- The flag was adopted on November 6, 1844

- It has a large white cross dividing the flag into quarters

- In the center of the flag is this design — with a bible centered, the country's motto "God, Fatherland, Liberty," a laurel branch, and a palm branch

- The flag was designed by Juan Pablo Duarte

- Duarte is a national hero who was part of a secret society that led to the Dominican revolt and eventual independence from Haiti in 1844

- If you visit the Dominican Republic, you'll see a lot of nods to Duarte - from statues to street names