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CEREMONY IN CATHEDRAL.

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The mandate for the consecration was given by the late President Bishop Tuttle, and the alleged secrecy, according to the Living Church, was the result of fear that publicity might defeat the purpose to unite with the Episcopal mission in Porto Rico that headed by Bishop Ferrando and to give him a chance to reordain his own clergy before the facts were made known.

Near the end of the last century the Congregation of the Propaganda of the Catholic Church sent Dr. Ferrando, at his own request, to the United States of Colombia as a missionary. About 1900 he abandoned the Catholic Church and went to Porto Rico, where he established an agricultural and communal missionary experiment about five miles from Ponce.