



Father Eusebio Ramos Morales, a priest of the Diocese of Caguas, Puerto Rico and member of the class of 1982 at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, has been named first bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Fajardo-Humacao in Puerto Rico. He is currently Pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Parish in Fajardo and Moderator of Caguas' Presbyteral Council.

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, announced in March erection of the new diocese with territory from the Archdiocese of San Juan and from the Diocese of Caguas, making it a suffragan see of the Metropolitan Church of San Juan.

The Bishop-elect was born in Maunabo, Puerto Rico, in 1952. He studied science and biology at the University of Puerto Rico, earning a bachelors degree. Before entering the seminary, he taught at a school in Maunabo. He attended St. Vincent de Paul and at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome where he earned his License in Theology.

Bishop-elect Morales was ordained a priest June 3, 1983 and served as the Spiritual Director and then Rector of the Seminary in Caguas, Pastor at "Sweet Name of Jesus" Parish and Professor of Dogmatic Theology at the Major Seminary.

The new diocese is 574 square kilometers in size and has a Catholic population of nearly 98,000 served by 21 parishes, 17 diocesan priests, five priests from religious orders, three seminarians in the major seminary, 21 permanent deacons and 5 female religious. The parish church of St. James the Apostle in Fajardo will be the Cathedral of the new diocese. There are now six ecclesiastical jurisdictions in Puerto Rico.