

## Bishop's Cross for Paul B. Clayton.

November 9, 2013

At the diocesan convention today, Nov 9, in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Bishop Dietsche presented Bishop's Cross to the Rev. Dr. Paul B. Clayton Jr, The full text of the citation follows.



PAUL B. CLAYTON, Jr.

*Sacred Scripture guides our spiritual life when we are reminded to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind (St. Luke 10.27). We have been blessed by the presence and ministry of The Reverend Doctor Paul Clayton, Jr. because his life has been a witness to a dedicated life in loving God. He has loved God with his heart, as evidenced in his advocacy of the poor, displayed as early as the 1970s when he was a founding member of the Friends of Darbonne in Haiti, an outreach he continues to support to this day. He has loved God with his soul, demonstrated most prominently in his priestly ministrations for nearly half a century as he provided pastoral care for parishes in Texas and New York. Most significantly, he has devoted his ordained ministry in a stunning life-long effort to build ecumenical and inter-faith bridges, having served as a vital and exemplary member of influence on the Diocesan Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Commission for over forty years, as well as being the Chair of this Commission for over twenty-six years. In this capacity, he has not only been an outstanding reconciling force between differing viewpoints, but also was singularly influential in establishing in our Diocese the historic Concordat with the Lutherans. He has loved God with his strength, most notably when he marched for civil justice in Fort Worth, Texas, in the 1960s with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, that was established by The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King. He has loved God with his mind, impressively sustaining an academic career as an Instructor, Assistant Chaplain and Adjunct Professor of Patristics at the General Theological Seminary, as an Instructor in Anglicanism at Union Seminary and as the author of a highly praised book on the Christology of Theodoret of Cyrus. We are enriched and instructed by his example.*

*Therefore, in recognition and gratitude for his service to his community, his diocese and the larger Church offered to the glory of God, we, on this 9th day of November 2013, in the second year of our consecration, do award him*

### THE BISHOP'S CROSS

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche Sixteenth Bishop of New York