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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed the Right Reverend Gabriel Malzaire, Bishop of Roseau, Dominica, and President of the Antilles Episcopal Conference, as the new Metropolitan Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Castries, St. Lucia.

Gabriel Malzaire was born in Mon Repos, Saint Lucia, on 4 October 1957. After his formation at the Regional Seminary St John Vianney and Ugandan Martyrs in Trinidad and Tobago, on 28 July 1985 he was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Castries. During the years of his ministry, between 1984 and 1987, he served as assistant in the parish Our Lady of Assumption in Soufriere, St. Lucia. From 1987 to 1989, he studied for his Master of Arts in Theology-Missiology at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, United States of America. Between 1989 and 1992 he was the Deputy-Director of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center of Castries, St. Lucia, and Assistant in the parish of the Good Shepherd in Babonneau, St. Lucia.

From 1992 to 1993 he was parish priest at St. Lucy's Church in Micoud, St. Lucia. Between 1993 and 1996, he was involved in formation at the Regional Seminary St. John Vianney and Ugandan Martyrs of Trinidad and Tobago, where he was also teacher of Theology. He spent in Rome the years 1996-2000, studying for the Licentiate and Doctorate in systematic Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, where he obtained the Doctorate degree with a thesis on the relationship between Eucharistic Theology and the social doctrine of the Church, according to the Magisterium of St. Paul VI on the poor and the suffering.

From 2000 to 2002, he was involved in formation and was a teacher for a second time at the Regional Seminary St John Vianney and Ugandan Martyrs of Trinidad. On 10 July, 2002 he was appointed Bishop of Roseau, Dominica, and received the episcopal ordination on 4 October 2002. From 2017, he was elected President of the Antilles Episcopal Conference (AEC).

His installation will take place on Mercy Sunday, 24th April, 2022.

Given at the Office of the Antilles Episcopal Conference Secretariat, Port of Spain, Trinidad on the 11th February, 2022.

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