

Arch. PEDRO DEAN

Our distinguished awardee is very pious man. Although he stayed in PCS only during his intermediate years (3 years) from Grade 4 to 6 only, he proudly considers PCS his Alma Mater which had contributed immensely to his decision to enter the seminary and become not just a priest but an archbishop. I remember freshly in April 2004 when the school administrators on their annual planning in Tacloban paid him a courtesy visit in his residence in Palo, Leyte, he recounted very happily his school days and young altar boy's; experience in San Fernando De Dilao. According to him he owed his initial spiritual formation from the school under the able stewardship at that time from the CICM. He is, I believe, a gem for Paco Catholic School for which he worthily deserves the accolade Achievement Award for his stature as Archbishop (retired) acquired through his hard work, perseverance, strong determination and firm vision to succeed in life. He has almost achieved the APEX of his career or vocation rarely accomplished by others.

His long list of bio data thus . . . say that . . .

- February 21, 1930 - Born in Calbayog City, Samar
- Parents: Dr. Pedro Castillo Dean, Jr .
Luz Rosario Ras Rosales
- Grew up in Manila. Studied at St. Paul's Institution (now St. Paul's University) in Herran (now Pedro Gil) Street, Malate, Manila and at Paco catholic School, in Paco Manila)
- June, 1946 - Enter the Minor Seminary of San Vicente de Paul, Calbayog City, under the Padres Paules
- June, 1950 - Entered the Central Seminar, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, to take up Philosophy and Theology .
- March, 1953 - Obtained Licentiate's Degree in Philosophy, UST - Cum Laude
- March, 1957 - Obtained Licentiate's Degree in Theology, UST
- November 30, 1956 - Ordained Priest by the Most Rev. Julio R. Rosales Archbishop of Cebu, at a Mass Ordination in Manila during the II National Eucharistic Congress.
- February, 1957 to February, 1977
 - Appointed Private Secretary to the Archbishop of Cebu
- 1958 to 1977 - Appointed Archdiocesan Oeconomus
- 1975 to 1978 - Appointed Vicar Forane of the Vicarial District of Santo Niño in Cebu ,
- June 14, 1969 - Promoted as Honorary Prelate
- July 24, 1975 - Elevated Protonotary Apostolic Supernumerary
- February 19, 1976 - Appointed Parish Priest of San Nicolas, Cebu City
- December 12, 1977 - Appointed Titular Bishop of Thuccabora and Auxiliary Bishop of Davao
- January 25, 1978 - Ordained Bishop by His Eminence Julio R. Cardinal Rosales at the Manila Cathedral, together with Bishop-Elect Jesus Dosado, C.M. (now Archbishop of Ozamis)
- February 28, 1978 - Welcomed to the Archdiocese of Davao, installed as Parish Priest of San Pedro Cathedral, Davao City and appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Davao
- July 23, 1980 - Transferred to the Prelature Nullius of Tagum
- October 11, 1980 - Appointed First Diocesan Bishop of Tagum when in the same Degree of Pope Paul VI the Prelature was elevated to Diocese
- October 29, 1980 - Installed as the First Diocesan Bishop of new Diocese of Tagum
- October 12, 1985 - Elevated to the Metropolitan See of Palo
- October 28, 1985 - Appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese .of Calbayog, Sede Vacante
- December 13, 1985 - Installed as the 2nd Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Palo
- December 14, 1985 - Solemn entry to the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul, Diocese of Calbayog, as its Apostolic Administrators S. V.
- June 29, 1986 - Solemn Ceremonies in the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome, received the Pallium from the hands of his Holiness Pope John Paul II

Former Member of the following Episcopal Commissions:

1. Liturgy
2. Family Life
3. Social Action
4. Doctrine of Faith
5. Special Committee on Finance

Elected Member of the Administrative Board (now Permanent Council) from 1986 to 1988 and re-elected from 1989 to 1991.

In 1993, he was elected Chairman of the Commission on Doctrine of Faith, and Member of the Commission on Clergy.

Friends, ladies and gentlemen I am greatly honored to call now his Excellency Archbishop Pedro R. Dean D.D. retired bishop of Palo, Leyte to receive the Msgr. Domingo A. Cirilos Achievement Award.

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