



► THE DIOCESE OF BRASILIA IN CENTRAL BRAZIL IS A COMPANION DIOCESE TO THE DIOCESES OF INDIANAPOLIS AND BOR.

○ Brasilia | ○ Brazil | ○ South America



► BRAZIL SHARES BORDERS WITH MANY SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS AND HAS ITS OWN ENORMOUS BORDER ON THE SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN. THE DIOCESE OF BRASILIA COVERS A SIGNIFICANT TERRITORY AROUND THE FEDERAL DISTRICT OF BRAZIL.

# Companion *focus*

MAKING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN EPISCOPALIANS IN INDIANA, BOR AND BRASILIA ~ PARTNERS IN FAITH AND COMPANION DIOCESES.

*The Diocese of Brasilia is headed by Archbishop Mauricio Andrade. The name of the Anglican province of Brazil is "Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil." There are five parishes and three missions.*

## Learn about the country and the people

Following more than three centuries under Portuguese rule, Brazil peacefully gained its independence in 1822, maintaining a monarchical system of government until the abolition of slavery in 1888 and the subsequent proclamation of a republic by the military in 1889.

Brazilian coffee exporters politically dominated the country until populist leader Getulio Vargas rose to power in 1930.

By far the largest and most populous country in South America, Brazil

underwent more than half a century of populist and military government until 1985, when the military regime peacefully ceded power to civilian rulers.

Brazil continues to pursue industrial and agricultural growth and development of its interior. Exploiting vast natural resources and a large labor pool, it is today South America's leading economic power and a regional leader. Highly unequal income distribution and crime remain pressing problems.



## CHURCH PRIORITIES

The Diocese of Brasilia's main focus is on mission and evangelism, ecumenism and internal growth. Bringing hope and companionship to the people in small towns throughout the Diocese is a challenge ~ the territory covers an area the size of Texas. Pilgrims from Indiana frequently travel to Brazil and Bishop Mauricio has made numerous journeys to Indiana.



# Uplift and strengthen the Diocese of Brasilia

*The Diocese of Brasilia includes All Saints Parish, a chaplaincy for Anglophones in the Cathedral of the Resurrection, as well as Pedegral, St. Philip's and Goiana. We pray for this Diocese each week.*

## WIDENING OUR EMBRACE



**After-school tutoring** in Brazilian parishes began about 10 years ago to help mothers give their unborn and young children a head start with nutrition and other social services because public school only is provided for four hours daily and there is a wide discrepancy in the standard of living.

Today, **S.A.M.E.**, as the Portuguese acronym for the program is written, is available in three of the parishes.

All the parishes, missions and preaching stations could benefit through expansion of the program.

More than 23 percent of Brazilians are illiterate, but several hundred children benefit through this important church-sponsored program, which costs only about \$10 per student per month.

The Diocese of Indianapolis has supported after-school tutoring through its **Global and National Missions**

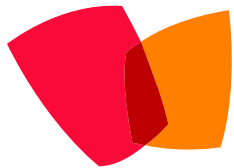
**Commission** for three years.

Can your parish help? **Can you or your congregation make a commitment to support a group of children for an entire year?**

For about 30 cents a day, a child helped by the Episcopal Church is able to receive as much educational experience as more affluent children

This helps prepare students to compete in the economy of the strongest nation in South America.

In 2004, seven young adults from Indianapolis made a pilgrimage to Brasilia to strengthen the bonds of affection established by members of Christ Church Cathedral, who made one of many mission trips to Brazil in 2008. In 2006, Bishop Mauricio and Fr. Luiz Barbosa spent the summer in Indianapolis preaching in our churches.



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