virgin Islands was established with Redemptorist Fr. Edward J. Harper as the first bishop. Bishop Harper served in this capacity until his retirement in 1984.

The Prelature of the Virgin Islands was attached as a Suffragan to the new Metropolitan See of Washington, DC, in 1965. The Prelature of the Virgin Islands was established as a Diocese in 1977 with Bishop Harper as the first residential bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. On August 2, 1984, the Rev. Sean O'Malley, OFM, Cap., from the Archdiocese of Washington DC, was ordained Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese. This was the first time a bishop was ordained in the Virgin Islands. Bishop O'Malley was installed as the second Ordinary of the Diocese in October 1985. In the same month Bishop Edward Harper retired as Bishop, after 50 years of priesthood and twenty-five years as Bishop of the Diocese. Bishop O'Malley served until he was summoned by Pope John Paul II to the Diocese of Falls River, Massachusetts. On December 12, 1993, Fr. Elliott Griffin Thomas became the first diocesan priest of the Diocese of St. Thomas to be named Bishop of the Diocese. He served as bishop until 1999, when Bishop George Murry, auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, was named Coadjutor Bishop of the diocese. Bishop Murry was later transferred to the Diocese of Youngston, Ohio in March of 2006. Bishop Herbert Bevard was installed as the fifth Bishop of the diocese in 2008 and served until 2020.

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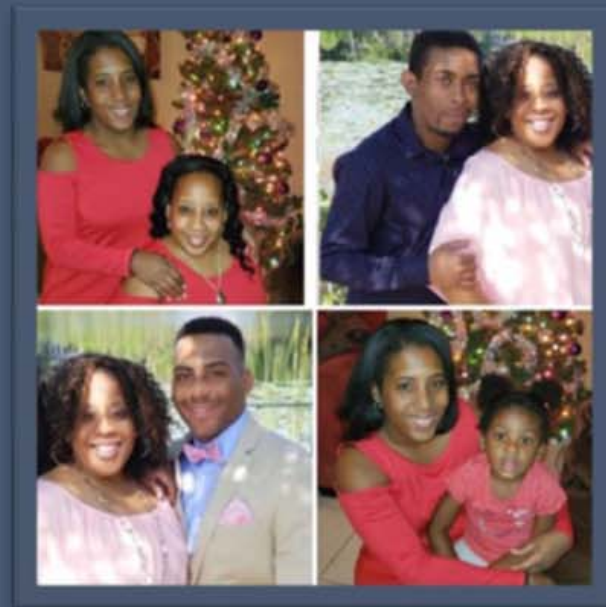


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*May God Bless you and Keep you!*



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to Christ, the Good Shepherd.  
May he endow you with wisdom  
and ever deepening holiness  
as you guide the flock  
entrusted to your loving care.  
Congratulations Msgr. Jerome Feudjio  
as you begin your service to the  
holy people of God.*



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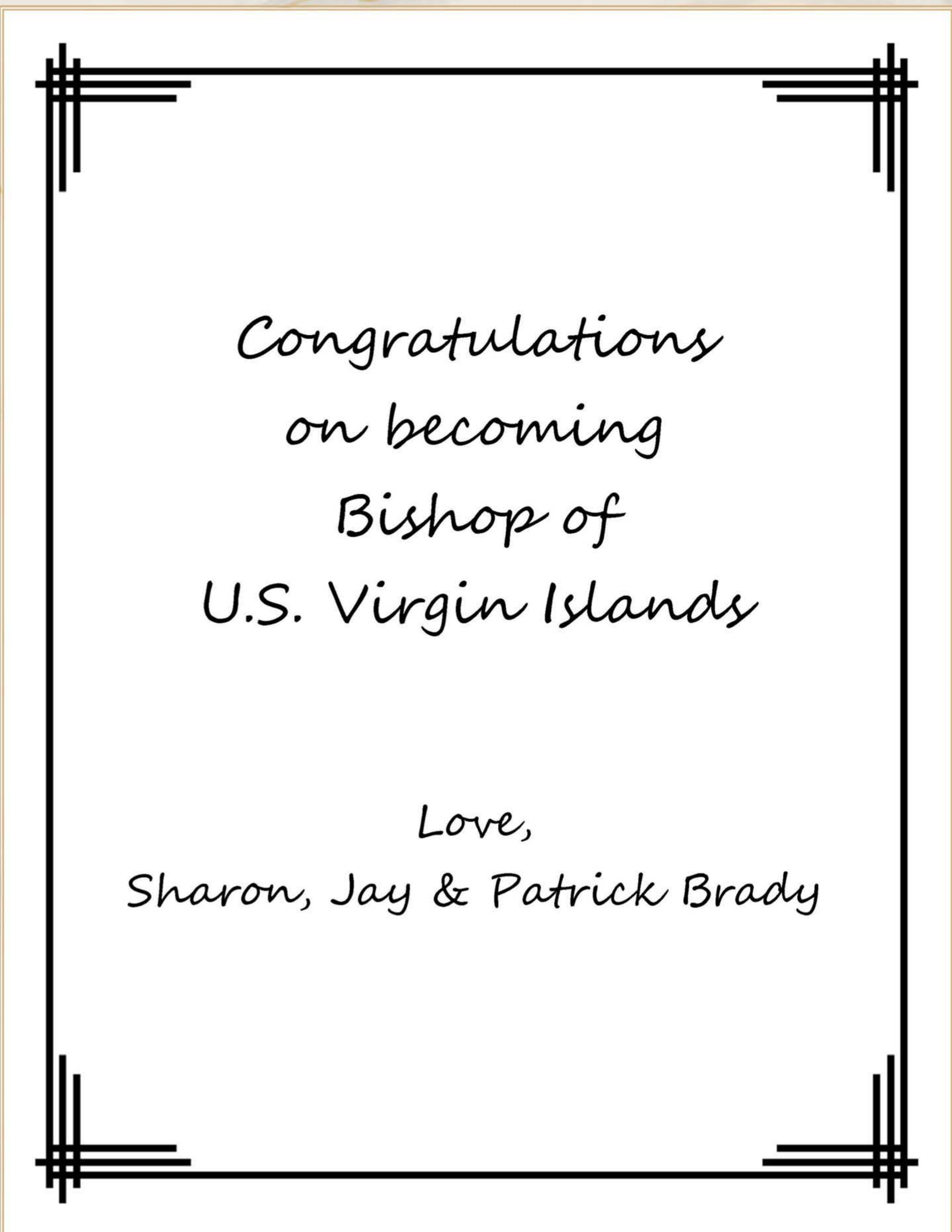
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We thank Almighty God for appointing our new bishop to us. Our gratitude is a little tempered by the fact that many who have lived the life of a bishop often point out that it might be a good idea to offer sympathy and prayers to a new bishop. The task of the bishop is a sublime one. A successor to the apostles, the bishop is called to follow the Master in his thankless trek to Calvary where the glory of God and the salvation of souls are accomplished..

My dear brother in the priesthood, Msgr. Jerome, sincerely I want to express good wishes and prayers for you as you accept the task the Lord has given you, to be our new shepherd. I want to assure you of my support and prayers. In those times when the Cross becomes a bit heavy, may the advice of your patron St. Jerome be not far from your thoughts: "We must love Christ and always seek Christ's embraces. Then everything will seem easy."

On behalf of St. Joseph parish, may St. Joseph the foster father of our Lord and the husband of Our Lady always defend you with his prayers. May Our Blessed Lady guide and protect you with her powerful motherly care. May Jesus always show you mercy and gladden your heart! God bless you bishop Jerome.

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Dear Bishop Elect Jerome,

It is a good thing to be chosen by God.

God knows our weaknesses and he knows our strengths. He knows what we can do. I thank God for your yes and your many years of service to God's church. I pray God will continue to give you the grace to shepherd his flock and a wisdom like Solomon.

I look forward to working with you in this new era in the life of the Diocese.

Lord, our God, you have chosen your servant Jerome to be the shepherd of your flock in the tradition of the apostle. Give him a spirit of knowledge and love by governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care. May He build your church as a sign of salvation for the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

In Christ,

Rev. Fr. Anthony Abraham  
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*Heartfelt congratulations to  
our wonderful new  
Bishop Jerome Feudjio.  
May he have many happy and fruitful years  
as he guides the Catholic people of the  
Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.*



*Bishop Herbert A. Bevard  
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# **Congratulations**

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**To**

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**And the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands**

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***May the Lord bless you and keep you, fill your life with His joy and sustain you by His grace.***

**GOD BLESS ALWAYS,  
Jemma Carrabon**

Dear Bishop-Elect Jerome,

Congratulations on your ordination as Bishop of the Virgin Islands. I hold fond memories of our days at SPPS High School. You as Campus Minister, whose guidance and assistance was always appreciated. We were also grateful for your presence at our dinner table at our home in Brassvue on several occasions.

Angela and Xavier join us in wishing you God's richest blessings as you continue your work to serve our spiritual Virgin Islands Community.

Love, Peace and Blessings,

Dennis and Anna Mae Comment

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**Extend congratulations to our Spiritual Advisor, Bishop Jerome Feudjio.**

We are extremely happy that you are now our Bishop.

We pray that God will continue to richly bless you, guide you and give you the knowledge and wisdom necessary to shepherd His people.



*Congratulations Bishop-Elect  
Jerome Feudijo*

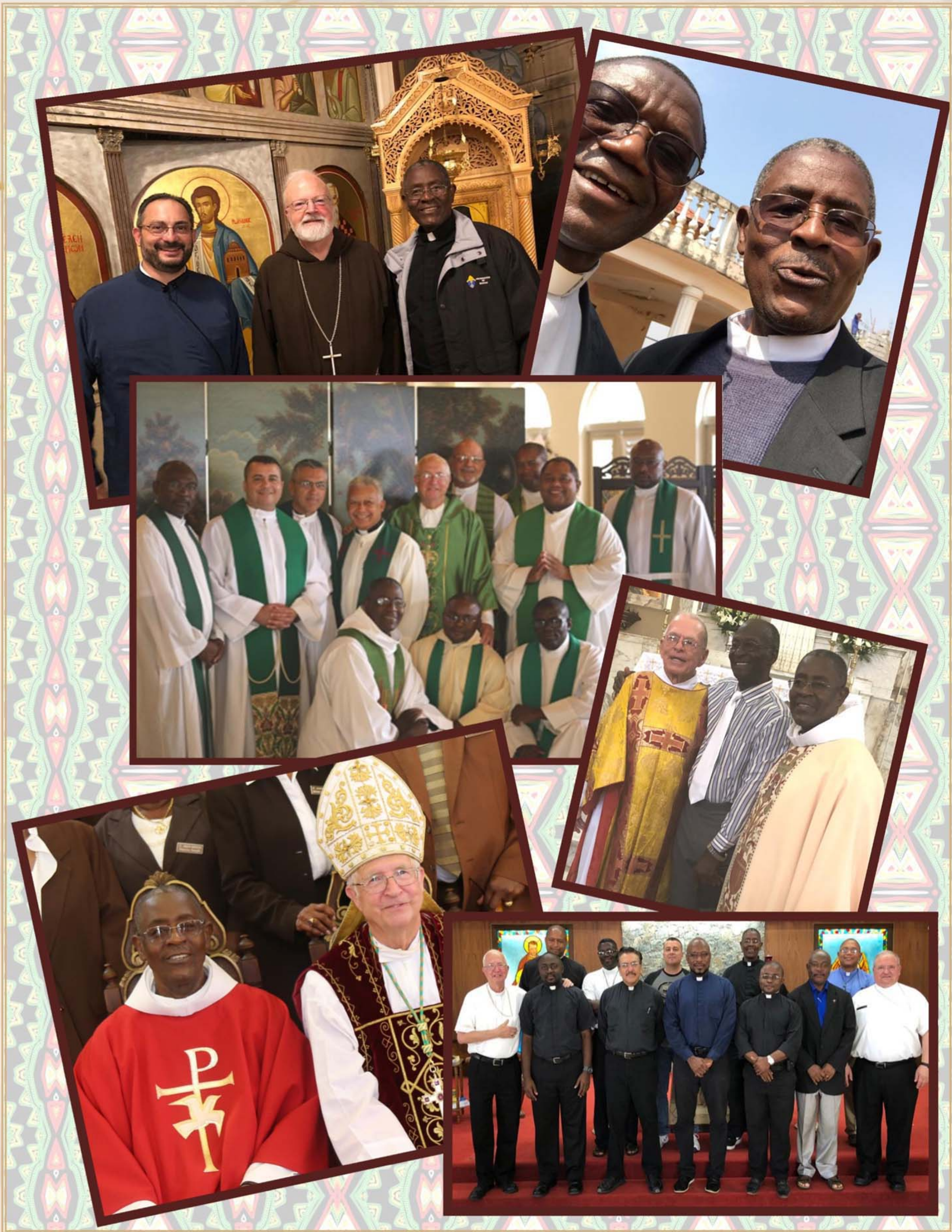
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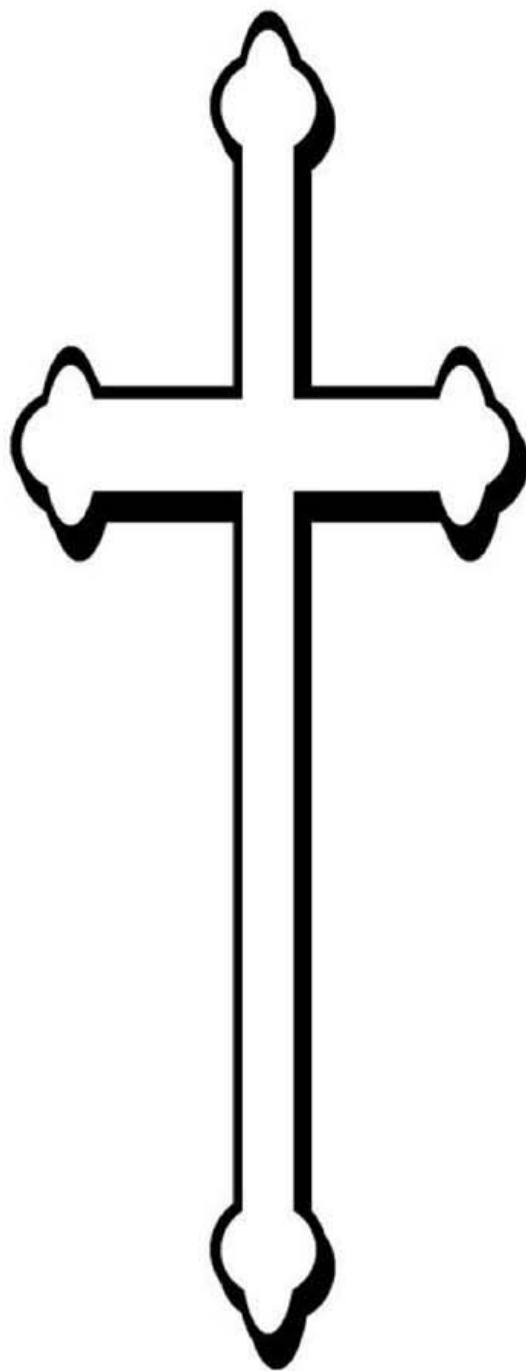
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Congratulations and Blessings  
on your ordination  
Bishop Jerome Feudjio!

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**May God bless  
Bishop Jerome Feudjio  
on his ordination as the sixth  
Bishop of the Roman Catholic  
Diocese of Saint Thomas in the  
Virgin Islands.**

**Sincerest Congratulations from  
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Blessings and Graceful Congratulations Bishop Jerome of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. It is the greatest joy of my life to hear the exceptional news of your elevation and ordination to the rank of Bishop, of St. Thomas. Well done good, and faithful servant.

In the words of St. John the Apostle, "I pray that God our Creator, and Christ our Redeemer, with the fellowship of the Spirit, will release to you overflowing grace, mercy, and peace, filled with true love in your ministry." 2 John 3.

Peace to you my friend and brother!  
- Dr. George Franklin



Congratulations  
Monsignor Jerome Feudjio  
on your ordination as  
The Sixth Bishop  
of the  
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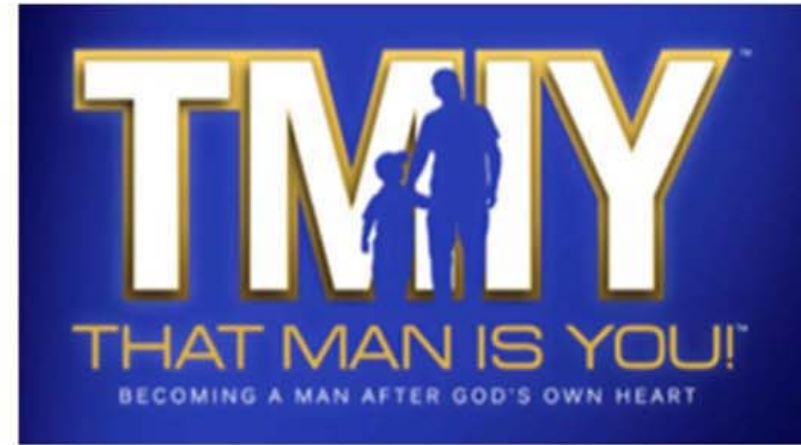
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# Congratulations to Monsignor Jerome Feudjio on his selection as Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

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May the Wisdom of God Instruct You,  
May the Hand of God Protect You,  
May the Word of God Direct You.

***Daniel's Family***



*God has chosen you as a true witness to Christ, the Good Shepherd. May He endow you with wisdom and ever deepening holiness as you guide the flock entrusted to your loving care.*

***Congratulations***  
*as you begin your service to the Holy People of God.*

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### Most Reverend Bishop Jerome

Congratulation on your appointment to lead our diocese for the coming years!  
 I want to thank you for your insightful mentorship in my priestly life in the U.S. Virgin Islands.  
 May Almighty God endow you with more spiritual wisdom and zeal for ministry in our local Church so that our entire community will continue to grow in the love of Christ and the love of each other under your leadership.  
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April 6, 2021

Your Excellency:

God has chosen you as a true witness to Christ, the "Good Shepherd" (John 10:11).

"I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding" (Jeremiah 3:15).

May he endow you with his wisdom and ever deepening holiness as you lead the flock entrusted to your loving care.

Please, accept my prayerful congratulations and best wishes as you begin your ministry as the 6th Bishop of our Diocese.

Asking Your Excellency's blessing, I am,

Yours respectfully,

Rev. Boniface-Blanchard M. Twaibu  
Pastor

St. Thomas April 5, 2021

Your Excellency!

On behalf of Holy Family Church, Fr. Francis, Deacons Staff and Volunteers and the Haitian's Catholic Community of the Virgin Islands, I congratulate you on your Episcopal Ordination as the sixth Bishop of The Diocese of St Thomas in the Virgin Islands. May Almighty God continue increase in you what he has started long ago.

God has chosen as true witness to Christ, the Good Shepherd. May he endow you with wisdom and ever deepening holiness as you guide the little flock of the Virgin Islands entrusted to your loving care.

May our Blessed Virgin, our Lady of Perpetual Help wrap you under her mantle of protection, so that your Episcopacy may be successful in every way. Go further for your journey has just begun. The same who has called you to shepherd his flock will give you all the strength and courage that you need to accomplish this mission.

Congratulations as you begin your service to the holy people of God.

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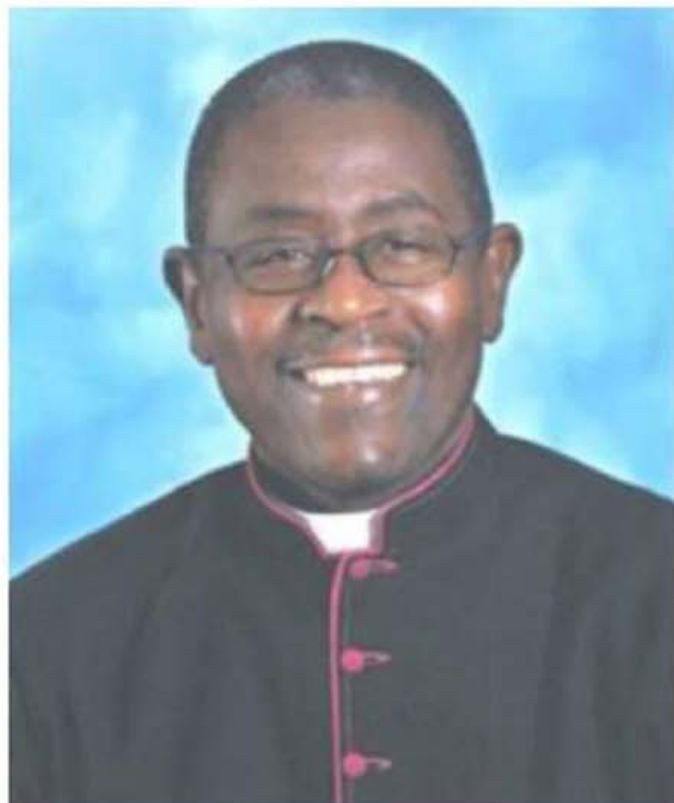
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## **Congratulations to Bishop Jerome Feudjio**

**With a great sense of happiness today, and as a Catholic, my family and I congratulate you on your appointment as the Sixth Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas in the U. S. Virgin Islands.**

**This appointment and the unwavering support for you to take this role represent a promising new phase in the Catholic Church's history here in these beautiful islands. Your valuable work comes at a pivotal time in the Virgin Islands church history, as the Church seeks innovative and creative ways forward in light of the many challenges. The Church is discerning its relationship with the Territory anew. It appears to be working toward redefining its place and identity in light of the reality of an increasingly multi-religious society. Respectfully, we ask that you continue to facilitate dialogue around sensitive issues of moral discernment. You have been serving with distinction and unselfishly educating others in Christianity in the Virgin Islands for years, and we are grateful for that.**

**My entire family wishes to offer you our encouragement and support to your leadership during these challenging times. We know that you see in these dynamics the potential for Virgin Islanders to embrace and appreciate the Church for future generations. We are confident that with your skills in community-building and collaboration, you will have much to offer to the Church and our society. We encourage you to continue embracing your vocation as an excellent catalyst for greater participation in the Church. We assure you of the Virgin Islands community's eagerness to work with you in your new role, and we ultimately look forward to your contributions to the ecumenical movement.**

**We extend good wishes for God's richest blessings, our prayers, and pray for God's divine intervention for your continued protection during this most arduous journey. God bless you.**

**Again, congratulations!**

**Adlah A. Donastorg, Jr & Family**







*Congratulations  
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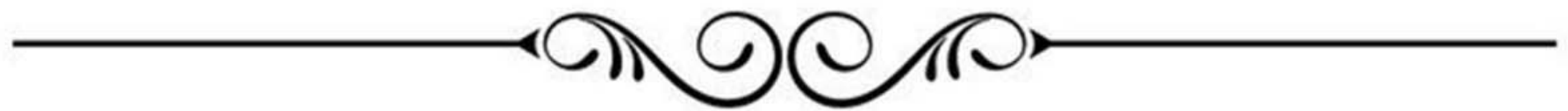


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Jerome Feudijo.*

*May the Holy Spirit guide you  
in all your endeavors.*

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*Congratulates*

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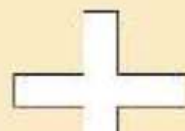
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Blessings on your ordination and installation as the 6th Bishop  
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Pray for him!

*Prayerful Congratulations and Best Wishes*

*To*

*The Very Reverend Monsignor Jerome Feudjio*

*On his Ordination and Installation as the  
Sixth Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese  
of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands*

*Yvonne E. L. Thraen, Ph.D.*

**Congratulations to  
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and  
Our Blessed Mother Mary  
Be Always with  
Bishop Jerome Feudjio*



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*-Ephesians 1:16*

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-1 Corinthians 15:58*

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- Psalms 92:6

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