
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 13,594.08 square miles, according to the 2010 U.S. federal census, 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 Flavias 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 at 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 archbishop 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, by Archbishop Thomas Cajetan Kelly, OP of Louisville, assisted by James Francis Cardinal Stafford of Denver, and Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara of Indianapolis. 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 pronuncio to the United States, in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, September 9, 1992.

Most Rev. William Joseph Tobin, CSsR

Born in Detroit, MI, May 3, 1952. Son of Joseph W. Tobin and Marie Terese Kerwin, Holy Redeemer Parish, Detroit. Professed first vows as a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists), August 5, 1973. Professed perpetual vows in the Redemptorists, August 21, 1976. Ordained to the priesthood, June 1, 1978. Appointed associate pastor, Holy Redeemer Parish, Detroit, June 1979. Named pastor, Holy Redeemer Parish, July 1984. Named pastor, St. Alphonsus Parish, Chicago, July 1990 and served as a provincial consultor for the Redemptorists, 1984–1990. Served as a general consultor for the Redemptorists at the congregation's headquarters in Rome, 1991–1997. Elected superior general of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, 1997; reelected superior general, 2003, and served until 2009, Rome. Named by Pope Benedict XVI as secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life and titular archbishop of Obba, August 2, 2010. Ordained bishop in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome by Tarcisio Pietro Evasio Cardinal Bertone, SDB, assisted by Franc Cardinal Rodé, CM, and Agostino Cardinal Vallini, October 9, 2010. Named sixth archbishop of Indianapolis by Pope Benedict XVI, October 18, 2012. Installed in the metropolitan see of Indianapolis at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, December 3, 2012, the feast day of St. Francis Xavier, a principal patron of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

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'Donaghue

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 Alerding

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'Donaghue, 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 Cardinal William W. Baum, of the Apostolic Penitentiary, Rome, and Bishop William G. Curlin of Charlotte, 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. Named archbishop of Baltimore, March 20, 2012. Installed in the Baltimore see on May 16, 2012. 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 by Pope Benedict XVI on October 19, 2009. Ordained and installed in Cheyenne by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput OFM Cap of Denver, joined by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB, of Indianapolis, and Bishop David J. Ricken of Green Bay 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. Ann Parish, Jennings County, Indiana, and was for a time at Oldenburg.

His Eminence, the Most Reverend John F. O'Hara, CSC, former 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, (Mar.-Sept.)
2012- — Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne

Archdiocesan Prelates

Ordained

Rev. Msgr. Lawrence J. Moran	May 3, 1952
Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Riedman	May 3, 1956
Rev. Msgr. Harold L. Knueven	May 3, 1958
Rev. Msgr. Paul F. Richart	May 7, 1961
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. Joseph F. Schaedel	May 22, 1982
Rev. Msgr. William F. Stump, PhD	June 1, 1985
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 of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower). 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 to 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

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 November 19. Sacramental Records kept at St. Mary-of-the-Woods Parish. Other materials stored in Archdiocesan Archives.

2012

- Universal, St. Joseph: closed April 18. Sacramental records kept at Sacred Heart, Clinton. Other materials stored in archdiocesan archives.
- Terre Haute, St. Ann: closed May 20. Sacramental records kept at St. Joseph University Parish. Other materials stored in archdiocesan archives.
- Seelyville, Holy Rosary: closed October 12. Sacramental records and other materials stored in archdiocesan archives.

2013

- Cedar Grove, Holy Guardian Angels: closed December 1. Sacramental records kept at St. Michael, Brookville.
- Hamburg, St. Anne: closed December 1. Sacramental records kept at Holy Family, Oldenburg.
- Jennings County, St. Denis: closed December 1. Sacramental records kept at Immaculate Conception, Millhousen.
- Dover, St. John the Baptist: closed December 1. Sacramental records kept at All Saints, Dearborn County.
- Enochsburg, St. John the Evangelist: closed December 1. Sacramental records to be kept at St. Catherine of Siena, Decatur County.
- St. Leon/West Harrison, St. Joseph: closed December 1. Sacramental records kept at All Saints, Dearborn County.
- Yorkville, St. Martin: closed December 1. Sacramental records kept at All Saints, Dearborn County.
- New Marion, St. Mary Magdalen: closed December 1. Sacramental records kept at Prince of Peace, Madison.
- St. Mary of the Rock, Batesville: closed December 1. Sacramental records kept at Holy Family, Oldenburg.
- Decatur County, St. Maurice: closed December 1. Sacramental records to be kept at St. Catherine of Siena, Decatur County.
- New Alsace, St. Paul: closed December 1. Sacramental records kept at All Saints, Dearborn County.
- Ripley County, St. Pius: closed December 1. Sacramental records kept at St. Charles Borromeo, Milan.

Important Events

July 1, 2012– June 30, 2013

2012

July 1

Matt Faley was appointed director of young adult and college campus ministry. Faley previously served as coordinator of young adult ministry under the direction of Father Rick Nagel.

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Oldenburg endorsed four members of their community to serve a six-year term as their community's new leadership team: Sisters Mary Beth Gianoli, Maureen Irvin, Joanita Koors and Marjorie Niemer.

July 2

Gina Fleming, former principal of Most Holy Name of Jesus School in Beech Grove, was named assistant superintendent of Catholic schools for the archdiocese.

July 6

At the national Catholic Media Conference, held in Indianapolis, *The Criterion* staff was honored for excellence in journalism by three organizations.

July 19

More than 2,200 people from across the country gathered for the National Black Catholic Congress XI at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis. Amanda Strong, a member of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis, received the Servant of Christ Award for distinguished volunteer service to the Church from the congress.

July 20

Conventual Franciscan Friar Don Bassana was invested as a novice for the friars' Our Lady of Consolation Province, headquartered at Mt. St. Francis, Ind.

July 26

During the annual national convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Father Clement Davis, pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus, received the organization's Outstanding Pastor Award. Charles and Dianne Gardner received the Virgil C. Funk Stewardship Award. Dianne serves as the director of liturgical music at Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis, and Charles "Charlie" is archdiocesan executive director for spiritual life and worship and director of liturgical music. The convention was held in Pittsburgh.

August 1

Benedictine Sister Mildred Wannemuehler, a former prioress of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove and former longtime parish life coordinator of St. Agnes Parish in Nashville, Ind., died. She was 82. Sister Mildred was one of the early parish life coordinators in the archdiocese.

August 3

Father Francis "Frank" Bryan, a retired priest of the archdiocese, celebrated 50 years of priestly ministry. Father Bryan is professor emeritus at Marian University in Indianapolis where he taught theology for 36 years.

Benedictine Father Matthias Neuman and Benedictine Brothers Flavian Swank and Angelo Vitale celebrated 50 years as monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey.

August 9

Franciscan Sister Maria Kolbe Elstro, former member of St. Andrew Parish in Richmond, professed temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for a period of three years as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration at the motherhouse in Mishawaka, Ind. Franciscan Sister M. Madeleine Schumacker, former member of St. Louis Parish in Batesville, renewed her temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

August 10

The Criterion reported on the June 24 celebration of the 175th anniversary of the founding of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Shelby County.

August 17

The Criterion featured Father David Lawler's 50 years' of ministry as a priest. Father Lawler was ordained on May 6, 1962.

August 18

Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new \$2.9 million athletic complex. The new multi-sports stadium, baseball field and softball field were funded by the school's Golden Opportunities Capital Campaign that also increased the school's endowments for tuition assistance and teacher compensation, and upgraded the school's classrooms, science laboratories and technology system.

August 22

Holy Angels Church was torn down. The 109-year-old white frame building wasn't safe to worship in anymore. Two copper crosses and the bronze bell were salvaged from the church in the hopes that they will be installed in a new church at a later date.

August 24

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Henryville received a gift of \$100,000 from the Annenberg Foundation in Los Angeles. The funds were donated to assist in the relief effort from the tornadoes that went through the area on March 2. Father Steven Schaflein, pastor of the parish, and the parish council decided to share the funds with St. John the Baptist Parish in Osgood.

August 31

The Criterion reported on the opening of Becky's Place, a Catholic Charities homeless shelter for women and children in Bedford. The shelter opened in February 2012.

September 7

Boulevard Place opened in a new location in Indianapolis at the northwest corner of 42nd Street and Boulevard Place. It is a St. Vincent de Paul food pantry and a collaborative venture of five Indianapolis parishes: St. Thomas Aquinas, Christ the King, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joan of Arc and St. Luke the Evangelist. The pantry serves 500 families each month.

September 12

The Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School's new multi-sport athletic field was completed as part of the school's Create Campaign, a four-year fundraising effort that started in 2010. The project was completed two years ahead of schedule because of a cooperative approach between Cardinal Ritter and Bishop Chatard High School that saved the schools money by sharing supplies and using some of the same vendors.

September 16

St. Augustine Parish in Leopold celebrated the 175th anniversary of its founding with a Mass.

September 19

Jesuit Father Jack Dennis became president of Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis.

September 21

Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, apostolic administrator of the Church in central and southern Indiana, celebrated his one-year appointment to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. On the same date, Pope Benedict XVI accepted the early retirement of Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., who resigned due to ongoing effects of a stroke he suffered earlier in the year and other health problems.

A new grant-application process was put in place for parishes across central and southern Indiana. The new process makes funds available twice a year through the St. Francis Xavier Home Mission Endowment Fund and the Growth and Expansion Endowment Fund. New grants are also available from the James P. Scott Endowment Fund.

September 22

A new entrance and parking facility at the Benedict Inn in Beech Grove was blessed during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

September 29

Catholics across the archdiocese began celebrating the Year of Faith.

“Angels of Grace” awards were presented by the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center to three women who have made distinguished contributions that help others through their community service in central Indiana during the Sisters of St. Benedict’s fifth annual awards celebration that was held at Primo Banquet and Conference Center. Honored with community service awards were: Sgt. Jo Ann Moore, who received the Angel Gabriel Award for being a messenger who spreads hope and cheer to others; St. Roch parishioner Bonnie Schott of Indianapolis, who received the Angel Raphael Award for being a companion to those in need of help; and Sally Schrock of Indianapolis, founder of Second Starts, who received the Angel Michael Award for being a defender of the dignity and goodness of others.

October 1

Father Christiaan Kappes, an archdiocesan priest pursuing graduate studies in Greece, contacted his family and told them that he feared for his safety. On October 8, he contacted them again to let them know that he was alive and well in Germany.

October 7

During the archdiocesan Respect Life Sunday Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, Sandra Bierly, a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany, received the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Respect Life Award for outstanding service to the cause of life. Patrick Stutz, a member of St. Michael Parish in Greenfield and a senior at Greenfield Central High School, received the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award for his exemplary efforts as a teenager to promote respect for life.

One-hundred-four-year-old Holy Rosary Parish in Seelyville celebrated its last Mass on the Feast of the Holy Rosary. The parish was closed as a result of decisions made during a lengthy discernment process carried out in the Terre Haute Deanery.

Holy Family Parish in Oldenburg celebrated the 175th anniversary of the parish at its annual festival and took part in Oldenburg’s “Holiday under the Spires” festival on December 1.

October 10

Father J. Joseph McNally, a retired archdiocesan priest and long-time pastor in Columbus and Indianapolis, died of complications from brain cancer. He was 80.

October 11

Father Christiaan Kappes, an archdiocesan priest pursuing graduate studies in Greece, returned safely back in Indiana after he was missing for a week.

October 12

Mary Ann Ransdell and Ida Lamberti were named to five-year terms on the Archdiocesan Review Board, which reviews allegations of sexual abuse by priests, employees, and volunteers of the archdiocese. Ransdell is a member of St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus and is a retired administrator for the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. She has served on the St. Bartholomew Parish School Commission. Lamberti is a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis. She is an immigration lawyer for the Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic in Indianapolis. She has served on the St. Luke Social Justice Commission. They join four other members of the review board—Msgr. Tony Volz, Eileen Ahrens, Mary Harty and Dr. Edward Haskins.

October 18

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., was appointed archbishop of Indianapolis by Pope Benedict XVI. He succeeds Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein. The archbishop was formally introduced during a press conference at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

October 19

Marian University in Indianapolis celebrated the 75th anniversary of its founding with a dinner and celebration in downtown Indianapolis. The university, which is owned and sponsored by the Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Oldenburg, will continue in Indianapolis thanks to the generosity of corporate and individual donors who donated \$153 million. The inaugural John A. Purdie Innovator and Mentor of the Year Award was given to Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein. Archbishop Joseph Tobin accepted the award on behalf of Archbishop Daniel.

October 22

On June 30, St. Mary-of-the-Woods Parish celebrated the 175th anniversary of the founding of the parish on June 30, 1837. The parish was established by Father Louis Buteux.

October 27

St. Joseph University Parish in Terre Haute celebrated 175 years of its founding.

October 29

Brian Burkert was named chief financial officer of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, succeeding Jeffrey D. Stumpf, who left the service of the archdiocese.

William L. Coyne Jr. of Woburn, Mass., father of Auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, died after a brief illness. He was 89.

October 30

The annual "Celebrating Catholic School Values Awards" event was held at Union Station in Indianapolis. The event raised a record \$940,000 to help children in need attend Catholic schools. Rodney Byrnes, a successful Indianapolis business executive, was the featured speaker. Honored were: Dennis Sponsel, St. Barnabas Parish, Indianapolis, and Providence Sister James Michael Kesterson. Fred Klipsch received the Community Service Award for his leadership as chairman of School Choice Indiana and the Educational CHOICE Charitable Trust.

November 3

Bishop Chatard High School girls' volleyball team won the state championship.

November 3-4

Archdiocesan parishes marked Intention Weekend when parishioners make their annual pledge for the "United Catholic Appeal: Christ Our Hope" Campaign. The goal for the appeal was set at \$5.7 million.

November 7

The Catholic Community Foundation marked the 25th anniversary of its founding.

November 25

St. Francis Xavier Church in Henryville was rededicated nearly nine months after a devastating tornado damaged the church. Auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, blessed the repaired and renovated church. (Dec. 14, page 7)

December 2

Barbara and Donald Horan and Stephen and Denise Butz, members of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg, were killed in Donald Horan's single-engine airplane that crashed in dense fog near Greensburg. Don served as president of the Catholic Community Foundation in 2011 and was a member of its board of trustees.

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin's crosier, pectoral cross and episcopal ring were blessed during a solemn evening prayer service at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The archbishop received the gifts, given by archdiocesan priests and deacons, at his installation Mass on Dec. 3.

December 3

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin was installed as the sixth archbishop of Indianapolis at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

December 11

Charles Gardner, archdiocesan executive director for spiritual life and worship and director of liturgical music, retired from the archdiocese after serving the Church in various capacities for more than 40 years.

December 13

The Marian University football team won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) championship with a 30-27 overtime win over Morningside College from Iowa. The national football championship was the first NAIA title in the school's history.

December 22

Maryknoll Father J. David Sullivan, a missionary priest in the Philippines, died. He was 79. Father Sullivan grew up in St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis.

2013

January 7

Reporter Natalie Hoefer joined *The Criterion* as a reporter succeeding Mary Ann Garber, who retired on Jan. 2. Natalie and her husband are members of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis.

January 8

USS Indianapolis survivor, James E. O'Donnell, died. He was 92. Jim and his wife, Mary Alice (Gearns), celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Dec. 31, 2012. They are members of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis.

January 13

Holy Cross Brother Joseph E. Umile, former president of Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, died. He was 64.

January 16

Archbishop Tobin celebrated Mass at St. Jude Church in the Indianapolis South Deanery as he began a visitation "tour" of all the deaneries of the archdiocese. A Mass would be celebrated in each of the deaneries.

January 17

St. Mary Catholic Academy in New Albany announced that the school would close at the end of the school year.

January 19

St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis celebrated 175 years of ministry. Archbishop Tobin and seven priests concelebrated the Mass.

January 19-20

Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis participated in the first-ever VEX Robotics Championship. The two teams from Bishop Chatard placed third and fifth in the event.

January 25

The local solemn observance of the 1973 Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade* was held at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Following the liturgy, pro-life supporters participated in a Respect Life March along North Meridian Street then returned to the cathedral for presentations. Archbishop Tobin was the principal celebrant for the Mass.

A group of 50 young adults from the archdiocesan Young Adult and College Campus Ministry participated in the national March for Life that was held in Washington, D.C. One hundred sixty-five members of various Indiana councils of the Knights of Columbus and their families participated in the annual demonstration. More than 500,000 people participated in the march marking the 40th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

Archbishop Tobin designated nine holy sites throughout central and southern Indiana where a person can obtain an indulgence during the Year of Faith by making a sacramental confession, receiving the Eucharist, praying for the Holy Father's intentions and making a special visit to the holy site.

Father Eric Augenstein began his ministry as the archdiocese's new vocations director. He replaces Father Eric Johnson who served as the vocations director for more than seven years.

January 31

David Milroy, archdiocesan executive director of stewardship and development, stepped down from the position to return to private business.

February 3

Bishop John Michael D’Arcy, eighth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, died. He was 80.

February 10

St. Joseph University Parish in Terre Haute offered tours of the church in celebration of its 175th anniversary.

February 11

Pope Benedict XVI announced his resignation.

February 19

Archbishop Tobin celebrated Mass at St. Louis Church in Batesville. The Mass was the last of the 11 deanery Masses that he celebrated across central and southern Indiana to get to know Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

February 20

Providence Sister Diane Ris, who served as the 16th general superior of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, died. She was 80.

February 27

A fire believed to be arson was set in the historic St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis. Estimated damage to the church was set at \$400,000.

February 28

The convent at St. Bernadette Parish in Indianapolis had an accidental fire that was started by a burning candle. Although the fire was significant, the convent can be repaired. Six religious sisters were living in the convent at the time.

March 1

Father Patrick J. Beidelman, S.T.L., was named director of the Secretariat for Spiritual Life and Worship while continuing as vice rector of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary through the 2012-13 academic year.

March 9-10

In a letter read in the parishes of the Batesville Deanery Archbishop Tobin announced to Catholics in southeastern Indiana that the archdiocesan Management Council and Council of Priests will consider the deanery’s recommendations regarding the future status of faith communities in the deanery.

March 12

Archbishop Tobin celebrated a Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis at the same time the 115 cardinals gathered in the Sistine Chapel to begin the process of electing a new pope. Seminarian Anthony Hollowell, a member of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis, proclaimed the first reading during the Mass for the election of the Roman pontiff in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican.

March 13

Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected pope. He chose the name of Francis.

March 14

Archbishop Tobin celebrated the election of Pope Francis during a Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

March 19

Pope Francis was installed in his ministry as successor to St. Peter.

Archbishop Tobin celebrated Mass on the Solemnity of St. Joseph at St. Joseph University Parish in Terre Haute. The Mass and a dinner closed the year of events commemorating the parish’s 175th anniversary.

March 22

Father Noah Casey, rector of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, published a book, *From Death to Life*. The book serves as a spiritual guide through the Easter season.

March 26

The Indiana Supreme Court upheld the state's school voucher program as constitutional.

April 11

Franciscan Sister Rita Vukovic, an English teacher at Cardinal Ritter Junior Senior High School for 42 years, retired.

April 18

The archdiocese honored recipients of the Spirit of Service Awards with a dinner at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis. Receiving awards were: Gary Ahlrichs, a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Indianapolis; Adonis Hardin, of Holy Angels Parish, Indianapolis. Paul Corsaro, of St. Barnabas Parish, Indianapolis, received the Community Service Award. Amanda Rulong, a student at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, received the first Youth Spirit of Service Award. Tom Crean, head basketball coach at Indiana University, was the keynote speaker.

Annette "Mickey" Lentz, archdiocesan chancellor, was recognized as the 2013 Catholic Person of the Year by the Southside Catholic Business Professionals.

JoAnn Fowler Combs, a member of St. Rita Parish in Indianapolis, received the Caregiver of the Year award from the Central Indiana Council on Aging, Inc.

April 21

Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis honored Archbishop Emeritus Buechlein for his courage and foresight in opening the college seminary nine years ago.

April 26-28

Spencer Torline, a senior at Father Michael Shawe Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in Madison, was named the Outstanding Catholic Youth for 2013 by the Indiana Knights of Columbus at its annual convention in Indianapolis.

May 7

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) of the archdiocese honored five volunteers with the St. John Bosco Medal for distinguished service to youth. Honored were: Sandy Clegg, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) Parish in Indianapolis; Mary Jo Reed, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis; Phil Kenney, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis; Tom Hayes, Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis; and Paul Weaver, St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis. The CYO also honored 25 adults with the Msgr. Albert Busald Award and 24 young people with the Spirit of Youth Award.

May 11

The archdiocese graduated 45 Hispanic Catholics from the Hispanic Leadership Institute during a ceremony at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The graduates received a certificate of completion for the two-year Lay Leadership Pastoral Formation Program.

May 17

Scott Hutchins, assistant boys' varsity baseball coach and chemistry teacher at Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville, was awarded the Saint Theodora Guérin Excellence in Education Award, the highest honor for a Catholic educator in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. At the end of the academic school year, 1,415 students were graduated from 12 Catholic high schools in the archdiocese.

May 18

Three men were ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Tobin at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Ordained were Fathers John Kamwendo, Douglas Marcotte and Martin Rodriguez.

May 22

Bill Grote, chairman of the board of the family-owned business, Grote Industries, challenged the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' mandate requiring most employers to provide abortion-inducing drugs, sterilizations and contraceptives to their employees in company health plans. A three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit of Appeals in Chicago heard arguments in the lawsuit the Grote family filed to gain relief from the regulation.

Father Michael Perry, O.F.M., a native of Indianapolis, was elected by the order's general council and 27 Franciscans representing different parts of the world as the new minister general of the Order of Friars Minor. Father Perry will serve until 2015 completing the six-year term of Spanish-born Archbishop José Rodríguez Carballo, who was appointed secretary of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Archbishop Carballo's immediate predecessor was Archbishop Joseph Tobin.

May 23

Archbishop Tobin announced a reorganization of the archdiocese's Office of Stewardship and Development. Beginning June 1, Jolinda Moore will serve in an expanded role as the director of stewardship and development and oversee the daily operations of the Office of Stewardship and Development. Ellen Brunner, the current director of planned giving, will take on greater responsibilities in her new role as director of the Catholic Community Foundation. The reorganization will result in a smaller staff.

May 31

Jason Adams was appointed by the board of Lumen Christi Catholic School in Indianapolis as headmaster.

June 6

Archbishop Tobin announced to some 300 Catholics from across southeastern Indiana decisions that affected 26 of the 27 parishes in the Batesville Deanery, plus three more faith communities in two other deaneries. The decisions were the result of a lengthy discernment process involving deanery parishioners and others. Some parishes will close, others will merge, and others will share staff and programming.

June 8

Father Thomas Scecina Memorial High School in Indianapolis won the state championship in girls' softball. Cory Gray coached the winning team.

June 10

Sister Jeanne Knoerle, a Sister of Providence for 64 years and president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College for 15 years, died. She was 85.

June 12

Father Harold Ripperger, a retired archdiocesan priest, died. He was 80.

June 19-22

Staff members of *The Criterion* were honored for excellence in journalism by the Catholic Press Association during the Catholic Media Conference held in Denver, Colo.

June 22

Two novices joined the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove. Benedictine Sisters Susan Nicole Reuber and Gayla Marie Aspromonte entered a year of intense studies and integration of the monastic way of life.

June 23

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish celebrated the parish's 50th anniversary. Archbishop Tobin celebrated an English/Spanish Mass at the church.

St. Mark Parish in Perry County celebrated the 150th anniversary of the parish. Bishop Coyne celebrated Mass.

June 29

During a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica celebrated by Pope Francis on the feast of SS. Peter and Paul, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., received a pallium symbolizing his role as the shepherd of the Church in central and southern Indiana and metropolitan of the Indianapolis Province, which comprises the five dioceses in the state of Indiana.

June 30

Providence Sisters Deborah Campbell, Laura Parker, Patty Wallace and Beth Wright professed perpetual final as Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods at the Church of the Immaculate Conception of St. Mary-of-the-Woods.