

## **Bishop Daniel E. Flores, S.T.D.** **Biographical Summary**

Fernando Javier Flores and Lydia Dilley Flores, the parents of Daniel E. Flores, were both born in the town of Zapata, Texas, on the border between Texas and Mexico, where their respective families had settled several generations before. They married in Corpus Christi, Texas, in 1958, and began to raise their family in the Flour Bluff area. Seeking work to support the family, Daniel's father and mother traveled frequently during the early years of their marriage. They lived for a time in Palacios, Texas, where Daniel was born in 1961. He was baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Zapata, Texas. The family returned to Corpus Christi shortly after his birth and baptism. He received First Holy Communion and Confirmation at Saint Paul the Apostle Church in Flour Bluff. He graduated from Flour Bluff High School in 1979.

During high school, he began to consider the possibility of studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Corpus Christi. He attended the University of Texas at Austin for two years, prior to entering the seminary. In 1981, he entered Holy Trinity Seminary at the University of Dallas, where students preparing for the priesthood did their studies in philosophy and theology. He graduated from the University of Dallas with a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy 1983, and with a Master of Divinity in 1987. In January 1988, he was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Corpus Christi by Bishop Rene H. Gracida.

As a priest of the diocese, he served in a number of capacities, including Parochial Vicar at Corpus Christi Cathedral, Secretary to the Bishop, Diocesan Master of Ceremonies, Assistant Chancellor, Rector of the Saint John Vianney House of Studies, and Episcopal Vicar for Vocations. In September 1995, Pope John Paul II named him a Chaplain to His Holiness, with the honorary title of Monsignor.

In September 1997, he was sent by Bishop Roberto Gonzalez, OFM, to Rome to pursue a doctoral degree in the theology of Saint Thomas Aquinas at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum). Living at that time at the North American College, Casa Santa Maria in Rome, he completed his degree (S.T.D.) in 2000.

He returned to Corpus Christi that year, and was appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Corpus Christi by Bishop Edmond Carmody. He served in that capacity until August 2001, when he was assigned to serve in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston as part of the formation faculty of St. Mary's Seminary and the teaching faculty at the University of St. Thomas School of Theology. He taught courses in Patristics, Medieval and Thomistic Theology, and Modern Catholic Literature. He was named Vice-Rector of St. Mary's Seminary in June 2002.

In September 2005, Bishop Edmond Carmody named him to serve as Rector of Corpus Christi Cathedral, an office he administered while completing his assignment in Houston during the 2005 and 2006 academic year. In June of 2006, he returned to the Diocese of Corpus Christi to assume the position of Cathedral Rector on a full time basis. In October 2006, he was named an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Detroit and was ordained on November 29, 2006.

Bishop Flores' mother lives in Corpus Christi, Texas; his father passed away in 1984. He has two brothers and one sister, all living in or near Corpus Christi. He has numerous nephews and nieces.