



Very Reverend Marcos Leon-Angulo

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge has announced the appointment of Father Marcos Leon-Angulo, V.F., as Diocesan Vicar for African Ancestry Ministry and Evangelization (AAMEN). Father Leon succeeds Msgr. Thomas P. Hadden, who retired from the position on August 26, 2011.

Father Leon serves as Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Whiteville and is Dean of the Cape Fear Deanery. A native of Peru, Father Leon was ordained a Priest in the Diocese of Raleigh May 31, 2003, by Bishop F. Joseph Gossman. He has served as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary Church in Wilmington, Infant of Prague Church in Jacksonville and St. Mark Church in Wilmington. Bishop Burbidge appointed Father Leon Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in 2007.

"I am extremely confident in Father Leon's ability to serve as Vicar for African Ancestry Ministry and Evangelization," Bishop Burbidge said in announcing the appointment. "Father Leon has prepared himself for this position through his recent studies and by working closely with his predecessor, Msgr. Hadden. All associated with African Ancestry Ministry and Evangelization will benefit greatly by Father Leon's pastoral concern, zeal and enthusiasm. I assure him of my fervent prayers and constant support, especially as he assumes this new and essential responsibility in the life of our Diocese."

"I am pleased to know the confidence and trust Bishop Burbidge has in appointing me to succeed Msgr. Hadden," Father Leon said. "I have been involved in African Ancestry Ministry since I was a seminarian and my interest grew when I served as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary Church when Msgr. Hadden was Pastor."

Noting the courses he has taken at Xavier University in New Orleans on Black Catholic Spirituality, Father Leon said he looks forward to continuing the dedicated work of Msgr. Hadden in developing a closer relationship among all people so, as in the prayer of Jesus, "That all be one Father as I and You are One."

Father Leon's appointment as Vicar for African Ancestry Ministry and Evangelization was effective August 26, 2011.

Born in Peru, June 2, 1971

Master in Philosophy from Seminario Mayor San Carlos y San Marcelo in Trujillo, Perú

Master in Divinity from Saint Mary Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland 2003

Bachelors in Theology from Saint Mary Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland 2003

Master in Theology from IBCS-Xavier University of Louisiana 2011

Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Whiteville and Our Lady of the Snows Mission in Elizabethtown since 2007

Appointed Vicar Forane (Dean) of Cape Fear Deanery in 2008

Appointed Vicar for African Ancestry Ministry since August 26, 2011