

## **Most Rev. Kidane Yebio** **Bishop of Keren**



His Excellency Bishop Kidane Yebio was born in Shnara, Eritrea on January 25, 1958.

He complete his elementary studies at St. Joseph school in Keren, a school run by De La Salle Christian Brothers, from 1969-1973.

In 1974, the young Kidane Yebio joined the minor seminary in Keren and two years later moved to the major seminary in Asmara where he completed high school (1976-1980).

After completing high school he pursued his studies at Asmara University where he studied Biology and other the basic sciences from 1980-1982.

From 1983-1985 he studied at the Theological Institute in Asmara and was ordained a Priest on June 30, 1985. Abba (Father) Kidane Yebio was sent to Rome. In Rome, he studied Biblical Theology at the St. Thomas University (Angelicum) from 1986-1988 earning a Licentiate (M.A) degree.

Following Biblical Theology studies Abba (Fr.) Kidane Yebio continued to study Oriental Canon Law at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome from 1988-1990 and earned a Licentiate (M.A) in Canon Law.

While studying in Rome, for four Summers, Abba (Fr.) Kidane Yebio, worked in Long Island, NY (USA) assisting in a Parish and acquiring valuable pastoral experience. At this time he was also actively involved in the translation of Mass, parts of the New Testament and other liturgical prayers to the Blin language.

Abba (Fr.) Kidane Yebio has also written a study paper titled “Religion of the Bilin people.” Abba (Fr.) Kidane Yebio is fluent in the following Languages: Blin, Tigre, Tigrigna, Amharic, English and Italian.

Abba (Fr.) Kidane Yebio served as: Pastor of Haddish Addi from 1991-1992, director of major seminary of Asmara from 1992-1993, taught Bible and Canon law at Asmara Theological Tnstitute from 1992-1993, Vicar general for the Western Eparchial Vicariate of Keren from 1993-1995, Pastor of Shinnara, Jengeren, Halhal and Afabet from 1993-1997, Vicar general of the Eparchy of Keren and Pastor of Bambi from 1996-2002.

After serving as the Vicar general for the Eparchy (Diocese) of Keren (1996-2002), **Abba Kidane Yebio was Consecrated Bishop of Keren March 02, 2003** as the second Bishop of Keren.



**Bishop Kidane Yebio visiting the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI**

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