

The Birth of the Diocese.

April 1999 - The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines adopted a resolution to divide the Diocese. The resolution proposed that the New Diocese shall be composed of the Greenfield, Cornfields, EMprov, Pacific Coast, Nv-Ifugao and Bonsai Deaneries while the Continuing Diocese shall be composed of the Central, Sagada, Besao, Kinali, Tadian, Titus and Bauko Deaneries.

May 1999 - The ECP National Synod meeting in Manila approved the resolution of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines to divide and allowed the diocese to elect its bishop.

April 2000 - Last convention of the undivided Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines meeting at St. Benedict's Parish, Besao, formally effected the division. The Continuing and New Diocese meet in separate sessions went on to constitute their vital committees. The New Diocese constituted the Constitution and Canons, Finance, Building/ Infrastructure and Primary Convention Preparation Committees. The New Diocese was given an interim name of Episcopal Diocese of North Eastern Luzon. The Constitution and Canons Committee started drafting the Constitution and Canons of the New Diocese. The Bishop of the Continuing Diocese acting as Bishop-in-charge, directed the Finance office to start separating the books of the two dioceses. Mr. Patrick Pelenia took the challenge to be Finance Officer of the New Diocese. The Bishop also appointed an assistant Development Officer in the person of Rev. Clarence Olat in anticipation of the Division of the Diocese. Mr. Victor Ananayo, Data and Resource Officer of the continuing diocese was tasked to prepare the necessary legal Instruments and documentations.

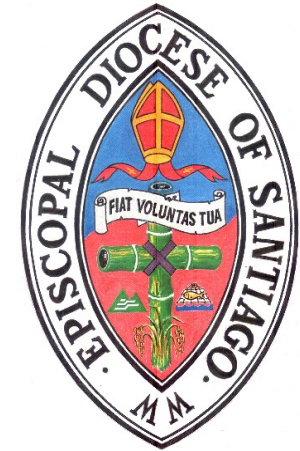
May 2000 - The New Diocese with the Finance Office and Development Office set up a temporary base at the former CCG Teacher's quarter within the premises of St. Mark's Parish, Batal, Santiago City. The base office doubled as quarters for the staff and volunteers.

November 7-10, 2000 - The inaugural convention of the New Diocese was held at the Banaue Resort, Bayumbong, Nueva Viscaya convened and presided over by the Most Rev. Ignacio Soliba, Prime Bishop of the Episcopal Church. In the same convention, the Constitution and Canons was ratified, the new name which is **Episcopal Diocese of Santiago** and the Diocesan Motto "**Fiat Voluntas Tua**", were adopted. The Standing Committee was constituted and members thereto were elected. Members to the various Diocesan committees were appointed. In the same inaugural convention, the First Diocesan Bishop was elected at the first balloting by a majority of the Clergy and Lay Delegates voting in separate orders, first in the history of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

April 25, 2001 - On the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist, and in a make-shift tent cathedral at the present site of the Diocesan Center, the Prime Bishop Ignacio Soliba presiding with Bishops Joel Pachao, Edward Malecdan, James Manguramas, Renato Abibico, Benjamin Botengan, Miguel Yamoyam, Narciso Ticobay, Manuel Lumpias, Richard Abellon of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP), Bishops Isaac Aliaga, Eulogio Pandongan and Tito Pasco of the Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI), and Archbishop Peter Kwong of the Province of Hong Kong and Canon Geoff Smith, Director of the Anglican Board of Mission, Australia as the Preacher; Ordained, Consecrated and Installed the Rt. Rev. Alexander Wandag as first Diocesan Bishop.

Motto:

"FIAT VOLUNTAS TUA"
"Your will be done"
(Derived from the Lord's Prayer.)



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*General Geographical Characteristic
of the Diocese*

Mountainous parts of Eastern Mountain Province, Ifugao, Quirino and Nueva Viscaya.



The flat lands of the Provinces of Isabela, Nueva Viscaya and Quirino



The coastal towns of the provinces of Aurora and Isabela



VISION 2018

We envision a Dynamic and Vibrant Diocese of Caring, Witnessing and Mission Oriented Parishes.

MISSION

We shall endeavor and persevere to Grow, Glow and Go, Maximize our Resources in pursuit of the Vision in a manner that shall be deliberate, coordinated and participatory among the Diocesan Staff, Clergy, Lay Ministers, Deanery Officers, Officers of Church Organization, Vestries & Mission Councils, Board of Trustees, Board of Directors and the General Members.

GOAL

By God's grace, we hope to established Self Governing, Self Propagating and Self Reliant Parishes full of Love, Hope and Charity.

Programs

- 1. Christian Education**
Sacramental Service
Bible Study/Sunday School
Vacation Church School/ Campaigns
Church Music
Children and Youth Ministry
Recruitment and Training for the Ordained Ministry
Continuing Clergy and Lay Education
- 2. Development and Social Ministry**
Community Based Development Projects
Health Education and alternative health care.
Relief and Rehabilitation
Advocacy, Networking, Partnership and Conflict Resolution
- 3. Development Foundation and services.**
Micro-financing/lending Services
Transport and Marketing
Income Generating Projects

Statistical Information

Lay Eucharistic Ministers	66
Lay Preachers	2
Lay Readers (on training)	18
Sun. School Volunteer teachers	16
VCS Volunteers teachers	16
Seminarians	5
Pastor Interns	5
Deacons	2
Priests	19
Priest (overseas)	1
Priests (re-tired)	2
Diocesan Bishop	1
Bishop (re-tired)	1
Diocesan Staff(Clergy and Lay)	12
Deaneries	6
Parishes	4
Aided Parishes	4
Provisional Aided Parishes	23
Organized Missions	4
Preaching Stations	9
Target communities	20
Children's Guild	5
Community "Botica" Pharmacy	3
Development Foundation	1
Credit Cooperative	1
Community Cooperatives Assisted	11
ECW (women) Chapters	27
BSA (men) Chapters	14
SKEP (Youth) Chapters	16
Membership	5,803