

# DIOCESE OF MANZINI SWAZILAND

## **Description**

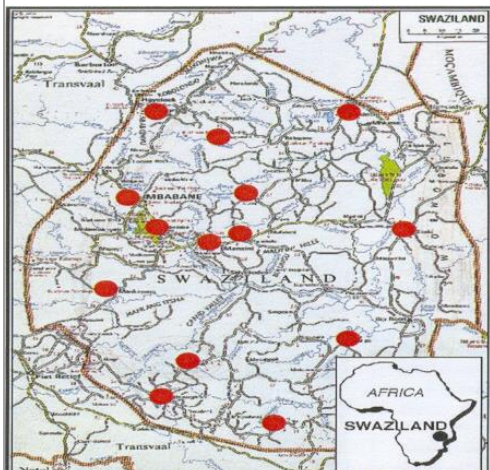
Swaziland is bordered by South Africa and Mozambique. The Holy See entrusted this mission to the Servite Order on April 4, 1913. On March 19, 1923 the territory was established as an Apostolic Prefecture and in that same year was given to the Tuscan Province. In 1939 it became an Apostolic Vicariate and when the local Church was established in South Africa (January 11, 1951) the mission was erected as a diocese. Swaziland has been an independent state since 1968.



During the early Servite years in the Swazi mission the Tyrolese Province was in charge. In 1923 the Tuscan Province took over.

## **Servites**

4 Servite communities (Mzimpofo – St. Joseph 3 friars; Pigg’s Peak – 2 friars; Nigel 3 friars; Siteki 2 friars); 10 professed; Servite Sisters of Swaziland: 10 communities, 48 sisters; Mantellate Servite Sisters: 3 communities, 25 sisters; 1 Servite Secular Order fraternity.



## **General Information**

Area: 17,364 sq km; population: 990,000; Catholics: 55,130; other denominations: Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists: 20,000; independent African churches: 150,000; animists: 50,000; parishes: 15; priests: diocesan: 11; Salesian: 2; Sisters of other congregations: 6; schools: 71; hospitals: 1; clinics: 7; kindergartens: 14; welfare centers: 26; Bishop of the Diocese: **Msgr. Louis M. Ncamiso Ndlovu, OSM.**