



THE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF KEREN

<p style="text-align: center;">Patron Saint: Saint Michael Archangel. Keren is the capital city of Anseba zone. The Eparchy of Keren was established by the Apostolic constitution "Communitates in Urbe" 21st. of December 1995, with its first Eparch H.B. Abune Tesfamairam Bedho. The new Eparchy of Keren comprises the former Senhit and Sahil provinces of Eritrea.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ordinary H.B. Abba Kidane Yebio Born at Shinnara 25 Jan. 1958 Ordained priest 30 June 1985 Appointed bishop 04 January 2003 Consecrated at Keren 02 March 2003 Enthroned at Keren 02 March 2003 Residence: Eparchy of Keren, P. O .Box 460 Keren Tel. 291 (1) 401 907 Fax. 291 (1) 401 604</p>
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<p>Presbyteral Council Abba Tesfazghi Uqbit Abba Habtemichael Bahlibi Abba Negusse Fisseha Abba Andemariam Michael OFM .Abba Mekonnen Amanuel Abba Hagos Tewolde (Lazarist) Abba Mehari Woldemariam Abba Uqbaghaber W/ghiorgh Abba Zerehaymanot Sium Abba Dawit Zeremariam Abba Woldenariam Yohannes OFM Abba Yosief Solomon Abba Dawit Hadgu Abba Kifleyesus G/silasie Abba Yonas Uqbet Abba Istifanos Berhane OFM</p>	<p>College of Counsultors Abba Mehari Woldemariam Abba Yosief Solomon Abba Habtemichael Bahlibi Abba Mekonnen Amanuel Abba Uqbaghaber W/ghiorgh Abba Zerehaymanot Sium Abba Dawit Hadgu Abba Yonas Uqbet Abba Semharay Z/selasie</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Curia Officials</p> <p>Protosyncellus: Abba Habtemichael Bahlibi Chancellor: Abba Meconnen Amanuel Economus: Abba Yonas Uqbet</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff</p> <p>Sr. Ifret Kiflom Secretary General Sr. Minia Tseggai Health Dept Head Ghirmay Tekie Education Dep't assistant</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Inter-Eparchial Tribunal For the Eparchies of Keren and Barentu</p> <p>Location: Keren Preside: Abba Habtay Judicial Vicar Associate judges: Abba Mebrahtu Tesfaghiorighis Abba Tesfazghi uqbit Difesor Vincoli: Abba Dawit Zeremariam Promotor of Justice: Abba Mehari W/mariam Notary: Abba Zerhaimanot Seyum</p> <p>Minor Seminary P. O. Box 21, Keren Tel. 291 (1) 401 040 Rector: Abba Habteleul Ghebray Assistant: Abba Ukbazion Kibreab Seminarrians: Minor:- 75 Major Seminary - Philosophy Theology students = 28</p> <p>Development department head Sr. Sara Michael Pastoral Dep't head Saba Ghebre Assistant Pastoral Dep't. Yemane Mebrahtu Communication Dep't head Sr.Ritama Women's promotion head Saba Woldai Women's promotion assistant head</p>
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PRIESTS

Name	Date of Birth	Ordination	Location	Assignment
Abba Tesfalidet Teclmichael	5/1/1923	19/4/1959	Keren	Retired
Abba Mehari Woldemariam	15/3/1932	20/12/1961	Keren	Retired
Abba Kiflemariam Fadega	1/1/1934	19/12/1965	Keren	Retired
Abba Tesfazghi Uqubit	18/4/1935	19/11/1967	Hashela	Parish Priest
Abba Yosief Solomon	3/1/1944	28/4/1974	Wasdemba	Parish Priest
Abba Habtemichael Bahlbi	16/8/1944	28/4/1974	Asmara	Lecturer
Abba Yacob Tesfu	14/9/1954	3/10/1978	Halhal	Parish Priest
Abba Mebrahtu Tesfaghiorgis	19/5/1947	29/12/1978	Asmara	Lecturer
Abune Kidane Yebio	25/01/1958	30/6/1985	Keren	Eparch
Abba Mekonen Amanuel	19/2/1961	19/7/1987	Asmara	Perefect of Studies
Abba Uqubaghabir Wodeghiorghis	12/2/1964	15/7/1990	Asmara	ErCS SG
Abba Dawit Z/Mariam	10/2/1966	16/7/1995	Ashera	Parish Priest
Abba Uqubamariam Ukub	11/3/1964	16/07/1995	Keren	Parish Priest
Abba Ghebil Ghebremeskel	11/7/1976	14/7/1996	Asmara	Spiritual Director
Abba Zerhaimanot Seyum	28/11/1966	25/7/1999	Gezabanda Keren	Parish Priest
Abba Medhane Negusse	26/11/1969	25/7/1999	Shinara	Parish Priest

Abba Dawit HADGU	22/9/1970	25/7/1999	Keren	Rector Seminary
Abba Uqubatzion Kibreab	4/6/1970	14/5/2000	Keren	Asst M Semin
Abba Khaleb Eman	1972	22/7/2001	Hadish Adi	Parish Priest
Abba Tzehaye Kiflemariam	8/11/1975	22/07/2001	Hagaz	Parish Priest
Abba Yonas Uqubit	14/01/1977	22/07/2001	Keren	Bursor
Abba Amine Uqube	2/1/1973	21/07/2002	Glass	Parish Priest
Abba Fesseha Ankere	29/04/1974	21/7/2002	Boggu	Parish Priest
Abba Semharay Z/Selasie	7/11/1974	21/7/2002	Halibmentel	Parish Priest
Abba Mekonen Habtai	25/12/1976	21/7/2002	Wesbensiouq	Parish Priest
Abba Kibreab Meskel	15/01/1961	25/04/2004	Asmara	Bursor MS
Abba Hiruy Kifleyesus	10/11/1974	25/04/2004	Keren	Asst Parish Priest
Abba Seyum Tewelde	15/10/1975	25/04/2004	Kerotnegar	Parish Priest
Abba Tikabo Ezaz	30/7/1974	13/03/2005	Halibmentel	Asst Parish Priest
Abba Yebio Berhane	26/04/1974	13/03/2005	Glass	Asst Parish Priest
Abba Ghebreil Eyob	8/1/1976	3/7/2005	Hadish Adi	Asst Parish Priest
Abba Rufael Habte	13/10/1976	3/7/2005	Ashera	Asst Parish Priest

Priest of the Eparch in Study Abroad

Abba Kibrom Tseggai	24/03/1943	3/11/1978	Ghanna
Abba Estefanos Tesfamariam	23/05/1961	15/07/1990	Rome/Italy
Abba Zenihret Berhane	24/03/1963	16/07/1995	Rome/Italy
Abba Issaias Abrehe	7/11/1963	16/07/1995	Rome/Italy
Abba Ghebremedhin Fessehaye	6/12/1967	16/07/1995	Rome/Italy
Abba Habteleul Ghebray	24/03/1967	14/07/1996	Rome/Italy

Priests of the Eparch in Pastoral Services Abroad

Abba Ashafa Kidanemariam	13/01/1945	19/11/1967	Sweden
Abba Kibreab Saad	3/2/1951	29/12/1979	Germany
Abba Negusse Fesseha	29/07/1956	1/7/1984	USA
Abba Beyin Ghebru	5/3/1964	5/7/1991	Italy
Abba Ghebriel Woldai	26/07/1966	25/07/1993	USA

General statistics of the Eparchy of Keren

Total Population	450,866	
Number of Catholics	49,959	
Languages	Blin, Tigre, Tigrigna	
Parishes	36	
Chapels	57	
Catechists	110	
Education	Elementary schools	15
	Junior & Senior schools	3
	Kindergartens	4
	Agricultural College	1
Social Welfare	Orphanages	2
	Women's Promotion centers	7
Health units	Health centers	3
	Health station	5