

# Charles Warren Currier

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**Bishop Charles Warren Currier** (March 22, 1857 in [St. Thomas](#), [Virgin Islands](#), USA - September 23, 1918 in [Maryland](#), USA) was the first bishop of the [Roman Catholic Diocese of Matanzas](#) (1913–1914). His parents were Warren Green Currier (born in New York) and Deborah Heyliger of the [Netherlands](#).

He studied at the College of Our Lady of the Assumption, [Roermond](#), [Limburg](#), the Netherlands, and at [Saint Alphonsus](#) Seminary in [Wittem](#), Limburg. He joined the missionary order the [Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer](#) (Redemptorists) in 1875 and was ordained a priest on November 24, 1880 in [Amsterdam](#) by Bishop [Henry Schaap](#) (vicar apostolic of [Surinam](#)). In January 1881, he arrived in Surinam for his first missionary assignment where he remained until 1882. In November 1891 he was allowed to leave the Redemptorists and then worked in the [Archdiocese of Baltimore](#).

On June 25, 1910 he was appointed Bishop of [Zamboanga](#), [Philippines](#), by [Pope Pius X](#), but he declined. Because he had published articles on Cuban history, he was appointed on April 26, 1913, as the first Bishop of Matanzas. In Rome, on July 6, 1913, he was consecrated by Cardinal [Diomedeo Angelo Raffaele Gennaro Falconio](#), O.F.M., and assisted by [Domenico Serafini](#), Titular Archbishop of [Seleucia Pieria](#), and [Donato Sbarretti](#), Titular Archbishop of [Efeso](#), Bishop Emeritus of [Havana](#).

He arrived in [Matanzas](#) on November 3, 1913, and took position of the archdiocese the following day. He repaired and redecorated the [Cathedral of San Carlos Borromeo](#) that was in poor condition. Due to his poor health he resigned his position as Bishop of the Archdiocese of Matanzas on February 11, 1914, and was appointed [Titular Bishop](#) of [Hetalonia](#) on June 15, 1915.

Bishop Currier knew [Greek](#) and [Hebrew](#) and was fluent in [Latin](#), English, [Dutch](#), Spanish, French, German, and Italian.

Bishop Currier died on September 23, 1918, on a train traveling from [Waldorf, Maryland](#), to [Baltimore](#) to assist in the funeral of Cardinal [John Murphy Farley](#), Archbishop of the [Archdiocese of New York](#). His funeral took place in the [Cathedral of Baltimore](#), where he is also buried.

## References

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