HARPER Edward John

Was born in Brooklyn on 23rd July 1910. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Ilchester on 2nd August 1934 and was ordained priest in Esopus on 18th July 1939. He was superior of the viceprovince of San Juan from 1956 to 1960. On 6th October he was consecrated titular Bishop of Heraclea Pontica and Prelate of the Virgin Islands. When the prelacy was elevated to being the see of St. Thomas on 20th April 1977, he became its first bishop.