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~ Turks & Caicos Islands, B.W.I. ~

“Go, therefore,
make disciples of
all nations...”

(Mt. 28:19)

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★ A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2011 ★

Winter 2010

Priests in the Mission

Rev. Msgr. Peter Baldacchino,
*Pastor of Our Lady of Divine
Providence Church, Providenciales*

Chancellor
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Rev. George Klybus,
Rev. Bruno Sammarco,
*Parochial Vicars,
Our Lady of Divine Providence
Church, Providenciales*

Rev. José Amante Abalon
*Pastor of Church of the Holy Cross,
Grand Turk*

Rev. Giuseppe Fedele
Parochial Vicar, Grand Turk

**Thank you
for your continued
prayers and support!**

Following the aftermath of Category 5 Hurricane ‘Ike’ in early September 2008, which utterly destroyed the priests’ accommodations in Grand Turk, **Holy Cross Church** has now started construction on its new Rectory, located next to the Church. Our priests have since been living in trailers, whose presence in the vicinity of the Church has proved to be beneficial to the pastoral outreach of the parish.

We welcome **Fr. Giuseppe Fedele**, Parochial Vicar at Holy Cross Church, previously assigned to The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A. He replaces **Fr. Basil Lek** who took up his new assignment in Fairbanks, Alaska.



Above: Priests’ accommodations were completely destroyed by Hurricane Ike.

Top Right: Temporary accommodations in Trailers next to Holy Cross Church.

Right: Fr. Giuseppe Fedele is welcomed by parishioners.



Archbishop Myers’ Pastoral Visit 12 - 15 February 2010



His Grace, Archbishop John Joseph Myers, Ecclesiastical Superior of our *Missio Sui Iuris*, conferred the sacrament of Confirmation upon 18 candidates from among our youth. During his visit we had the occasion to present to him the main activities of the Mission. On his previous visit he had dedicated Holy Family Academy, our parochial school, which at the time had started with 8 students. Today His Grace was glad to find a vibrant Catholic institution with more than 60 children in attendance.

He also met with Governor Gordon Wetherell (left) and discussed with him the situation of the Islands, referring in particular to our missionary presence here in this multi-ethnic environment.

In addition, during the mass for the sacrament of Confirmation, His Grace blessed the first stone of our new Church (right), which is now already under construction.

This year, after a long period of study, the project of our new church has come to fruition. Designed by an Italian architect, this project received the approval of our ecclesiastical authorities and later from the local civil authorities.

Following a competitive tendering process, the construction phase was entrusted to a company from the Dominican Republic which has already started the work. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed within 2011. At that stage we will be able to use the Church for our liturgical activities.



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