



Bishop Gnanapragasam Anthonypillai was born on 12 July 1965 in Adampan, completed his secondary education at St Patrick's College, Jaffna, and completed his priestly formation at St Francis Xavier Major Seminary in Jaffna.

He was ordained to priesthood on 7 April 1994. After ordination, he held the roles of parish vicar of Murunkan (1994-1996), secretary to the bishop (1996-1999), parish priest of Cheddikulam (1999-2003), parish priest of Pallimunai (2003-2006), parish priest of Vankalai (2006-2009), Rector of the diocesan minor seminary (2014-2018), and parish priest of Saint Sebastian Cathedral (2018-2021) and Pesalai (2021-2023).

After obtaining a licentiate in religious education from Fordham University in New York, United States of America (2010-2014), he attended a course in youth pastoral care in India (2022).

Since 2023 he has served as administrator of the Our Lady of Madhu National Shrine in Mannar.

Bishop Gnanapragasam Anthonypillai was consecrated as the 4th Bishop of Mannar on 22 February 2025 at Our Lady of Madhu Shrine.