

BISHOP VINCENT DARIUS, O. P.



On the 10th July 2002, Bishop Vincent Darius, O.P. was appointed as the fourth Bishop of the diocese of St. George's in Grenada and ordained on 2nd October 2002.

Bishop Vincent Darius was born in Crochu, St. Andrews, Grenada, on 6th September 1955. He was educated at the Crochu R.C. and the Grenada Boy's Secondary Schools. He taught for three years at the Pomme Rose R.C. School before entering the Dominican Order in 1978 at Mt. St. Ervans, Grenada. He entered the Novitiate in 1979 at Holy Cross Priory, Arima, Trinidad. His studies for the priesthood were done at the Regional Seminary of St. John Vianney and the Uganda Martyrs, Trinidad and the Universidad Central de Bayamon, Puerto Rico. He also did a Graduate Certificate Course in Spiritual Direction at the Aquinas Institute of Theology at St. Louis, Missouri, USA.

He was ordained to the priesthood on 26th June 1987 by the late Bishop Lester Guilly in his childhood parish of St. Martin de Porres, Crochu. A year later he was elected Prior of the Dominican House of Formation in Puerto Rico. On returning from Puerto Rico [he] was appointed parish priest of St. Paul's and a year later parish priest of Grand Anse. In 1989 he was appointed by his Dominican brethren as Promoter of Justice for the Caribbean and served for a period of six years. He was elected the first Prior of the newly established Priory at Roxborough, St. Paul's and served for two terms.

In the Diocese Bishop Darius held many positions including that of Diocesan Consultor and member of the Priests' Council. In 2002 the Antilles Episcopal Conference appointed him to the Regional Seminary of St. John Vianney and Uganda Martyrs as Spiritual Director.

Bishop Darius has the distinguished honor of being the first Grenadian Bishop and the second Dominican to be made Bishop of the Diocese. The other was the late Bishop Justin Fields, O. P. Presently there is one other Dominican Bishop in the Caribbean, Bishop Robert Rivas of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

In 2003 Bishop Darius received an Honorary Doctorate, in Humanities and the ex-Alumni Association award for outstanding achievement from the Universidad Central de Bayamon in Puerto Rico.

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