

Petition:

To the Right Reverend Father in GOD William Wabron
By Divine Permission Bishop of Antigua:

The humble Petition of Daniel Basanta, William Edw. Lee, Thomas G. Salomons,
James Mc Cormick, James Gilbee, August Leon, Aug Gainland

On behalf of themselves and other members of the Congregation of Holy Trinity
Church in the Town of Ponce, in the island of Puerto Rico, Thero eth;

That the members of Protestant Churches residing in and near to Ponce have
long earnestly desired to have a Church in which they could unite in the solemn
worship of God according to their consciences, and have the Ministration of the
Holy Sacraments and other Ordinances of their Faith, That in the year 1872 after
the Proclamation of the Religious Liberty by the Government of Spain they
agreed together to build a Church, to place the same under the Episcopal
superintendence of the Lord Bishop of Antigua and his successors, and to
provide for the maintenance of a Minister of the Church of England... the Rector
of the... Church.....

That a suitable and convenient spot of land adjoining Ponce was given for this
purpose by Mess. Weichers and Co., Merchants of Ponce.

That contribution have been collected and a Church has been build on the said
land, which Church is now provided with fitting seats for worshippers and with all
things necessary and appertaining to the due and solemn worship of God, and to
the due celebration of the Holy Sacraments according to the Rites and
Ceremonies of the Church of England and is alionenty{sic} enclosed

That the said Church was opened under the license of the Bishop of Antigua on
thr day of August, 1873 at which time there was still a debt due upon the Church;
That this debt has since then been materially reduced and has now been entirely
Extinguished;

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Lordship by virtue of your
Authority Ordinary and Episcopal to consecrate said Building from all
profane and common uses, and to dedicate it to the worship of God and
the celebration of the Holy Sacraments according to the Rites and
Ceremonies aforesaid:

And your petitioner will ever pray-