

Archbishop Christophe Pierre
Papal Nuncio to the United States

Archbishop Christophe Pierre was born in Rennes, France. He completed his primary education in Madagascar, and his secondary schooling in France and in Morocco. When he was growing up, he was introduced to Carmelite spirituality through his mother's copy of *I Want to See God* by Bl. Marie-Eugene of the Child Jesus. He attended the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Rennes and the Catholic Institute of Paris.

He was ordained a priest in 1970. Then he earned a Master's Degree in Sacred Theology in Paris and a Doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome. He completed his studies at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, in Rome. In 1977 he began his service in the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See.

Subsequently, he served in New Zealand, the Islands of the Pacific Ocean, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Cuba, Brazil, and at the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

He was elected Titular Archbishop of Gunela on July 12, 1995, and received the Episcopal Consecration on September 24, 1995, in Saint-Malo, France.

Archbishop Christophe Pierre served as Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti (1995 - 1999), to Uganda (1999-2007) and then to Mexico (2007-2016). He was appointed as Apostolic Nuncio of the United States of America by His Holiness, Pope Francis on April 12, 2016.

Archbishop Pierre speaks French, English, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese.

We are very honored that Archbishop Pierre will preside and preach at Mass on Saturday morning, **June 22** in the main Ballroom. He will also be speaking to us after the **banquet** that evening.