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Archbishop Carlos Duarte Costa, ordained a priest within The Church of Rome on 1 April 1911, was consecrated to be the Roman Diocesan Bishop of Botucatu, Brazil, on 8 December 1924. His public statements on the treatment of the poor in Brazil (by both the civil government and the Roman Church) resulted in his removal as Diocesan Bishop of Botucatu. Bishop Duarte Costa was subsequently named Titular Bishop of Maura by Pope Pius XII (Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli).

Archbishop Duarte Costa's criticisms of the Vatican, particularly the policy towards Nazi Germany, were not well received. He was formerly separated from the Church of Rome on 6 July 1945 after his strong and repeated public denunciations of the Vatican Secretariat of State for granting Vatican Passports to some very high ranking Nazis.

Some of the most notorious Nazi war criminals (e.g. Adolf Eichmann and Dr. Josef Mengele, the "Angel of Death,") escaped trial after World War II using Vatican Passports to flee to South America. The government of Brazil also came under the Bishop's criticism for collaborating with the Vatican on these passports.

Bishop Duarte Costa espoused what would be considered today as a rather liberal position on divorce, challenged mandatory celibacy for clergy, and publicly condemned the perceived abuses of papal power (especially the concept of Papal Infallibility, which he considered misguided and false). He founded the autonomous Igreja Catolica Apostolica Brasileira (<http://www.igrejabrasileira.com.br/>) immediately upon his separation from The Church of Rome (6 July 1945) and remained Primate of this jurisdiction until his death in 1961.

Archbishop Luis Castillo Mendez was consecrated by Archbishop Duarte Costa on 3 May 1948. He succeeded Archbishop Duarte Costa as Primate and Patriarch of the National Catholic Apostolic Churches (Igreja Catolica Apostolica Nacionales) in 1961. Upon his passing in 2009 he was succeeded as President of the Council by Dom Josivaldo Pereira de Oliveira.

In addition to the autonomous Igreja Catolica Apostolica Brasileira (ICAB), there are sister jurisdictions in thirteen other countries in the Western Hemisphere, Europe, the Pacific and in Asia, including: Argentina (ICAA), Chile, Venezuela, Cuba, Mexico, Spain, Germany, France, Portugal, Australia, the Philippines, Canada and the United States of America, with over 12 million members.

It may be of interest to consider Bishop Salomao Ferraz. He was a Roman priest who left that jurisdiction to join the new autocephalous Brazilian Church. He was consecrated to the office of bishop by Archbishop Carlos Duarte Costa for the Igreja Catolica Apostolica Brasileira in 1945. In 1958 he was reconciled with the Church of Rome (during the pontificate of Pope Pius XII). The Vatican appointed him Titular Bishop of Eleuterna on 12 May 1963. Although married, Bishop Ferraz was later appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Rio de Janeiro by Pope John XXIII. Pope Paul VI appointed Bishop Ferraz to serve on a commission of the Second Vatican Council; he even addressed the Council Fathers.

This is mentioned only to point out that Bishop Ferraz was never re-consecrated by the Roman Church, not even conditionally (*sub conditione*)! He was also allowed to keep his wife while serving and functioning as a Bishop of the Church of Rome! Later, he was buried with the full honors accorded a Bishop of the Church of Rome. The Vatican, by accepting Bishop Ferraz without any reconsecration, affirmed *de jure* and *de facto* the sacramental validity of the Apostolic Succession received via Abp. Duarte Costa.

The Apostolic Episcopal Church has been in intercommunion with the Igreja Catolica Apostolica Brasileira since 1987. In 2010, the Ecclesia Apostolica Divinorum Mysteriorum was founded under charter by the Archbishop of the Apostolic Episcopal Church in Great Britain, who thereby became the first Metropolitan Primate of the new body.

The Apostolic Succession from St Peter through the line of the Papacy is followed until:

Pope Benedictus XIV (1675-1758)

(Prospero Lorenzo Lambertini)

consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 19 March 1743:

Carlo della Torre Rezzoni (1693-1769)

(Pope Clement XIII, 1758)

who assisted by Archbishop Scipio Borghese and Ignatius Reali consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 26 April 1767:

Bernardinus Cardinal Giraud (1721-77)

who assisted by Archbishop Marcus Antonius Conti and Bishop Iosephus Maria Carafa consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 23 February 1777:

Alexander Cardinal Mattei (1744-1820)

who assisted by Bishop Geraldus Macioti and Bishop Franciscus Albertini consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 12 September 1819:

Petrus Franciscus Cardinal Galeffi (1770-1837)

who assisted by Archbishops Ioanne Franciscus Falzacappa and Iosephus della Porta Rodiani consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 8 December 1822:

Iacobus Philippus Cardinal Fransoni (1775-1856)¹

who assisted by Patriarch Joseph Valerga of Jerusalem and Bishop Rudesindus Salvado consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 8 June 1851:

Carolus Cardinal Sacconi (1808-89)

who assisted by Archbishop Salvator Nobili Vitelleschi and Archbishop Franciscus Xaverius Fridericus de Morode consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 30 June 1872:

Edward Cardinal Howard (1829-92)

who assisted by Archbishop Alessandro Sanminiatielli Zabarella and Bishop Giulio Lenti consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 8 December 1882:

Count Mariano Rampolla Cardinal del Tindaro (1843-1913)

who consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 26 October 1890:

Joaquin Arcoverde Cardinal de Albuquerque-Cavalcanti (1850-1930)

who consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 4 June 1911:

Archbishop Sebastiao Leme da Silveira Cintra (1882-1942)

who assisted by Dom Alberto Jose Goncalves and Dom Benedito Paulo Alves de Souza consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 8 December 1924:

Dom Carlos Duarte Costa (1888-1961)

¹ Pope Benedict XVI is in succession from Cardinal Fransoni.

Patriarch, Igreja Catolica Apostolica Brasileira (1945)²
who consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 3 May 1948:

Dom Luis Fernando Castillo Mendez (1922-2009)

Patriarch, Igreja Catolica Apostolica Brasileira (1961)

Patriarch, Communion Igreja Católica Apostólica Nacionais (1990)

who assisted by Dom Melquiades Rosa Garcia and Dom Bartolomeus Sebastiao Vilela
consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 30 January 1985 at the Catedral de Nossa
Senhora de Medalha Milagrosa, Brasilia, Brasil:

Dom Forest Ernest Barber (1922-92) [Tau Gregorius]

Bishop-Primate, Igreja Catolica Apostolica Dominicana (Communion Igreja Católica
Apostólica Nacionais) and Bishop of Santo Domingo, ICAB (1985); Archbishop of the
West Indies, later of the Philippines, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (Holy Orthodox
Catholic Apostolic Church in the Philippines) (in communion with the Igreja Catolica
Apostolica Brasileira) (1988); Archbishop, The Philippine Independent Church (1986),
who assisted by Archbishops Emile Federico Rodriguez y Fairfield of the Mexican
National Catholic Church and Paul G. W. Schultz of the Apostolic Episcopal Church,
Mexican National Catholic Church and Philippine Independent Church, consecrated to
The Sacred Episcopate on 14 June 1987 at Guardian Angel Chapel, Glendale, California:

Dom Nils Bertil Persson (1941-) [Mar Alexander]

Bishop-Primate, Katolska Apostoliska Kyrkan i Sverige (The Catholic Apostolic Church
in Sweden of the Communion Igreja Católica Apostólica Nacionais) (1987); Primate, The
Apostolic Episcopal Church (in communion with the Igreja Catolica Apostolica
Brasileira) (1986), Universal Primate, The Order of Corporate Reunion (1998), Archbishop
for Europe, The Philippine Independent Church (1988) *etc.* who assisted by Archbishop
Phillip Lewis, Metropolitan-Archbishop-Primate, The Ethiopian Orthodox Coptic
Church of North & South America & Europe, and Archbishop Paget E.J. Mack, The
Franciscan Order of St Benedict the Moor and The Apostolic Episcopal Church, Bishop
Leila Boyer, Primate, Pre-Nicene Ekklesia, Archbishop Andrew Linley, The Liberal
Catholic Apostolic Church, and Bishop Alistair Bate, The Liberal Catholic Apostolic
Church, he consecrated to The Sacred Episcopate on 23 November 2008 at Golders Green
Unitarian Church, London³:

John Kersey (1972-)

Presiding Bishop, Ecclesia Apostolica Divinorum Mysteriorum (2010); Archbishop of
Great Britain, The Apostolic Episcopal Church (in communion with the Igreja Catolica
Apostolica Brasileira) (2008); Bishop and Rector Pro-Provincial of Canterbury, The Order
of Corporate Reunion (2008)

² Canonised by ICAB as St Carlos of Brazil in 1970.

³ On the same occasion, Archbishop Persson consecrated *sub conditione* for the purpose of additional
commissioning the Most Revd. Andrew Linley and the Most Revd. Alistair Bate.

Instrument of Consecration of Dom Bertil Persson by Dom Forest Barber

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Bertil Persson

To the Sacred Episcopate of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church

Forest Ernest Barber, Servant of Jesus Christ, By the Grace of God Bishop of Hugao of the Philippine Independent Church (Appointed by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Francisco J. Pagtakhan, Archbishop of Cagayan Valley, with whom we are in peace and communion):

To all the Faithful in Jesus Christ throughout the world - Peace, Health and Apostolic Benediction.

Be it known by the tenor of these Presents, that We, in the exercise of Our Sacred Office, and pursuant to the powers vested in Us by the Apostolic Succession, and all other powers Us thereunto enabling; Administering Holy Orders under the protection of Almighty God, in Guardian Angel Chapel, in the City of Glendale, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, on the fourteenth day of June in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven, during the Solemn Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and in the presence of a Congregation of the Faithful;

Did then and there Admit our well-beloved brother in Christ, Bertil Persson

(Of whose sufficiency in good learning, soundness in the Faith, and purity of manners We were fully informed) into the High and Holy Office of a Bishop in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church;

And did rightly, duly and canonically Ordain and Consecrate him to the Sacred Order of the Episcopate by the Imposition of Our Hands with Prayer, Unction him with the Holy Chrism, Porrection of Instruments, and all the appointed Ceremonies according to the Latin Rite as promulgated by Paul VI in the Apostolic Constitution of 18 June 1968 at Rome, the Sacred Canons and Ordinance of the Catholic Church being duly performed and observed;

And did enthrone him as a Bishop.

And we certify that immediately prior to the Consecration hereby recorded, We did audibly and distinctly make in the face of the Church the Declaration of Intention and did cause to be read the Protocol of Election, Apostolic Mandate, and all other relevant documents.

In Faith and Testimony thereof We have hereunto set Our Sign Manual and Episcopal Seal this fourteenth day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven.

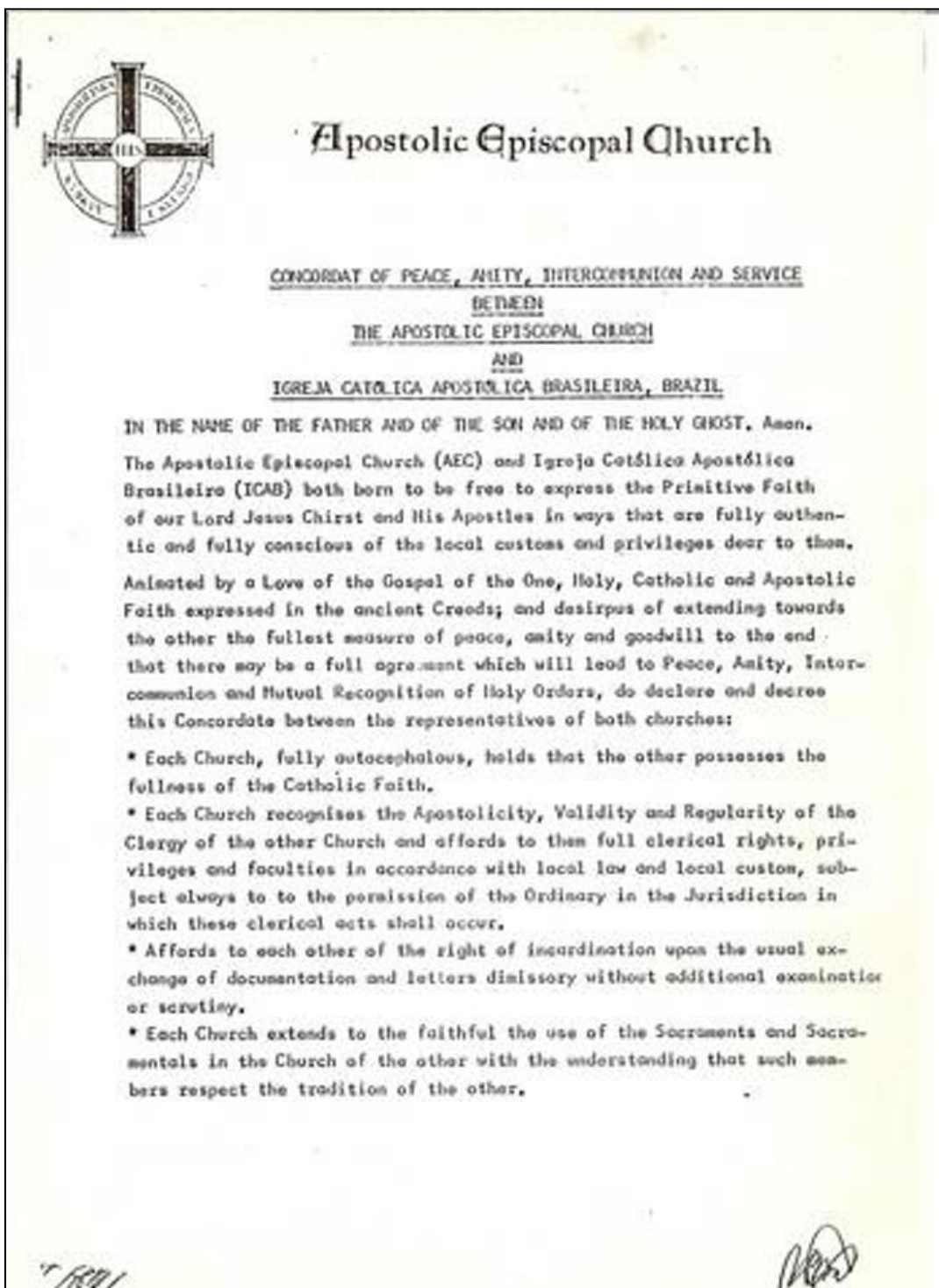
Witnesses:

Father Peter E. Fulkerson
Deacon Ordo Rg
David Romales

+ Forest E. Barber
Bishop of Hugao
+ Arnold D. ...
+ Paul ...

Concordat of Intercommunion between the Apostolic Episcopal Church and the Igreja
Catolica Apostolica, Brazil

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Apostolic Episcopal Church

- * Calls upon the clergy and the faithful to remember in their cycles of prayer the work and ministry of the other church and commends the exchange of organs of social communication and the notific action of significant personnel changes to the other.
- * Calls upon each Church to establish an officer or emissary to keep apprised of the work and ministry of the other group so as to keep the other church up-to-date on matters which may interest it.
- * When consecrating a new Bishop, there is to be a chief Consecrator and two assisting Consecrators to safe guard the certainty of The Apostolic Succession.

DONE at Stockholm, Sweden, the 22nd of November in The Year of Our Lord Nineteenhundredandeightyseven (1987).



THE APOSTOLIC EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Most Rev Bertil Persson, DO, FRSA
Archbishop Primate of The Apostolic
Episcopal Church

with Blessings expressed by
The Most Rev Diederik D J Guatonnens, DO
Archbishop of Continental Europe of The
Apostolic Episcopal Church
and

The Most Rev Forest E Barber, DO
Archbishop of The West Indies of The
Apostolic Episcopal Church and Bishop
of Santo Domingo of Igreja Católica
Apostólica Brasileira

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THE IGREJA CATOLICA APOSTOLICA
BRASILEIRA



[Signature]
Dom Zélio Ottonário Cavalle Delyades
Bispo Presidente do Conselho Episcopal
e Bispo-Bispo de Brasília



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Certificate of Consecration and Enthronement of John Kersey by Dom Bertil Persson

THE APOSTOLIC  **EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
THE HOLY EASTERN CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC ORTHODOX CHURCH

CERTIFICATE OF CONSECRATION AND ENTHRONEMENT

To: All Faithful in Christ throughout the World
The Most Reverend Francis Spataro, Primate of the Apostolic Episcopal Church
The Most Reverend Peter Paul Brennan, Universal Primate of the Order of Corporate Reunion

Greetings:

Be it known that We, The Most Reverend Bertil Persson, Emeritus Primate of the Apostolic Episcopal Church, this 23rd Day of November 2008, in Golders Green Unitarian Church, London, United Kingdom, did consecrate sub conditione to the Sacred Episcopate:

John Kersey

during the celebration of the Mass before a congregation of the faithful, with prayer and all appointed ceremonies according to the Rite of the Apostolic Episcopal Church.

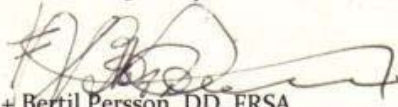
And on the same occasion, We did enthrone the said Bishop by commission of the Primate of the Apostolic Episcopal Church as:

Archbishop of Great Britain in the Apostolic Episcopal Church

and also admitted him by commission of the Universal Primate of the Order of Corporate Reunion as Rector Pro-Provincial of Canterbury in that Order, and conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity of St Ephrem's Institute of Eastern Church Studies.


We enjoin all faithful in Christ throughout the World to give due respect and extend full co-operation to said Brother Bishop.

Done this 23rd day of November, 2008


+ Bertil Persson, DD, FRSA

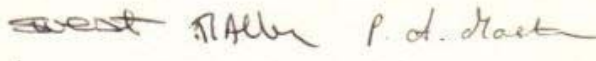
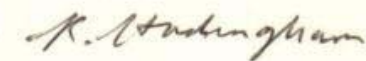
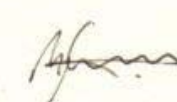


Co-consecrators:

+ Philip Lewis 













+ Philip Lewis + Paget E.J. Mack

Witnesses:

 
  
+ Leita Mbaye + Christian Bate CEP + A. Lige

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Episcopal Antecedents in the Roman Catholic Church

		
<p>Pope Benedict XIV</p>	<p>Pope Clement XIII</p>	<p>Bernardinus Cardinal Giraud</p>
		
<p>Alexander Cardinal Mattei</p>	<p>Petrus Franciscus Cardinal Galeffi</p>	<p>Iacobus Philippus Cardinal Fransoni</p>
		
<p>Carolus Cardinal Sacconi</p>	<p>Edward Cardinal Howard</p>	<p>Count Mariano Rampolla Cardinal del Tindaro</p>
		
<p>Joaquin Arcoverde Cardinal de Albuquerque-Cavalcante</p>	<p>Archbishop Sebastiao Leme da Silveira Cintra</p>	<p>Dom Carlos Duarte Costa</p>

Consecration of Dom Luis Castillo Mendez by Dom Carlos Duarte Costa



Dom Forest Barber



Dom Luis Castillo Mendez with Dom Bertil Persson



Consecration of John Kersey by Dom Bertil Persson

