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## **PRESS RELEASE**

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed ***Reverend Father Alain Ransay, of the clergy of Saint-Pierre et Fort-de-France (Martinique), Bishop of the Diocese of Cayenne - French Guyana.***

Reverend Father Alain Ransay was born in La Trinité in Martinique on November 11, 1961. After obtaining a scientific secondary school certificate at the Lycée de la Trinité in Martinique in 1981, he completed his diploma of general university studies (DEUG) in Mathematics at the University of the Antilles and Guyana, in Martinique, in 1983.

Between 1986 and 1988, he attended the Seminary of Avignon, France. From 1988 to 1992, he was a student at the University Seminary and at the Catholic University of Lyon, where he finished in 1992 with a canonical Licentiate in Theology.

He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Saint-Pierre and Fort-de-France on December 27, 1992, in Sainte-Marie in Martinique by the Most Reverend Maurice Marie-Sainte, Archbishop of Saint-Pierre et Fort de France. He is fluent in French, Creole, English and Spanish.

He has held the following offices:

- 1992: Parish Vicar in Lamentin

- 1993-1995: Parish Administrator of Trois-ilets, Preacher of evangelization missions and spiritual retreats (Martinique, France, Guyana, Africa, Lebanon ... etc) (1993)
- 1995-1997: Parish Priest of DeBriant
- 1997-1998: Parish Priest of Sainte-Marie parish
- 1998-2000: Pastor of the parish of Lamentin
- 2000-2005: Chancellor, Diocesan Treasurer, hospital Chaplain, Moderator of the parish team of Robert, Martinique (2008)
- 2005-2008: Spiritual Director and Teacher at the Seminary of Lyon, France, Teachers' Chaplain (Catholic Action) (2008)
- 2008-2014: Pastor of Saint-Christophe parish
- 2014-2016: Pastor of the parish of Marin and Sainte-Anne, teacher of moral theology at the Diocesan Institute of Religious Studies Gaston Jean-Michel (2016), Teacher at St. John Paul II Seminary (2016), Pastor of Notre Dame de Bellevue parish (2016)
- 2016-2018: Diocesan Director of Catholic Education, Vice-president of the European Catholic Institute of the Americas (2018)
- 2017: Episcopal Delegate for the Pastoral of Education
- 2020: Secretary of the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council.

Given at the Office of the Antilles Episcopal Conference Secretariat, Port of Spain, Trinidad on the 9th day of December, 2020.

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