

DDG REPORT FEBRUARY 2014.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy"
(Mt. 5:7).

Firstly I wish to reiterate a fraternal welcome to our diocese and to this meeting of beginning year, of our group of Dominican development.

My report on the meeting held in Nebraska in October covered much of what has been the life and mission of the Dominican Episcopal Church in 2013, so I will just inform subsequent topics.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

You are informed about the initiative taken by the Missionary Society, TEC, to help the Dioceses of Province IX to achieve financial sustainability, for which the Executive Council, at its meeting in the first week of February, approved a resolution which will provide \$ 1,000,000 to each diocese, starting with our diocese in 2015, and then continue with Honduras in 2018. After receiving the indicated amount, plus allocations no longer receive from TEC to the diocesan budget. This had been previously treated, at a meeting of the bishops of Province IX and representatives of TEC, led by Bishop Stacy, which was held on November 8 to 10 in Puerto Rico.

As you are aware, we are receiving from TEC \$ 227,000 a year. We think that a million dollars invested in RD, currently can generate about \$ 100,000 a year, so we have to make efforts to produce by other means the remaining \$ 127.500. To achieve this, we must find ways to add to the FOCA \$ 1,275,000. This would raise the FOCA to the approximate amount of \$ 8,100,000. This is the required amount that will be needed to continue operating as now.

Diocesan efforts to reach 100 % of our sustainability have been affected by the difficult economic situations that are experiencing many of our congregations, as well as part of our schools. And it seems that the global economy, and particularly the emerging countries, is entering a period of decline, which could be extended for the next 3-5 years, according to economic analysts.

CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

Several of our Churches are very advanced in their construction process. Some of them could not be consecrated because they lacked finishing details. We hope to bless in 2014 to several as: San Miguel in Doña Ana, St. Bernabé in Pizarrete , San Jorge in Azua, San Pablo and San Lucas in San Isidro, and we trust that it is possible Espiritu Consolador in Dajabón and San Simón in the area of San Marcos, Puerto Plata.

The Church of La Resurrección Mission in Las Carreras continues slowly for lack of financial resources.

Work continued slowly working on the final details of the building at Camp Bob Stevens of Jarabacoa.

Some finishing details and kitchen equipment, dining and meeting hall Bishop Skilton Center, and the first of the three bedrooms, are stalled for lack of funds.

The Santa Cruz Vocational School in Santa Fe, which received an UTO grant, is being built rapidly and we expect to be completed in May.

We have also continued the construction of the Center for Retirement and Living in Paul and Luke Morrow Santana.

La Encarnación School in La Romana has grown in student population, financial resources it needs to add 4 new classrooms for the next school period.

The College in Jimaní soon will need to build new classrooms in the second level.

We asked one UTO grant for the construction of the temple and classrooms for the Mission Santa Ana, in the area of Mendoza, in Santo Domingo.

We received the approval, a matching grant of \$ 100,000 from TEC to purchase a home in Hato Mayor, which must be

repaired and equipped for the use of the Mission Cristo Libertador, as for a children school program as well. The money will be delivered in three portions, but we have to complete the others \$ 1,000,000, which have not yet.

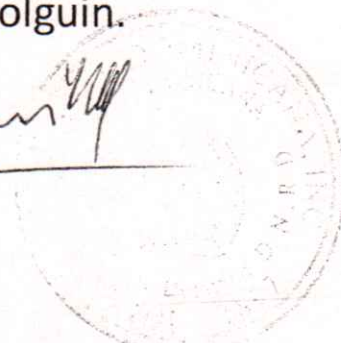
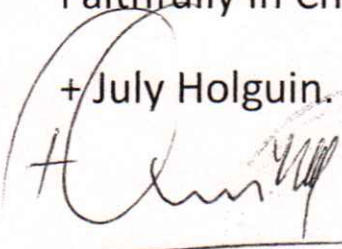
Finally, we need to buy a building or land for the Mission San Bartolomé in San Cristobal. There we have a mission for nearly 20 years, which has not been fully developed by the lack of a Church.

COADJUTOR BISHOP

We are preparing to start the process to elect a Coadjutor Bishop. This process can take up to 18 months, with the Standing Committee like the entity that should assume greater responsibility in leading the process. After the election and consecration of the Coadjutor, we will dispose of up to three years to decide the date of my retirement. We are going to keep you informed of the process.

Faithfully in Christ,

+July Holguin.



The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "July Holguin". Below the signature is a horizontal line. To the right of the signature is a circular official seal. The seal is embossed and contains the text "DIOCESIS DE SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS" around the perimeter and "CHIAPAS MEXICO" in the center.