



## TRADITIONAL ANGLICAN CHURCH

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRIMATE ON THE DEATH OF BISHOP SANTOS GARCIA TISTA



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It is with profound sadness that I announce the death of our dear brother in Christ, Bishop Santos Garcia Tista, Suffragan Bishop of the Missionary District of San Salvador of the Traditional Anglican Church Province of Latin America.

Bishop Santos Garcia Tista was born on All Saints Day (November 1) 1956; and called home to the Lord on October 21, 2024. Ordained to the Diaconate in 1984, and to the Sacred Order of Priest in 1992, he was consecrated a Bishop in the Church of God (TACLAP) in 2015. He served as Bishop Suffragan for the Missionary District of San Salvador for nine years. Prior to his episcopal consecration, Bishop Santos ministered in a number of parishes and missions: Rector of Santa Cruz Parish for 10 years; Rector of San José Mission for 12 years; Espiritu Santo Parish for 20 years. He was instrumental in supporting the opening of missionary work in Western Quiché, Guatemala, as well as in Honduras. Bishop Santos served as a professor in the Continuing Anglican Theological Institute.

The Traditional Anglican Church in Latin America and the Traditional Anglican Church worldwide mourns the untimely passing of Bishop Santos Garcia Tista. Ever dedicated to spreading the Gospel, Bishop Santos' tireless work in the missionary field is a lasting memorial of his faithfulness to Christ and His Church. I was blessed to spend time with him in Guatemala and Salvador, where I witnessed his pastoral care for his people. His voice will be missed in the TAC College of Bishops.

On behalf of the Traditional Anglican Church worldwide, I extend our deepest sympathies to his beloved wife, Patricia Punay; son, Alex Garcia Punay; daughters, Ingrid, Ana, Rebeca, and Madelin Garcia Punay. We extend our condolences as well to Bishop Ruben Rodriguez, Bishop Carlos Zet, and Bishop Juan Sion Lobos, and to all the clergy and faithful of the Traditional Anglican Province of Latin America.

Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord;  
and may light perpetual shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace and rise in glory!  
Amen.

The Most Reverend Shane B. Janzen, OSG  
Primate of the Traditional Anglican Church  
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