
General History

The Diocese of Vincennes—now the Archdiocese of Indianapolis—was established by Pope Gregory XVI on May 6, 1834. The territory then comprised the entire state of Indiana and the eastern third of Illinois. The latter was separated from the Diocese of Vincennes upon the establishment of the Diocese of Chicago, November 28, 1843.

By decree of Pope Pius IX, January 8, 1857, the northern half of the state became the Diocese of Fort Wayne, the boundaries being that part of the state north of the south boundaries of Fountain, Montgomery, Boone, Hamilton, Madison, Delaware, Randolph, and Warren counties. The remaining southern half of the state made up the Diocese of Vincennes, embracing 50 counties. It covered an area of 18,479 square miles extending from the north boundaries of Marion and contiguous counties to the Ohio River and from Illinois on the west to Ohio on the east.

The second bishop of Vincennes was permitted by apostolic brief to establish his residence at Vincennes, Madison, Lafayette, or Indianapolis; Vincennes was, however, to remain the see city. This permission, with the subtraction of Lafayette, was renewed to the fourth bishop.

Upon his appointment in 1878, Bishop Francis Chatard, the fifth bishop of Vincennes, was directed to fix his residence at Indianapolis. Although the site of the cathedral and the title of the see were continued at Vincennes, Bishop Chatard used St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis as an unofficial cathedral until the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul was completed in 1907. St. John the Evangelist Parish, established in 1837, was the first parish in Indianapolis and Marion County. By apostolic brief dated March 28, 1898, the title of the diocese was changed to that of “Diocese of Indianapolis,” with the episcopal see in the city of Indianapolis. Although the bishop’s official residence was changed, the patron of the diocese remained St. Francis Xavier, the title of the Old Cathedral at Vincennes. In 2006, following the canonization of Mother Theodore Guérin, the first canonized saint from the archdiocese, the Holy See proclaimed her as patroness of the archdiocese along with Francis Xavier.

An apostolic decree of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, creating the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, was issued October 21, 1944. On December 19, 1944, by executorial decree of the papal delegate, the Most Reverend Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, apostolic delegate to the United States, the papal decree of Pope Pius XII was solemnly proclaimed in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, elevating Indianapolis to the status of an archdiocese, the state of Indiana becoming the metropolitan area. The dioceses of Evansville and Lafayette-in-Indiana were created by the same decree and, along with the Diocese of Fort Wayne, made suffragan sees of Indianapolis. Upon establishment of the Diocese of Gary on February 25, 1957, it too became a suffragan see.

The Province of Indianapolis



The current size of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is 13,757.7 square miles, according to 1990 measurements from the Indiana State Library Reference Division, and comprises the counties of Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Clay, Crawford, Dearborn, Decatur, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Harrison, Hendricks, Henry, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Lawrence, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Ohio, Orange, Owen, Parke, Perry, Putnam, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Shelby, Switzerland, Union, Vermillion, Vigo, Washington, and Wayne and the township of Harrison in Spencer County, in the southern part of Indiana.

Bishops and Archbishops of the Archdiocese

Right Rev. Simon Guillaume Gabriel Bruté de Rémur

Born in Rennes, France, March 20, 1779. Ordained priest at Rennes, June 11, 1808. Consecrated bishop of Vincennes in the cathedral at St. Louis, MO, October 28, 1834, by Bishop Benedict Joseph Flaget of Bardstown, assisted by Bishop Joseph Rosati of St. Louis and Bishop John Baptist Purcell of Cincinnati. Bishop Bruté died at Vincennes, June 26, 1839. His body is interred in the Old Cathedral, Vincennes.

Right Rev. Célestin René Laurent Guynemer de la Hailandière

Born in Combourg, Archdiocese of Rennes, May 3, 1798. Ordained priest at Paris, May 28, 1825. Vicar general of the Diocese of Vincennes, 1839. Named bishop coadjutor of Vincennes, May 17, 1839. Consecrated at Paris, August 18, 1839, by Bishop Charles Forbin-Janson of Nancy, assisted by Bishop Louis Blanquart de Bailleuil of Versailles and Bishop Jean Louis Lemercier of Beauvais. Resigned July 16, 1847, and returned to France. Died May 1, 1882. His body was brought from France and interred in the Old Cathedral, Vincennes, on November 22, 1882.

Right Rev. John Stephen Bazin

Born in Duerne, Archdiocese of Lyons, France, October 15, 1796. Ordained priest at Lyons, July 22, 1822. Came to the United States in 1830 and was appointed vicar general of Mobile. Consecrated bishop of Vincennes in the cathedral at Vincennes, October 24, 1847, by Bishop Michael Portier of Mobile, assisted by Bishop Purcell of Cincinnati and Bishop Hailandière, his predecessor. Died at Vincennes, April 23, 1848. His body is interred in the Old Cathedral, Vincennes.

Right Rev. Jacques M. Maurice Landes d'Aussac de St. Palais

Born at LaSalvetat, France, November 15, 1811. Ordained priest at Paris, May 28, 1836. Administrator of the diocese after the death of Bishop Bazin. Named bishop of Vincennes, October 3, 1848. Consecrated in the cathedral at Vincennes, January 14, 1849, by Bishop Pius Miles, OP, of Nashville, assisted by Coadjutor Bishop Martin John Spalding of Louisville and Very Reverend Hippolyte Du Pontavice, vicar general of Vincennes. Died at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, June 28, 1877. His body is interred in the Old Cathedral, Vincennes.

Right Rev. Francis Silas Marean Chatard

Born in Baltimore, MD, December 13, 1834. Ordained at Rome, June 14, 1862. Vice-rector of the American College, Rome, 1862-1868; rector, 1867-1878. Named bishop of Vincennes, March 26, 1878, at which time he took the name Francis Silas. Consecrated in Rome, May 12, 1878, by Cardinal Alessandro Franchi, assisted by Bishop Camillo Santori of Fano, Italy, and Bishop Edward Agnelli, president of the Academia Ecclesiastica at Rome. Enthroned in the cathedral at Vincennes, August 11, 1878. Arrived in Indianapolis, August 17, 1878. Died at Indianapolis, September 7, 1918. His body was interred in the crypt of the cathedral, Indianapolis. On June 8, 1976, Bishop Chatard's remains were transferred from the cathedral, Indianapolis, to Calvary Chapel Mausoleum, Indianapolis.

Most Rev. Joseph Chartrand

Born in St. Louis, MO, May 11, 1870. Ordained priest at Indianapolis, September 24, 1892. Appointed vicar general, February 13, 1910. Named titular bishop of Flavianus and coadjutor to the bishop of Indianapolis, July 27, 1910.

Consecrated in the cathedral at Indianapolis, September 15, 1910, by Archbishop Diomedea Falconio, OFM, apostolic delegate to the United States, assisted by Bishop Denis O'Donoghue of Louisville and Bishop Herman Alerding of Fort Wayne. Bishop of Indianapolis, September 7, 1918. Named assistant at the pontifical throne, February 4, 1928. Died at Indianapolis, December 8, 1933. His body was placed in the crypt of the cathedral, Indianapolis. On June 8, 1976, Bishop Chartrand's remains were transferred from the cathedral, Indianapolis, to Calvary Chapel Mausoleum, Indianapolis.

Most Rev. Joseph Elmer Ritter

Born in New Albany, IN, July 20, 1892. Ordained priest at Saint Meinrad, May 30, 1917. Named rector of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Indianapolis, in 1924. Appointed titular bishop of Hippo and auxiliary to the bishop of Indianapolis, February 3, 1933. Consecrated in the cathedral at Indianapolis, March 28, 1933, by Bishop Chartrand, assisted by Bishop Emmanuel Ledvina of Corpus Christi and Bishop Alphonse J. Smith of Nashville. Made vicar general of the Diocese of Indianapolis, February 5, 1933. Bishop of Indianapolis, March 24, 1934. Installed as first archbishop of Indianapolis, December 19, 1944, by Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, apostolic delegate to the United States. Transferred to St. Louis by virtue of apostolic letters dated July 20, 1946. Formally installed in the Cathedral of St. Louis, October 8, 1946. Proclaimed and created a cardinal by Pope John XXIII on January 16, 1961. Died at St. Louis, June 10, 1967. Buried in Calvary Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

Most Rev. Paul C. Schulte

Born in Fredericktown, MO, March 18, 1890. Ordained priest at Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis, MO, June 11, 1915. Appointed bishop of Leavenworth, May 29, 1937. Consecrated in the new Cathedral at St. Louis, September 21, 1937, by Archbishop John J. Glennon, assisted by Bishop Christopher Byrne of Galveston and Bishop Christian H. Winkelman, auxiliary of St. Louis. Named archbishop of Indianapolis, July 20, 1946. Formally installed in metropolitan see of Indianapolis by Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, apostolic delegate, October 10, 1946. Appointed assistant to the pontifical throne, February 3, 1961. Retired January 14, 1970 and named titular archbishop of Elicroca. Died February 17, 1984, in St. Augustine Home, Indianapolis. Funeral, February 22, 1984, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis. Interment in Calvary Chapel Mausoleum, Indianapolis.

Most Rev. George J. Biskup

Born in Cedar Rapids, IA, August 23, 1911. Ordained priest in Rome, March 19, 1937. Appointed titular bishop of Hemeria and auxiliary to the archbishop of Dubuque, March 9, 1957. Consecrated in St. Raphael Cathedral, Dubuque, April 24, 1957, by Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, apostolic delegate, assisted by Archbishop Leo Binz of Dubuque and Bishop Loras T. Lane of Rockford. Appointed bishop of Des Moines, February 3, 1965. Named titular archbishop of Tamalluma and coadjutor, with the right of succession, to archbishop of Indianapolis, July 26, 1967. Formally received in the metropolitan see of Indianapolis in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, October 10, 1967. Became arch-

bishop of Indianapolis, January 14, 1970. Resigned as archbishop of Indianapolis, March 26, 1979. Died on October 17, 1979, in St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral, October 22, 1979, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis. Interment in Calvary Chapel Mausoleum, Indianapolis.

Most Rev. Edward T. O'Meara, STD

Born in St. Louis, MO, August 3, 1921. Ordained priest in St. Louis, December 21, 1946, by Archbishop Joseph Ritter. Appointed national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the United States, December 28, 1966. Named titular bishop of Thisiduo and auxiliary bishop to the cardinal archbishop of St. Louis, January 28, 1972. Ordained in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, February 13, 1972, by His Holiness Pope Paul VI. Named fourth archbishop of Indianapolis, November 27, 1979. Formally installed in metropolitan see of Indianapolis by Archbishop Jean Jadot, apostolic delegate in the United States, in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, January 10, 1980. Died January 10, 1992, at his residence, Indianapolis. Funeral, January 16, 1992, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis. Interment in Calvary Chapel Mausoleum, Indianapolis.

Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB

Born in Jasper, IN, April 20, 1938. Son of Rose (Blessinger) and Carl Buechlein, Holy Family Parish. Solemn profession of vows as a Benedictine monk, August 15, 1963. Ordained at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, May 3, 1964, for Saint Meinrad Archabbey. President-rector of Saint Meinrad School of Theology, August 1971–May 1982; president-rector of Saint Meinrad School of Theology and Saint Meinrad College, May 1982–March 1987. Named third bishop of the Diocese of Memphis by Pope John Paul II. Ordained and installed, March 2, 1987. Named fifth archbishop of Indianapolis by Pope John Paul II, July 14, 1992. Formally installed in metropolitan see of Indianapolis by Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, papal pro-nuncio to the United States, in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, September 9, 1992.

From the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the following have gone as bishops:

Right Rev. Auguste M. Martin

Born in Rennes, France, in 1808. Ordained at Rennes, 1828. Came to the United States with Bishop Hailandière in 1839 and was made vicar general of the diocese. In 1847, he went to New Orleans and in 1852 became vicar general of that diocese. Consecrated bishop of Natchitoches, LA, November 30, 1853, by Archbishop Anthony Blanc of New Orleans, assisted by Bishop Michael Portier of Mobile and Bishop Oliver Van de Velde, SJ, of Natchez. Died September 29, 1875.

Right Rev. Martin Marty, OSB

Born in Switzerland, January 11, 1834. Ordained at Einsiedeln, September 14, 1856. Made first abbot of Saint Meinrad in 1871. Consecrated titular bishop of Tiberias and vicar apostolic of the Dakota Territory at Ferdinand, IN, February 1, 1880, by Bishop Francis Silas Chatard, assisted by Bishop Rupert Seidenbusch, OSB, of St. Cloud, MN, and Abbot Innocent Wolf, OSB, of Atchison, KS. Made bishop of Sioux Falls, SD, 1889. Transferred to St. Cloud, January 21, 1895. Died September 19, 1896, at St. Cloud.

Right Rev. Denis O'Donoghue

Born in Daviess County, IN, November 30, 1848. Ordained at Indianapolis September 6, 1874. Chancellor of the diocese from 1878 to 1899. Vicar general, March 19, 1899. Named titular bishop of Pomario and auxiliary to the bishop of Indianapolis, February 13, 1900. Consecrated in St. John the Evangelist Church, Indianapolis, April 25, 1900, by Archbishop William Elder of Cincinnati, assisted by Bishop John Samuel Foley of Detroit and Bishop Thomas Sebastian Byrne of Nashville. Named bishop of Louisville, February 9, 1910. Enthroned in the cathedral at Louisville, March 29, 1910. Died November 7, 1925, at Louisville.

Right Rev. Herman Aldering

Born at Ibbenbeuren, Diocese of Münster, Germany, April 13, 1845. Ordained at Saint Meinrad, September 22, 1868. Named bishop of Fort Wayne, August 30, 1900. Consecrated in the cathedral at Fort Wayne, November 30, 1900, by Archbishop William Elder of Cincinnati, assisted by Bishop Denis O'Donoghue, auxiliary of Indianapolis, and Bishop Henry Moeller of Columbus. Died December 6, 1924, at Fort Wayne.

Most Rev. Emmanuel B. Ledvina

Born in Evansville, IN, October 28, 1868. Ordained priest at Indianapolis, March 18, 1893. Became secretary of the Catholic Church Extension Society at Chicago, later vice president, September 9, 1907. Appointed domestic prelate, June 18, 1918. Bishop-elect of Corpus Christi, April 30, 1921. Consecrated at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, June 14, 1921, by Bishop Joseph Chartrand, assisted by Bishop Joseph Patrick Lynch of Dallas and Bishop Cornelius Van de Ven of Alexandria. Died December 16, 1952, at Corpus Christi.

Most Rev. Alphonse John Smith

Born in Madison, IN, November 14, 1883. Ordained at Rome, April 18, 1908. Established the parish of St. Joan of Arc, Indianapolis. Bishop-elect of Nashville, December 23, 1923. Consecrated, March 25, 1924, in the cathedral at Indianapolis by Bishop Joseph Chartrand, assisted by Bishop Emmanuel Ledvina of Corpus Christi and Bishop Samuel A. Stritch of Toledo. Died December 16, 1935, at Nashville.

Most Rev. James Hugh Ryan, STD, PhD

Born in Indianapolis, December 15, 1886. Ordained in Rome, June 5, 1909. Chaplain and professor of philosophy at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College, 1911. Secretary of educational department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference at Washington, DC, June 15, 1921. Domestic prelate, September 10, 1927. Appointed rector of The Catholic University of America by His Holiness Pope Pius XI, July 12, 1928. Prothonotary apostolic, August 5, 1929. Titular bishop of Modra, August 15, 1933. Consecrated, October 25, 1933, in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, by Bishop Joseph Chartrand, assisted by Bishop Thomas E. Molloy of Brooklyn and Bishop Joseph E. Ritter of Indianapolis. Appointed bishop of Omaha, August 6, 1935. First archbishop of Omaha, August 17, 1945. Died November 23, 1947, at Omaha.

Most Rev. William Donald Borders

Born in Washington, IN, October 9, 1913. Son of Zelpha Ann (Queen) and Thomas M. Borders. Ordained at St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans, LA, on May 18, 1940, by Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel, DD. Served as army chaplain during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor. Named domestic prelate in 1963. Named first bishop of Orlando, FL, June 14, 1968, by Pope Paul VI. Appointed 13th archbishop of Baltimore, MD, April 2, 1974, and was installed on June 26, 1974. Retired April 6, 1989. Died April 19, 2010, at Stella Maris Hospice, Timonium, MD.

Most Rev. Thomas J. O'Brien

Born in Indianapolis, November 29, 1935. Son of Mary Ellen (O'Donnell) and Frank R. O'Brien, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Indianapolis. Ordained at Saint Meinrad, May 7, 1961, for the diocese of Tucson, AZ. Appointed vicar general of the diocese of Phoenix, June 6, 1978. Made prelate of honor by Pope John Paul II on February 8, 1981. Elected administrator of the Phoenix diocese on May 18, 1981. Ordained third bishop of Phoenix at Rome by Pope John Paul II, January 6, 1982, and was installed in Phoenix, January 18, 1982; resigned as bishop of Phoenix, 2003.

Most Rev. Gerald A. Gettelfinger

Born in Frenchtown, IN, October 20, 1935. Son of Mary (Kiesler) and Gerald A. Gettelfinger, St. Bernard Parish, Frenchtown. Ordained at Saint Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, IN, May 7, 1961. Appointed chancellor of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, May 1, 1980, and vicar general of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, July 1, 1988. On January 26, 1983, named a prelate of honor by Pope John Paul II. Served as pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish, Indianapolis, 1981-1989. Named fourth bishop of Evansville, March 8, 1989, by Pope John Paul II. Ordained April 11, 1989, by Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara of Indianapolis assisted by Bishop Thomas J. O'Brien of Phoenix and Bishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB, of Memphis. Installed in St. Benedict Church, Evansville, IN, April 11, 1989. Retired, April 26, 2011.

Most Rev. William E. Lori

Born in Louisville, KY, May 6, 1951, a native of New Albany. Son of Margaret (Caradonna) and Francis Lori of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Clarksville. Ordained at St. Matthew Cathedral, Washington, DC, May 14, 1977. Served in the ecumenical office of the Washington archdiocese from 1982-1984 when he was named secretary and theological advisor to Cardinal James A. Hickey. In 1994, appointed chancellor, vicar general, and moderator of the curia of the Archdiocese of Washington. Named auxiliary bishop of Washington by Pope John Paul II February 28, 1995. Ordained by Cardinal Hickey, joined by Cardinals William H. Keeler and William W. Baum, April 20, 1995, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC. Named Bishop of Bridgeport, January 23, 2001. Installed in Bridgeport, March 19, 2001. He is the Supreme Chaplain of the Knight of Columbus.

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne

Born in Tell City, IN, June 15, 1959. Son of Kay (Voges) and Paul Etienne, St. Paul Parish, Tell City. Ordained at St. Paul Church in Tell City, June 27, 1992. In 2007, appointed vice-rector of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary, Indianapolis. Named eighth bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne, WY by Pope Benedict XVI on October 19, 2009. Ordained and installed in Cheyenne by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver, joined by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB., of Indianapolis, and Bishop David J. Ricken of Green Bay, WI, on December 9, 2009.

Note:

The Most Reverend Henry Moeller, former archbishop of Cincinnati, although not a priest of the Diocese of Vincennes, acted as secretary to Bishop Chatard at St. John the Evangelist Church, Indianapolis, during the year 1880, until recalled to Cincinnati to become chancellor of that archdiocese.

The Most Reverend Vincent Wehrle, OSB, former bishop of Bismarck, was for a time assistant priest at Jasper.

The Most Reverend Henry J. Tihen, former bishop of Denver, was born in Oldenburg, IN.

The Most Reverend Albert Daeger, OFM, former archbishop of Santa Fe, was a native of St. Anne Parish, Jennings County, Indiana, and was for a time at Oldenburg.

His Eminence, the Most Reverend John F. O'Hara, CSC, late cardinal archbishop of Philadelphia, former president of the University of Notre Dame, former bishop of Buffalo, was a son of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish, Indianapolis.

Vicars General

- 1834-1839 — Very Rev. Simon P. Lalumière
1836-1839 — Very Rev. Célestin de la Hailandière
1842-1846 — Very Rev. Auguste M. Martin
1846-1848 — Very Rev. Hippolyte Du Pontavice
1846-1848 — Very Rev. Maurice de St. Palais
1847-1848 — Very Rev. Edward F. Sorin, CSC
1849-1874 — Very Rev. Hippolyte Du Pontavice
1849-1851 — Very Rev. Conrad Schniederjans
1851-1857 — Very Rev. Joseph Kundek
1851-1872 — Very Rev. John B. Corbe
1853-1861 — Very Rev. P. Leonard Brandt
1869-1875 — Very Rev. Bede O'Connor, OSB
1872-1877 — Very Rev. Msgr. Auguste F. Bessonies
1876-1877 — Very Rev. John Guéguen
1878-1901 — Rt. Rev. Msgr. Auguste F. Bessonies
1878-1918 — Very Rev. Anthony R. Scheideler
1899-1900 — Very Rev. Denis O'Donaghue
1900-1910 — Rt. Rev. Denis O'Donaghue, Auxiliary Bishop
1910-1918 — Rt. Rev. Joseph Chartrand, Coadjutor Bishop
1918-1932 — Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis H. Gavisk
1933-1933 — Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, Auxiliary Bishop
1934-1946 — Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond R. Noll
1946-1959 — Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond R. Noll
1957-1966 — Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard P. Sheridan
1966-1979 — Rt. Rev. Msgr. Cornelius B. Sweeney
1967-1970 — Most Rev. George J. Biskup, Coadjutor Archbishop
1975-1979 — Very Rev. Francis R. Tuohy
1980-1988 — Rev. Msgr. Francis R. Tuohy
1988-1989 — Rev. Msgr. Gerald A. Gettelfinger
1989-1992 — Rev. David E. Coats
1992-1994 — Rev. David E. Coats
1994-1997 — Very Rev. Joseph F. Schaedel
1997-2011 — Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel
2011-2011 — Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne, Apostolic Administrator
(Mar.-Sept.)

Archdiocesan Prelates

Ordained

Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel	May 22, 1982
Rev. Msgr. Lawrence J. Moran	May 3, 1952
Rev. Msgr. Harold L. Knueven	May 3, 1958
Rev. Msgr. John M. Wright.....	May 6, 1962
Rev. Msgr. Frederick C. Easton, JCL	May 1, 1966
Rev. Msgr. Mark A. Svarczkopf	June 8, 1974
Rev. Msgr. Paul D. Koetter	May 21, 1977
Rev. Msgr. William F. Stump, PhD.....	June 1, 1985
Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Kern	May 3, 1957
Rev. Msgr. Paul F. Richart	May 7, 1961
Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Riedman.....	May 3, 1956
Rev. Msgr. Anthony R. Volz	June 1, 1985

Chronology

Foundation Dates of the Parishes and Missions

Information regarding the location of sacramental and/or school records of parishes that have closed may be obtained from the Office of the Chancellor, P.O. Box 1410, Indianapolis, IN 46206, 317-236-7325, 800-382-9836 ext. 7325, Fax 317-236-1401.

1820

- Dogwood, St. Michael: erection of the first church.

1823

- St. Mary-of-the-Knobs, St. Mary: erection of the first church.

1824

- Derby, St. Mary: erection of the first church.
- Dover, St. John the Baptist: erection of the first church.

1833

- New Alsace, St. Paul: erection of the first church and appointment of the first resident pastor.

1834

- Millhousen, Immaculate Conception: founding of the settlement of Millhousen and celebration of the first Mass.

1835

- Bradford, St. Michael: erection of the first church.

1836

- New Albany, Holy Trinity: appointment of the first resident pastor.
- St. Nicholas, Ripley County, St. Nicholas: celebration of the first Mass.

1837

- Indianapolis, St. John the Evangelist: appointment of first pastor.
- Leopold, St. Augustine: appointment of the first resident pastor.
- Madison, St. Michael: appointment of the first resident pastor.
- Oldenburg, Holy Family: erection of the first church.
- St. Mary-of-the-Woods Village, St. Mary-of-the-Woods: establishment of the first resident pastor and of the first church.
- St. Vincent, Shelby County, St. Vincent de Paul: appointment of the first resident pastor.

1838

- St. Peter, Franklin County, St. Peter: dedication of the first church.
- Terre Haute, St. Joseph University: erection of the first church.

1841

- Columbus, St. Bartholomew: erection of the first church.
- Jennings County, St. Ann: date of the first parish records.
- St. Joseph, Dearborn County, St. Leon: erection of the first church.
- Scipio, St. Patrick: erection of the church.

1842

- Lawrenceburg, St. Lawrence: laying of the cornerstone for the first church.

1843

- Lanesville, St. Mary: purchase of the first church.
- Magnet, Perry County, Sacred Heart of Jesus: erection of the first church.

1844

- Enochsburg, St. John the Evangelist: blessing of the first church.
- Oak Forest, St. Philomena: erection of the first church. Renamed St. Cecilia of Rome, 1961. Renamed SS Philomena and Cecilia, 2007
- St. Mary-of-the-Rock, St. Mary: erection of the first church.

1845

- Brookville, St. Michael: purchase of the first church.
- Navilleton, St. Mary: erection of the first church.

1846

- Richmond, St. Andrew: dedication of the first church and appointment of the first resident pastor.

1847

- Fulda, St. Boniface: erection of the first church.
- St. Mary Magdalen, Ripley County, St. Mary Magdalen: erection of the first church.

1848

- Martinsville, St. Martin: erection of the first church.
- Napoleon, St. Maurice: erection of the first church.

1849

- Frenchtown, St. Bernard: erection of the first church.
- Liberty, St. Bridget: celebration of first Mass.
- St. Peter, Harrison County, St. Peter: erection of the first church.
- Troy, St. Pius V: erection of the first church.

1850

- St. Joseph, Jennings County, St. Joseph: erection of the first church.
- Yorkville, St. Martin: founding of parish.

1851

- Connersville, St. Gabriel: laying of the cornerstone of the first church.
- Edinburgh, Holy Trinity: dedication of the first church.
- Jeffersonville, St. Anthony: erection of the first church.
- Jeffersonville, St. Augustine: erection of the first church.

1852

- Cambridge City, St. Elizabeth of Hungary: purchase of the first church.

1853

- Greencastle, St. Paul the Apostle: purchase of the first church.
- North Madison, St. Patrick: erection of the first church.
- St. Joseph Hill, St. Joseph: erection of the first church.

1854

- St. Meinrad: establishment of Saint Meinrad Abbey.
- Liberty, St. Bridget of Ireland: erection of the first church.

1855

- Milltown, St. Joseph: erection of the first church.

1856

- Morris, St. Anthony of Padua: dedication of the first church.

1857

- Aurora, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception: dedication of the first church.
- Rushville, St. Mary (Immaculate Conception): erection of the first church.

1858

- Greensburg, St. Mary: erection of the first church.
- Indianapolis, St. Mary: blessing of the first church and appointment of the first resident pastor.
- New Albany, St. Mary: dedication of the first permanent church.

1859

- Cannelton, St. Michael: blessing of the church.
- Richmond, St. Mary: purchase of the first church.
- St. Maurice, St. Maurice: dedication of the first church.
- St. Paul, Decatur County, St. Paul: erection of the first church.
- St. Pius, St. Pius: erection of the church.
- Tell City, St. Paul: erection of the first church.

1860

- Charlestown, St. Michael: erection of the first church.
- Greenfield, St. Michael: erection of the first church.
- St. Croix, Holy Cross: erection of the first church.
- Seymour, St. Ambrose: erection of the first church.

1861

- China, St. Anthony: erection of the first church.
- North Vernon, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mary): erection of the church.
- St. Meinrad, Immaculate Conception: erection of the first church.
- Starlight, St. John: dedication of the first church.

1863

- St. Mark, Perry County, St. Mark: establishment of first church.

1864

- Bedford, St. Vincent de Paul: purchase and dedication of the first church.
- Bloomington, St. Charles Borromeo: purchase of the first church.

1865

- Bainbridge, St. Patrick: first Mass celebrated in the first church, which had been recently purchased.
- Brazil, Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: purchase of the first church.
- Indianapolis, St. Patrick: dedication of the first church, called St. Peter.
- Terre Haute, St. Benedict: blessing of the first church.

1867

- Montezuma, Immaculate Conception: erection of the first church.
- Osgood, St. John the Baptist: erection of the first church.
- Rockville, St. Joseph: erection of the first church.

1868

- Batesville, St. Louis: appointment of first pastor.
- Franklin, St. Rose of Lima: dedication of the first church.
- Shelbyville, St. Joseph: dedication of the first church.

1869

- Brownsburg, St. Malachy: completion of the first church and appointment of the first resident pastor.
- Fortville, St. Thomas: erection of the first church.
- Hamburg, St. Ann: erection of the first church.
- Henryville, St. Francis Xavier: dedication of the first church.
- Laurel, St. Raphael: erection of the first church.
- Siberia, St. Martin: blessing of the first church.

1870

- Batesville, St. Louis: dedication of the church.
- Carbon, St. Joseph: erection of the church.
- Locust Point, Harrison County, St. Joachim: founding of the church.

1871

- Mitchell, St. Mary: erection of the church.

1872

- Knightstown, St. Rose of Lima: dedication of the church.

1873

- Indianapolis, St. Joseph: erection of the first church.
- New Castle, St. Anne: dedication of the first church.

1874

- Cedar Grove, Holy Guardian Angels: first divine services in the newly erected church.

1875

- Indianapolis, Sacred Heart of Jesus: dedication of the first church.
- St. John, Perry County, St. John: erection of the first church.

1876

- Terre Haute, St. Ann: erection of the first church.
- Vevay, Most Sorrowful Mother: dedication of the church.

1880

- Indianapolis, St. Bridget: dedication of the church.
- New Middletown, Most Precious Blood: erection of the first church.

1881

- Indianapolis, St. Francis de Sales: purchase and blessing of the first church.
- Terre Haute, St. Patrick: erection of the church and appointment of the first resident pastor.

1887

- French Lick, Our Lady of the Springs: dedication of the church.

1891

- Clinton, Sacred Heart: erection of the first church.
- Fontanet, St. Augustine: erection of the church.
- Indianapolis, St. Anthony: blessing of the first church.
- St. Joseph, Perry County, St. Joseph: dedication of the church.

1892

- Indianapolis, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral: dedication of SS. Peter and Paul chapel.

1894

- Indianapolis, Assumption: dedication of the church.
- St. Denis, St. Denis: erection of the first church and appointment of the first resident pastor.

1895

- Indianapolis, Church of the Holy Cross: erection of the first church.

1896

- Corydon, St. Joseph: erection of the church.

1897

- Diamond, St. Mary: erection of the church.

1903

- Indianapolis, Church of the Holy Angels: dedication of the church.

1906

- Indianapolis, Holy Trinity: beginning of the church and appointment of the first resident pastor.

1908

- Beech Grove, Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus: foundation of parish.
- Milan, St. Charles: dedication of the first church.
- Seelyville, Holy Rosary: dedication of the church and appointment of the first resident pastor.

1909

- Indianapolis, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary: dedication of the first church.
- Indianapolis, Our Lady of Lourdes: erection of the first church and appointment of the first resident pastor.
- Indianapolis, St. Catherine of Siena: erection of the first church.
- Indianapolis, St. Philip Neri: dedication of the church.

1912

- West Terre Haute, St. Leonard of Port Maurice: dedication of the church.

1917

- Indianapolis, St. Ann: erection of the first church.

1919

- Indianapolis, St. Rita: dedication of the church.

1920

- Terre Haute, St. Margaret Mary: dedication of the church.
- Universal, St. Joseph: dedication of the church.

1921

- Indianapolis, St. Joan of Arc: dedication of the first church.

1922

- Indianapolis, St. Roch: private blessing of the temporary church.

1924

- Terre Haute, Sacred Heart of Jesus: dedication of the church.

1925

- Indianapolis, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower): blessing of the church.

1934

- Brownstown, Our Lady of Providence: dedication of the chapel.

1937

- Speedway, St. Christopher: dedication of the church.

1938

- Scottsburg, Church of the American Martyrs: blessing of the church.

1939

- Danville, Mary, Queen of Peace: dedication of the church.
- Indianapolis, Christ the King: dedication of the church.
- Indianapolis, St. Thomas Aquinas: dedication of the church.

1940

- Nashville, St. Agnes: dedication of the church.

1942

- Salem, St. Patrick: dedication of the church.

1946

- Indianapolis, Holy Spirit: Rev. Francis Early, pastor.
- Indianapolis, Immaculate Heart of Mary: Rev. Edwin Sahn, pastor.
- Indianapolis, St. Andrew the Apostle: Rev. Matthew Herold, pastor.
- Indianapolis, St. Mark the Evangelist: Rev. Leo Schafer, pastor.

1947

- Indianapolis, Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Rev. Louis Gootee, pastor.

1948

- Greenwood, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Queen of the Holy Rosary: Rev. Richard J. Mueller, pastor.
- Indianapolis, St. Michael the Archangel: Rev. Thomas Finneran, pastor.
- Paoli, Our Lord Jesus Christ the King: erection of the church.
- Sellersburg, St. Paul: Rev. Paul Gootee, pastor.

1949

- Indianapolis, St. Lawrence: Rev. Cyril Conen, pastor.
- Indianapolis, St. Joseph: new parish and church. Rev. Vincent Grannan, pastor.

1950

- New Albany, Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Rev. Richard Langen, pastor.

1951

- Indianapolis, St. James the Greater: Rev. John Betz, pastor.
- Spencer, St. Jude the Apostle: Rev. Joseph J. Pucci, OMI, pastor.

1952

- Indianapolis, St. Bernadette: Rev. John Herold, pastor.

1953

- Jeffersonville, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Rev. Robert Walpole, pastor.
- Plainfield, St. Susanna: Rev. John Reidy, pastor.
- Richmond, Holy Family: Rev. Robert Minton, pastor.

1954

- Indianapolis, St. Joseph: new church location: Rev. Thomas Carey, pastor.
- New Albany, Holy Family: Rev. Louis Marchino, pastor.
- St. Meinrad: Saint Meinrad Abbey celebrates 100 years and is elevated to the status of archabbey, one of the only nine archabbeyes in the world.

1955

- Greenwood, Our Lady of the Greenwood, Queen of the Holy Rosary: elevated to parochial status: Rev. Richard Mueller, pastor.
- Indianapolis, St. Pius X: Rev. Charles Ross, pastor.

1956

- Indianapolis, St. Monica: Rev. Paul Utz, pastor.

1958

- Indianapolis, St. Matthew the Apostle: Rev. Albert Diezeman, pastor.
- Nashville, St. Agnes: elevated to parochial status. Rev. Victor Wright, pastor.

1959

- Indianapolis, St. Jude: Rev. William Vollmuth, pastor.

1960

- Knightstown, St. Rose of Lima: elevated to parochial status.
Rev. James Shanahan, pastor.

1961

- Edinburgh, Holy Trinity: elevated to parochial status.
Rev. Richard Zore, administrator.
- Indianapolis, St. Luke the Evangelist: Rev. Paul Courtney, pastor.
- Indianapolis, St. Simon the Apostle: Rev. Earl Feltman, pastor.

1963

- Columbus, St. Columba: Rev. Patrick Gleason, pastor.
- Indianapolis, St. Gabriel the Archangel: Rev. Victor Wright, pastor.

1965

- Indianapolis, St. Barnabas: Rev. John Sciarra, pastor.

1967

- Mooresville, St. Thomas More: Rev. Herman Briggeman, pastor.

1968

- St. Isidore the Farmer, Perry County: dedication of parish church.
Rev. Ralph Staashelm, pastor.

1969

- Bloomington, St. Paul Catholic Center: dedication of campus center.
Rev. James Higgins, director.

1970

- Bloomington, St. John the Apostle: Rev. Francis Buck, pastor.

1983

- Indianapolis, St. Francis de Sales: parish closed. Parish territory attached to four other Indianapolis parishes: St. Andrew the Apostle, St. Philip Neri, St. Rita, and St. Therese. Sacramental records kept at St. Rita Parish.

1987

- Indianapolis, St. Francis de Sales: church sold to Martin University.

1991

- Indianapolis, Korean Catholic Community: dedication of chapel, which was incorporated into St. Lawrence Parish.

1993

- Madison, Prince of Peace: new parish created which includes the congregations of the parishes of St. Mary, St. Michael, and St. Patrick, all in Madison, and St. Anthony, in China, which were closed. Church to be used by Prince of Peace Parish: the former St. Mary Church in Madison. Rev. Jeffrey Charlton, pastor. Sacramental records of all former parishes kept at Prince of Peace.
- Indianapolis, Good Shepherd: new parish erected to coincide with the boundaries of St. Catherine and St. James, both in Indianapolis. Rev. Thomas E. Clegg, pastor. Sacramental records of both parishes kept at Good Shepherd.
- Greenwood, SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi: new parish established in northwestern Johnson County. Rev. Stephen T. Jarrell, pastor.

1994

- Indianapolis, St. Bridget: parish closed. Parish territory becomes part of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish. Sacramental records kept at SS. Peter and Paul.
- Columbus, parishes of St. Bartholomew and St. Columba: closed. New parish created having boundaries coterminous with the boundaries previously established for the aforementioned parishes. New parish named St. Bartholomew. Rev. Stephen Banet, pastor.

1995

- Indianapolis, Assumption Parish: closed. Parish territory becomes part of St. Anthony Parish. Sacramental records kept at St. Anthony.
- Indianapolis, St. Simon the Apostle: parish to be relocated at a new site in northeastern Marion County.

1996

- St. Paul, Decatur County, St. Paul: mission closed. Records kept at St. Vincent de Paul, Shelby County.

1997

- Indianapolis, St. Simon the Apostle: parish moved, changing the boundaries of the parish and the two neighboring parishes, St. Lawrence and Holy Spirit.

1998

- Bloomington, St. John the Apostle: church moved to a new site with no change in parish boundaries.

2000

- Bright, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross: new parish established in northeastern Dearborn County. Rev. William Marks, pastor.
- Oak Forest, St. Cecilia of Rome: closed as parish but remains as a chapel.

2001

- Montezuma, Immaculate Conception: closed.

2009

- Indianapolis, St. Ann: church moved to a new site with no change in parish boundaries.
- Brownsburg, St. Malachy: church moved to a new site with no change in parish boundaries.

2011

- West Terre Haute, St. Leonard of Port Maurice: closed Nov. 19.

2012

- Universal, St. Joseph: closing March 18.
- Terre Haute, St. Ann: closing July 29.
- Seelyville, Holy Rosary: closing Oct. 7.

Important Events

July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

2010

July 14

St. Mary Church in New Albany installed a new steeple. The old steeple was damaged on Sept. 14, 2008, when the remains of Hurricane Ike swept across southern Indiana.

August 6

Father Hilary Meny celebrated his 70th anniversary as a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

August 10

Laura Elstro, former member of St. Andrew Parish in Richmond, was received as a novice by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration at the community's motherhouse in Mishawaka, Ind.

August 27

Father Patrick Beidelman, archdiocesan director of liturgy, led sessions across central and southern Indiana to help archdiocesan ministry leaders prepare for the introduction of the new English translation of the Roman Missal.

August 29

The football field at St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis was named for former coach, Pat Devine. Devine coached at St. Lawrence Parish for 40 years.

September 9

Our Lady of the Greenwood School in Greenwood earned recognition as a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education.

September 10

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis reached an amicable settlement in the abuse case by a former priest, Harry Monroe. The lawsuit was filed in 2005 by John Doe RG.

September 12

St. Michael Parish in Charlestown celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of the parish.

September 17

Carla Hill was appointed the archdiocesan sexual abuse victim assistance coordinator.

September 19

St. Michael Parish in Greenfield celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of the parish.

September 20

Becky Cope, a coordinator of religious education at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood and Mary Margaret Lynch, a lay minister for adult formation at St. Joseph parish in Shelbyville completed the Ecclesial Lay Ministry formation program (ELM).

September 24

Charles Maurer, a member of St. Andrew Parish in Richmond, was appointed the Knights of Columbus' supreme treasurer. Maurer was Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus' Richmond Council #580 in Richmond. Maurer and his wife, Tonya moved to New Haven, Conn., the home of the Knights' international headquarters.

The Center for Catholic Stewardship at Marian University received a \$500,000 gift from O'Meara, Ferguson, Whelan and Conway, a consulting firm. In recognition of the gift, the university renamed the center the O'Meara Ferguson Center of Catholic Stewardship at Marian University.

September 25

The third annual "Angels of Grace—A Celebration of Women" honored three women who have made distinguished contributions to the central Indiana community. The awards, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, recognized: Julie Molloy, the director of The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House in Indianapolis; Anne Ryder, a broadcast journalist, columnist and the president of Ryder Media LLC in Indianapolis; Caroline Fisher, the founder and coordinator of the Center of Hope at St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis.

October 3

The 2010 Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award was presented to Patricia Yeadon, a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis; Alyssa Barnes, a member of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg, accepted the 2010 Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award at the annual Respect Life Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

October 7

The Criterion celebrated its 50th anniversary of publication. Volume I, Number 1 was published on Oct. 7, 1960.

October 10

Holy Cross Parish in St. Croix celebrated the 150th anniversary of its founding with a festive Mass.

October 17

Father Patrick Commons, a retired diocesan priest, died at St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove. He was 86.

October 22

St. Maurice Parish in Decatur County celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Batesville Deanery parish.

October 28-29

The Indiana Non-Public Education Conference (INPEC) was held in Indianapolis. Eric Jensen of the Jensen Learning Corporation was the keynote speaker.

November 3

At the Celebrating Catholic School Values: Scholarship and Career Achievement Awards, dinner recipients honored were: James Schellinger, a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis; the family of Archie and Bettie Smith; Shirley Kloepfer, a member of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison; William Kuntz, a member of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis; and Michael Welsh, M.D. a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana. Archbishop Buechlein presented Annette “Mickey” Lentz with a “Seeking the Face of the Lord Award,” the highest honor that he has given to only a few people during his 18 years as the spiritual leader of the archdiocese.

November 5

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis moved to have each of its parishes recognized as separate, nonprofit corporations—a restructuring process that aligned its civil law structure with its already established canonical structure.

November 6-7

The “Christ Our Hope: Compassion in Community” annual appeal has a goal of \$5.7 million.

November 8

Father Guillaume Bruté, a descendant of the diocese’s first bishop and a seminary rector in Beirut, Lebanon, visited the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and is helping further the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God, Bishop Simon Guillaume Gabriel Bruté de Rémur.

November 9

Mary Jo Thomas Day, administrator of religious education at St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, received the Indiana Conference of Catechetical Leaders’ St. Catherine of Siena Award. The award is given to catechetical leaders who exhibit leadership in the field of parish ministry and creative programming.

November 19

Theresa Chamblee was named the archdiocesan coordinator of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

November 27

Bishop Chatard High School and Cathedral High School in Indianapolis won Indiana High School Athletic Association state championship trophies. Bishop Chatard High School achieved a record 10th state title for the Class 3A championship. Cathedral High School, a private Catholic high school, earned its eighth state football title for the Class 4A championship.

December 5

St. Michael Parish in Bradford celebrated its 175th anniversary.

December 9

Five Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Oldenburg have served in Papua New Guinea for 50 years along with 21 other Oldenburg Franciscans and Capuchin Franciscan priests and brothers.

2011**January 14**

Father Christopher J. Coyne of Boston was appointed auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Bishop-designate Coyne became the first auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis since Bishop Joseph E. Ritter received that appointment in 1933.

January 21

The Great Lakes Gabriel Project, a parish-based ministry that offers assistance to mothers in crisis pregnancies, opened the first Catholic pregnancy resource center in Indiana. 1st Choice for Women is located at 5455 W. 86th St. in Indianapolis.

January 24

A Mass for Life at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, a pro-life march and respect life rally were held in downtown Indianapolis. Nearly 1,000 people participated in the Mass and March for Life. Rebecca Kiessling of Rochester Hills, Mich., a family law attorney and the mother of five children, spoke about how she was conceived in rape and adopted shortly after birth. The second annual March for Life was held in Bloomington on Jan. 24.

Nearly 70 college students and young adults and 200 youths and adult chaperones from across the archdiocese joined 400,000 participants in the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

February 6

Archbishop Buechlein dedicated the new St. Gabriel the Archangel Church in Indianapolis.

February 15

The Indiana House Education Committee approved the school choice bill—House Bill 1003.

February 23

Five teachers from the archdiocese were honored as 2010-11 Saint Theodora Excellence in Education Award winners by the archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education. They were: Patty Mauer, St. Patrick School, Terre Haute; Mary Rose Collins, Lumen Christi School, Indianapolis; Marsha Sander, Roncalli High School, Indianapolis; Lisa Hannon, St. Malachy School, Brownsburg; and Stephany Tucker, St. Anthony of Padua School, Clarksville. Father Gerald Kirkhoff, pastor of Good Shepherd Parish, Indianapolis, was recognized as the Distinguished Pastor of the archdiocese and Franciscan Sister Joanita Koors, principal of St. Mary School, North Vernon, received the National Catholic Educational Association's Distinguished Principal Award.

February 28

Bishop-designate Christopher J. Coyne gathered to pray with Archbishop Buechlein and some 80 priests at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. During the liturgy, Bishop-designate Coyne fulfilled the requirements spelled out in the Code of Canon Law that call for a priest about to be ordained a bishop to make a solemn profession of faith and an oath of fidelity to the pope.

March 2

Bishop Christopher J. Coyne was ordained the first Indianapolis auxiliary bishop since 1933. Nearly 1,000 people filled St. John the Evangelist Church, the oldest Catholic Church in Indianapolis, for the ordination. The entire ceremony was streamed live on the archdiocesan website.

March 3

The Archdiocesan Sanctity of Life dinner was held at the Riverwalk Banquet Center in Indianapolis. Sanctity of Life awards for distinguished pro-life service were presented to: Father Glenn O'Connor, pastor of St. Ann and St. Joseph parishes in Indianapolis; Diane Komlanc, St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis; Jerry Mattingly, Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis; and Tom McBroom, St. Patrick Parish, Terre Haute.

March 17

Providence Sisters Barbara McClelland and Rita Ann Wade were honored as the 2011 Irish Citizens of the Year in Indianapolis.

March 18

Archbishop Buechlein suffered a mild stroke at home and was admitted to St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

March 23

Archbishop Buechlein was transferred to a rehabilitation hospital.

April 1

Four Catholic schools in the archdiocese were recognized by the Indiana Department of Education for a statewide honor. The four schools that received the state's Four Star School Award were: St. Luke School in Indianapolis, St. Mary-of-the-Knobs School in Floyd County, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis and Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg.

April 8

An Indiana Court of Appeals upheld an earlier court decision that Lawrence Township Schools do not have to provide full bus transportation to students who attend nonpublic schools.

April 16

Father Joseph Kern, a retired priest who continued to serve as the dean of the Terre Haute Deanery and provide sacramental assistance at parishes, died. He was 80.

April 26

Pope Benedict XVI accepted the resignation of Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville, Ind., and named Father Charles C. Thompson, the vicar general of the Archdiocese of Louisville to succeed him. Bishop Gettelfinger had turned 75 in October 2010 and had submitted his resignation to the pope as required.

April 29

A grand opening was held at the Ritter Neighborhood Resource Center in New Albany by the Cardinal Ritter Birthplace Foundation. Bishop Paul D. Etienne of Cheyenne, Wyo., a Tell City native and former pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, was the guest of honor. He was an early board member of the Ritter Foundation.

April 30

Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, ordained Jerry Byrd, a member of St. Louis Parish in Batesville to the transitional diaconate. Deacon Byrd is expected to be ordained to the priesthood in June 2012.

May 3

The CYO recognized six individuals with the Saint John Bosco Medal. The recipients were: Bob Korson, St. Jude Parish, Indianapolis; Larry Leonhardt, St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis; Mark Meunier, St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg; Don Nester, St. Pius X Parish, Indianapolis; and Pete Schroeder and Suzie Wells, St. Barnabas Parish, Indianapolis.

May 5

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels signed the school choice legislation into law. House Enrolled Act 1003 is effective July 1, 2011.

May 6

During the month of May, nearly 700 students graduated from two Catholic colleges in the archdiocese.

May 11

The archdiocese honored recipients of the Spirit of Service Awards with a dinner at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis. Receiving awards were: Fiorella Gambetta-Gibson, member of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis; Charles Guynn, member of St. Rita Parish, Indianapolis; David Jackson, member of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis; and Leo Stenz, member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis. Lou Holtz, former championship football coach of Notre Dame, was the keynote speaker.

May 13

An organizational meeting was held to renew the St. Thomas More Society for Catholic lawyers, law students and judges.

May 20

Pope Benedict XVI honored five priests of the archdiocese by naming them monsignors. Father Paul Richart, administrator of St. Paul Parish in Sellersburg; retired Father Joseph Riedman; Father William Stumpf, moderator of the curia; Father Anthony Volz, pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis; and Father Joseph Kern, former dean of the Terre Haute Deanery. Father Kern died on April 16, shortly after the appointment was made but before the honor was made public.

Father John Buckel, a diocesan priest who formerly taught Scripture classes at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, died. He was 59.

Eleven Catholic high schools in the archdiocese graduated 1,291 students.

June 4

Deacon Dustin Boehm was ordained by auxiliary bishop and vicar general, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne. Archbishop Buechlein preached the homily. It was the archbishop's first public ministry since he suffered a mild stroke on March 18.

June 8

The first class of 25 students graduated from Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis. Together, the students secured more than \$2.2 million in earned scholarship money.

June 17

Two new staff members joined the archdiocesan Office of Family Ministries. Debra VanVelse, a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, is the part-time coordinator of Family Ministries programs. She succeeds Marilyn Hess, who retired on June 7 after serving the archdiocese for 22 years. Flor Bickel, a member of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis, is the part-time administrative assistant.

June 21-23

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, publisher of *The Criterion*, the archdiocese's newspaper, received the prestigious Bishop John England Award from the Catholic Press Association. Assistant editor of *The Criterion*, John Shaughnessy, was recognized as a 2010 Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara journalism winner. He won first place in the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith's "Interviews with Missionaries." Shaughnessy also received a first place award for Best Sports Journalism: Sports Feature or Column for his story "Bigger than the game: Special bond forms between Catholic school, public school on Indianapolis softball diamond." Sean Gallagher, reporter, won first place for the Best Regular Column, Family Life, for his monthly column "Faith and Family."

June 24

Francesca LaRosa, a member of St. Barnabas Parish and a senior at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis was chosen to sing the ballad version of the theme song "Called to Glory" for the 2011 National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis next November.

June 30

Benedictine Sister Rebecca Marie Fitterer, a registered nurse and former director of nursing at St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove became the administrator of the Hermitage. She succeeds Benedictine Sister Sharon Bierman who retired as the administrator on June 30.

