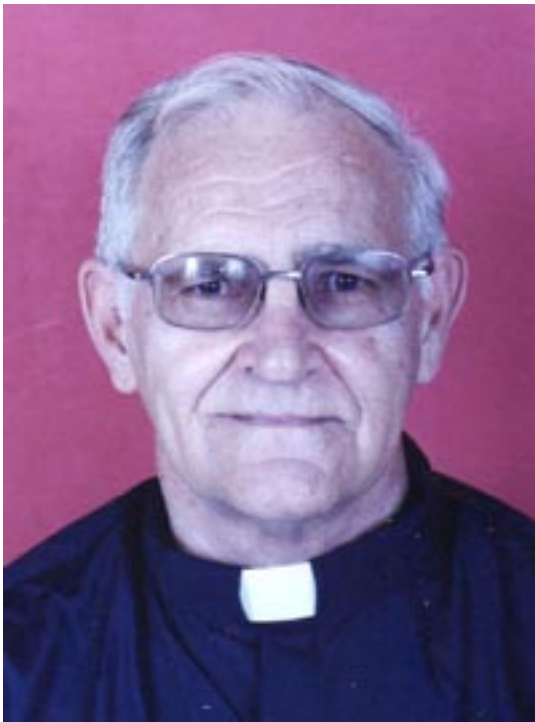


(CCCB – Ottawa)... Last week, Pope Benedict XVI created the Diocese of Yoro, Honduras, which resulted from the division of the Archdiocese of Tegucigalpa, and appointed Reverend Jean-Louis Giasson, P.M.E., as Bishop of this new diocese.



Bishop-elect Giasson was born in 1939 at Islet-sur-Mer, in the Diocese of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, Quebec. In 1965, he was ordained to the priesthood after joining the Société des prêtres des missions étrangères (P.M.E.).

The bishop-elect is well acquainted with Honduras as he has been a missionary there since 1966. He has occupied a number of positions: spiritual director and rector of a seminary, pastor of parishes as well as spiritual counsellor. He has been the regional superior for the Society in Honduras since 2003.

Bishop-elect will be ordained Bishop of Yoro on 12 December, at a celebration in Progreso, the largest city in the diocese.

In all, there are 10 Canadians in active episcopal ministry outside Canada. Other than Bishop-elect Giasson and two of his brothers in the Society who are also posted in Honduras, six are in charge of dioceses in the United States, New Guinea, Peru, Malawi, Chad and Uganda. The tenth, Archbishop Michael Miller, C.S.B., is Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education in Rome.

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