
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, secretary of state of the Holy See, 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 Diomedo 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 St. Louis 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, apostolic pro-nuncio to the United States, in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, September 9, 1992.

Most Rev. Joseph William 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, secretary of state of the Holy See, assisted by Franc Cardinal Rodé, CM, prefect of the congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, and Agostino Cardinal Vallini, vicar general of Rome, on 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, apostolic nuncio to the United States, 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 Indianapolis 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 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'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 Indianapolis 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 Indianapolis 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 Indianapolis Bishop Joseph Chartrand, assisted by Bishop Thomas E. Molloy of Brooklyn and Auxiliary 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 New Orleans 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, 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
1934-1959 — 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
1989-1994 — 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.), Auxiliary Bishop
2012-2014 — Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne, Auxiliary Bishop
2014- — Rev. Msgr. William F. Stumpf, PhD

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.

1964

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

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 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 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, Millhouses.
- 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.

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- Ripley County, St. Pius: closed December 1.
Sacramental records kept at St. Charles Borromeo, Milan.

2014

- Indianapolis, Church of the Holy Cross: closed November 30.
Sacramental records kept at St. Philip Neri, Indianapolis.
- Indianapolis, Holy Trinity: closed November 30.
Sacramental records kept at St. Anthony, Indianapolis
- Indianapolis, St. Bernadette: closed November 30.
Sacramental records kept at Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis

Important Events

July 1, 2013– June 30, 2014

2013

July 1

Gina Fleming, assistant superintendent of Catholic schools, became the superintendent of Catholic schools. Mary McCoy, former principal at St. Philip Neri School in Indianapolis, became an assistant superintendent. She joins Rob Rash in that role.

Rebecca Niemerg joined the archdiocese as the director of Pro-Life and Family Life Ministries, a newly created position for the archdiocese. Niemerg was formally the pastoral care coordinator in the Office of Pro-Life Activities and Chaste Living for the Diocese of Austin, Texas.

July 14

On Bastille Day (French National Day), St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg hosted the archdiocese's first monthly Mass in French. Father Michael Hoyt, associate pastor, was the celebrant.

July 28-August 1

At the joint conference of four black Catholic organizations held in Chicago, Father Kenneth Taylor and Oldenburg Franciscan Sister Jannette Pruitt were elected to national leadership roles. Father Taylor, pastor of Church of the Holy Angels in Indianapolis, was elected for a two-year term as president of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (NBCCC). Sister Jannette, project coordinator for the Office of Multicultural Ministry for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, was elected to the board of the National Black Sisters Conference (NBSC).

August 7

Benedictine Father Richard Hindel, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, died. He was 91. Father Richard grew up in Indianapolis at Holy Angels and SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral parishes.

August 10

Two Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove celebrated milestone jubilees. Benedictine Sister Eugenia Reibel marked her 75th jubilee and Sister Patricia Dede marked her 60th jubilee.

August 11

Augustinian Brother Bernard Cissell, former member of St. Philip Neri Parish in Indianapolis, professed his first vows in the Augustinian order in Chicago, Ill.

August 12

Marian University opened the \$48 million, state-of-the-art Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences, the second medical school in the state of Indiana and the first Catholic college in the country to have a school of osteopathic medicine. The first class numbered 162 students.

August 15

Franciscan Brother Moises Gutierrez became the director of multicultural ministry for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Formerly, Brother Moises was the coordinator of Hispanic ministry. His predecessor, Father Kenneth Taylor, had served as the first and only part-time director of the archdiocese's Office of Multicultural Ministry for 17 years.

September 6

The Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy denied petitions by four people in the Terre Haute Deanery to have the merger of Holy Rosary Parish in Seelyville with Annunciation Parish in Brazil rescinded.

September 6-8

The National Association of African Catholics in the United States (NAACUS) held their annual conference, "One Faith, One Body in the Era of the New Evangelization," at St. Bernadette Retreat Center in Indianapolis. More than 200 African-born Catholics from around the U.S. attended the conference.

September 7

In response to Pope Francis's request that the Catholic Church around the world mark September 7 as a day of prayer and fasting, Archbishop Tobin asked all parishes in the archdiocese to schedule a special period of prayer in solidarity with the prayer vigil that was held in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

September 11

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin blessed the chapel in the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences at Marian University in Indianapolis

September 17

Right to Life of Indianapolis hosted its 31st "Celebrate Life" dinner and awards ceremony in the Sagamore Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The Respect Life Award was given to the founder of the Servants of the Gospel of Life, Sister Diane Carollo. The Charles E. Stimming, Sr., Pro-Life Award was given to volunteer Therese Langsenkamp, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Carmel, Ind., in the Diocese of Lafayette. Abby Johnson, author of *unPlanned*, senior policy advisor for Americans United for Life and founder of a nonprofit organization "And Then There Were None," was the keynote speaker.

September 20

Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg won its first football game with a 19-6 victory over Traders Point Christian Academy in Whitestown, Ind. This was the first time in the 161-year-old history that the school fielded a football team.

September 21

Marian University in Indianapolis broke ground for Alumni Hall, a new student center. When completed the one-story facility will house the university's bookstore and serve as a gathering place for students, alumni, staff and faculty.

September 28

“Angels of Grace” awards were presented by the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove to three women who have made distinguished contributions that help others through their community service in central Indiana. The sixth annual awards celebration that was held at Primo Banquet and Conference Center.

Honored with community service awards were: Barbara Boyd, Indianapolis’ first black female television journalist and news anchor, received the Archangel Gabriel Award. Wendi Middleton, founder of Angels’ Wings, received the Archangel Michael Award. Mary Anne Schaefer, a member of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis, received the Archangel Raphael Award.

Oldenburg Franciscan Sister Jannette Pruitt assumed the role of coordinator for Black Catholic ministry. Formerly Sister Jannette was project coordinator for the Office of Multicultural Ministry.

The Criterion reported on the anniversary celebration for Father Clifford Vogelsang. Father Vogelsang celebrated 50 years of priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He was ordained May 5, 1963.

September 29

Beech Grove Benedictine Sister Louise Hoeing was honored for 60 years as an educator during a celebration at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis.

October 3

Archbishop Tobin visited with students at St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Indianapolis to see a presentation about saints. The students, who attend Andrew Academy, are participants in an after-school program Project called SAFE (St. Andrew Faith Filled Enrichment).

October 4

At the Dillon Family Distinguished Alumni Dinner at Marian University’s Steffen Music Center, David Bethuram, associate executive director for the Secretariat for Catholic Charities and Family Ministries and a 1978 alumnus of Marian, received the St. Francis and St. Clare Award for Distinguished Achievement in Peace and Social Justice. Gina Kuntz Fleming, archdiocesan superintendent of Catholic schools and a 1993 alumna, received the Mother Clarissa Dillhoff Award for Distinguished Achievement in Mentoring.

October 6

Following the Respect Life Sunday Mass, Mariajosé Maldonado, a Lumen Christi High School senior and member of St. Patrick’s Parish in Indianapolis, received the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award for her service to Birthline. Angela Walker received the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Respect Life Award for her volunteer efforts in the pro-life cause over the last decade, including starting and co-chairing a Gabriel Project chapter at St. Lawrence Parish in Indianapolis, praying at the Planned Parenthood abortion center at Georgetown Road and 86th Street in Indianapolis during the 40 Days for Life campaigns, serving as a foster parent of numerous children over the years, and volunteering as vice president of the Central Indiana Life chain.

Holy Guardian Angels Church in Cedar Grove celebrated the 139th anniversary of its founding. Mass was celebrated by Father Sean Danda, pastor of the parish.

October 8

The “Celebrating Catholic School Values: Scholarship and Career Achievement Awards” event was held at the Crowne Plaza Grand Hall at Union Station in Indianapolis. Julie Bowers, St. Patrick Parish, Terre Haute, and Dr. David Wolf, SS. Francis and Clare Parish, Greenwood, received Career Achievement Awards, and John and Sarah Lechleiter, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis, were honored with the Community Service Award. (Sept. 20, page 1) Mary McCoy, assistant superintendent and former principal at St. Philip Neri School in Indianapolis, was the keynote speaker. A record \$3 million was raised for Catholic education in the archdiocese.

October 9

Six Catholic Charity workers were honored during the 2013 Catholic Charities Summit in Bloomington. Archbishop Tobin presented Summit Awards to: Stephanie Turpin and Kara Lasher, Catholic Charities Bloomington; Clem Maga, Catholic Charities Indianapolis; Alaina Mattingly, Catholic Charities New Albany; Glenda Gogel, Catholic Charities Tell City; and Pam Otter, Catholic Charities Terre Haute.

October 10

Annette “Mickey” Lentz, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and former Catholic school educator, received the University of Notre Dame’s first-ever Sorin Award for Service to Catholic Schools. Lentz has served the archdiocese in various capacities for more than 52 years.

St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities New Albany held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of its new social services building.

October 18

Briana Stewart a senior at Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis joined The Criterion staff as an intern.

October 19

The Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods hosted a celebration of the life and legacy of St. Mother Theodore Guérin. The St. Mother Theodore Guérin FEST enabled participants to learn from the example of holiness and faith modeled by St. Mother Theodore, the eighth person in the United States to be named a saint of the Church.

October 21

Archbishop Tobin blessed the new dining hall and dormitory at the Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis. The new dining hall is named after Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., who founded the college seminary in 2004.

October 27

St. Mary Magdalene Parish in New Marion in the Batesville Deanery, celebrated its final Mass. The parish was one of 12 parishes in the Batesville Deanery that merged with nearby parishes. The decision was the result of the “Connected in the Spirit” planning process, which involves Catholics across the archdiocese.

November 1

Joseph Kraemer, a former member of St. Andrew Parish in Richmond, joined the California Province of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits).

November 8

The Grote family, a Catholic family in Madison that owns Grote Industries, a vehicle lighting manufacturing company, won an important religious liberty victory in a ruling handed down by a three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago. U.S. Circuit Judge Diane Sykes, said that members of the Grote family and Grote Industries, which they own, cannot be compelled to provide abortion-inducing drugs, sterilizations and contraceptives to their employees in their company health plan—a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) mandate that is a part of the Affordable Care Act.

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, along with friends and supporters, commemorated work that began on the shrine near the Church of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. It is expected to be open to the public by the fall of 2014.

November 9

Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr., High School won the Class 2A state volleyball championship and Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School won the Class 3A state volleyball championship at Ball State University's Worthen Arena in Muncie.

November 19

A Hope for Hunger fundraiser was held in Terre Haute to raise funds to purchase a large facility for the Catholic Charities Terre Haute Food Bank. Archbishop Tobin addressed the participants.

November 21-23

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) was held at Lucas Oil Stadium and the adjacent Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. The theme of the conference was "Signed. Sealed. Delivered." It was attended by approximately 23,000 Catholic teenagers.

November 29 and November 30

Cathedral High School, a private Catholic high school in Indianapolis, won the Indiana High School Athletic Association's Class 5A football championship and Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School, an archdiocesan interparochial high school in Indianapolis, won the Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 2A football championship at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. Dan Fesenmeier, a senior at Cardinal Ritter, was named the Class 2A Mental Attitude Award winner. Jake Purichia, a senior at Cardinal Ritter, finished his high school career with a state record of 142 touchdown passes.

December 1

In the Batesville Deanery, as a result of the "Connected in the Spirit" long-range planning process:

- St. Pius Church in Ripley County closed and merged with St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Milan.
- St. Anne Parish in Hamburg and St. Mary-of-the-Rock Parish in St. Mary-of-the-Rock merged into Holy Family Parish in Oldenburg.
- St. Denis Parish in Jennings County closed and merged into Immaculate Conception Parish in Millhousen. St. John the Baptist Parish in Dover, St. Joseph Parish in St. Leon, St. Martin Parish in Yorkville and St. Paul Parish in New Alsace merged into one parish. The new faith community, located in Dearborn County is called All Saints Parish. Father Scott Nobbe was appointed administrator.
- St. John the Evangelist Parish in Enochsburg and St. Maurice Parish in Decatur County merged into one parish. The new faith community is called St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Father William Ehalt was named administrator.

Father Kenneth Taylor, pastor of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis celebrated Mass at St. Rita Church in Indianapolis on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the African Catholic Ministry.

December 3

Archbishop Tobin marked his first year as shepherd of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the 35th anniversary of his being ordained a priest.

December 13

Indiana's six Catholic bishops issued a joint statement regarding the dignity of every person and the dignity and sanctity of marriage. The bishops statement, quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church, affirms the dignity of all people, "including persons with same-sex attraction, who 'must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity'" (CCC, #2358).

December 17

Archbishop Tobin dedicated and blessed the new Catholic Radio Indy station. The new office and studio is located at 8383 Craig St., Suite 280, in Indianapolis.

December 20

Archdiocesan Catholics donated \$171,000 to typhoon relief efforts in the Philippines. The donations were collected at churches throughout the archdiocese.

Twenty-four Sisters of Providence celebrated milestone jubilees. Celebrating 80 years in the congregation: Sister Mary Esther (formerly Francis Gertrude) Lane and Sister Marceline Mattingly. Celebrating 75 years in the congregation: Sister Rita (formerly Edward Clare) Lerner and Sister Alexa Suelzer; 70 years: Sister Margaret Louise Bernard, Sister Adrian Marie Conrad, Sister Sheila (formerly Marie Sheila) FitzSimons, Sister Michaela Galvin, Sister Francine McGriffin, Sister Ann Kevin O'Connor and Sister Louise (formerly Edward Louise) Schroeder; 60 years: Sister Ann Brendan Burget, Sister Teresa (formerly Ellen Maureen) Costello, Sister Elaine (formerly Elaine Marie) Doucette, Sister Mary Catherine (formerly Marie Michele) Duffy, Sister Donna Marie Fu, Sister Jane (formerly Dorothy Jane) Gibson, Sister Carolyn (formerly John Michael) Glynn, Sister Marilyn Ann Kofler, Sister Jeanete Marie Lucinio, Sister Ann Paula Pohlman, Sister John Mary Rifner, Sister Martha Ann Rifner and Sister Helen (formerly Helen Jean) Vinton.

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January 17

The six Catholic bishops in Indiana endorsed the proposed state amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman. (Jan. 17, page 1)

January 19

An ecumenical prayer service, opening the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, was held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Archbishop Tobin preached the homily. The service was sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Ecumenism and the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis. Father Rick Ginther, pastor of St. Patrick and St. Margaret Mary parishes and dean of the Terre Haute Deanery, is director of the archdiocesan Office of Ecumenism.

January 22

The annual solemn remembrance of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that opened the way for abortion on demand, was held at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Tobin followed by a prayerful procession along Meridian Street.

January 31

Two Catholic Youth Organization cadet boys' basketball teams from St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg played in the old school gym.

February 2

Archbishop Tobin celebrated Tet Nguyen Dan (Tet), the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, with the Vietnamese Catholic Congregation at St. Joseph Church in Indianapolis.

February 18

Father Elmer J. Burwinkel, a retired priest of the archdiocese, died. He was 93. Father Burwinkel was ordained at the age of 63, perhaps the oldest man in the history of the archdiocese to be ordained to the priesthood. A widower, he was one of the first priests of the archdiocese to be ordained after having been a husband and father.

February 21

Divine Word Missionary Father Lloyd "Sam" Cunningham was named coordinator of Hispanic ministry.

Douglas Hunter, an archdiocesan seminarian at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, was elected president of National Black Catholic Seminarians Association. Hunter's term as president for the NBCSA will end in February of 2016.

February 22

Cathedral High School in Indianapolis won its first state wrestling championship.

February 25

Father Larry P. Crawford, a retired priest of the archdiocese, died. He was 73. Father Crawford served as associate pastor at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church in Indianapolis from 1971-76 and as pastor from 1999 until his retirement in 2013. From 1991-1999, he was pastor of St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.

Catholic Radio Indy celebrated 10 years on the air with a dinner held at the north side Knights of Columbus Hall, Father Rick Nagel, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, was the keynote speaker. Bob Teipen, founder and chairman of Inter Mirifica, Inc., which owns and operates Catholic Radio Indy, recognized Jim Ganley for his 10 years of service as the general manager and president of its board of directors.

February 28

Father Thomas J. Murphy, a retired priest of the archdiocese, died at age 82. Before being ordained a priest at the age of 53, Father Murphy worked as an attorney, played the organ at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, served in the Indiana General Assembly and was the president of Serra International.

March 2

St. Francis Xavier Parish in Henryville dedicated a memorial built in memory of the 34 people who died in Indiana and Kentucky as a result of the March 2, 2012, tornadoes.

March 6

The Office of Pro-Life and Family Life held the Sanctity of Life Dinner in Indianapolis. Auxiliary Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, vicar general, and Rebecca Niemerg, director of the office, presented the Sanctity of Life Award to Michael Valesco, the first Indiana Knights of Columbus state pro-life director. Valesco is a member of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Gary, Ind., in the Gary Diocese.

March 14

John F. “Jack” Fink, editor emeritus of *The Criterion*, donated \$50,000 to create the John F. Fink Criterion Endowment fund to benefit the education and professional development of members of *The Criterion* staff.

March 22

The Indiana Catholic Women’s Conference hosted by the Marian Center was held at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. More than 300 women from central and southern Indiana and others from outside the archdiocese attended the conference.

March 23

Mass was celebrated for the Special Religious Development (SPRED) group at St. Meinrad Church, St. Meinrad. Benedictine Father Anthony Vinson, pastor of St. Meinrad Parish in St. Meinrad and St. Boniface Parish in Fulda, was the celebrant.

March 29

Archbishop Tobin was named a member of the Vatican congregation that oversees more than 1 million men and women in the world’s religious orders.

April 1

Nathan Trapuzzano, 24, was shot and killed while taking a walk in his west side Indianapolis neighborhood. Trapuzzano’s funeral was held at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Indianapolis on April 4.

April 2

Churches across the archdiocese celebrated the sacrament of penance as part of “The Light is On for You” initiative to encourage people to make more frequent confessions. Arts for Learning completed an arts integration partnership with St. Roch School. The yearlong residency, which brought three artists in to work with sixth through eighth-grade students, featured digital game design, Japanese traditional bamboo brush painting, printmaking and papermaking. Arts for Learning is the Indiana affiliate of Young Audiences. It works with more than 61,000 students each year to provide quality arts in education programs to schools, community centers, parks and juvenile detention centers throughout the state.

April 10

Archbishop Tobin addressed 150 teenagers attending the Promise to Keep luncheon at the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. The archbishop spoke on the topic of sexuality. The teens—along with 225 additional high school students unable to attend the luncheon—serve as mentors in the archdiocesan A Promise to Keep program. They have decided not just to use the gift of sexuality wisely, but to encourage younger students to do the same.

April 17

The newly formed Archdiocesan Youth Honors Choir debuted at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Andrew Motyka, archdiocesan director of liturgical music and cathedral music, leads the choir.

April 19

New Catholics were baptized or received into the full communion of the Church during the Easter Vigil. More than 448 catechumens were baptized and 538 candidates entered into full communion.

April 23-25

A replica of the icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa toured Indianapolis as part of a worldwide pilgrimage in defense of life. (April 4, page 11A)

April 24

More than 600 guests attended the St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities gala and fundraiser at the downtown Marriott in Louisville. The event raised \$190,000.

April 25

Three members of the archdiocese were honored with prestigious awards in Catholic education. Msgr. Paul Koetter, pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis, received the 2014 Distinguished Pastor Award from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), while Lisa Vogel, a teacher at St. Mary School in North Vernon, received the 2014 Distinguished Teacher Award, also from the NCEA. Matt Hollowell, of Cardinal Ritter Jr./Sr. High School in Indianapolis, received the Saint Theodora Guérin Excellence in Education Award, the highest honor for a Catholic educator in the archdiocese.

The Vatican's Congregation for the Clergy denied a petition of a person in the Batesville Deanery to have the merger of St. Pius Parish in Ripley County with St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Milan rescinded. Cardinal Beniamino Stella, prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy, noted that St. Pius Church is still available for occasional liturgies and devotional use. He also judged that valid reasons were present to merge St. Pius with St. Charles, and that the proper procedures were used in making the decision regarding St. Pius.

April 26

Three archdiocesan seminarians studying at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology were ordained deacons by Archbishop Tobin at the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln. The newly ordained deacons are Adam Ahern, Michael Keucher and Andrew Syberg.

April 27

Pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, including a group led by Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, and Msgr. William Stumpf, pastor of St. Michael Parish in Greenfield and four students from Roncalli High School in Indianapolis attended the canonizations of SS. John Paul II and John XXIII in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. (May 2, page 7) Also in attendance at the canonizations were Father Martin Rodriguez, a priest from the archdiocese who is doing graduate work in liturgy in Rome, and Anthony Hollowell who is completing his second of four years of priestly formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

April 28

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving and farewell at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Archbishop Tobin was the celebrant. The Sisters ministered for 133 years, leaving behind the legacy of St. Vincent Health, a system of 21 hospitals statewide.

April 30

Archbishop Tobin celebrated Mass at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. The archdiocesan high school is named in honor of St. John XXIII, whose family name is Roncalli. Four students from Roncalli, Abby Whalen, Lucas LaRosa, Kristen Henke and Dolan Monroe, were chosen to attend the canonization of SS. John XXIII and John Paul II.

Indianapolis Colts' quarterback Andrew Luck was the featured speaker at the archdiocese's Spirit of Service Awards Dinner that was held at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis. Catholic Charities Indianapolis presented six individuals with Spirit of Service Awards: Larry Heil, a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis; Art and Ann Berkemeier, members of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis. Billy Cross, also of St. Mark Parish, received the archdiocese's Youth Spirit of Service Award; and Michael and Mary Ann Browning received the Community Spirit of Service Award.

May 2

The Archdiocesan Office of Intercultural Ministry sponsored a kickoff for the newly formed archdiocesan Father Boniface Hardin Black Catholic Theology and Spirituality Program at the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. Redemptorist Father Maurice Nutt served as the keynote speaker.

Nearly 900 students graduated from three Catholic colleges in the archdiocese. Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College graduated 75 students; Marian University graduated 732 students; and 69 students at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology received master's degrees.

May 3

Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein celebrated 50 years of priestly ministry. He retired in September 2011 after 19 years of leading the Church in central and southern Indiana—a retirement precipitated by a stroke he suffered earlier that year and other health challenges that occurred in previous years.

May 6

The 2014 St. John Bosco Awards ceremony was held at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Bishop Coyne presented the awards to: Ken Blackwell, Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, Patrick Soller of Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood, Kurt Smith of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis, Mark Liegibel of St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis, Dan Deak of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis and Nick Wehlage of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Indianapolis. The CYO also honored 19 adults with the Msgr. Albert Busald Award and 26 young people with the Spirit of Youth award. (May 30, page 15)

May 8

Members of the Miter Society—those who have donated \$1,500 or more to the “United Catholic Appeal: Christ Our Hope”—gathered to celebrate the spirit of generosity. Mass was celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis by Archbishop Tobin with a reception following Mass at the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center.

May 8-11 and May 15-18

The first Spanish-speaking Cursillo in central Indiana for the combined region of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Diocese of Lafayette was held for men May 8–11 and for women May 15–18.

May 16

At the end of the school year, 1,311 students were graduated from the 12 Catholic high schools in the archdiocese.

The first annual Education Weekend of the Central Indiana Education Alliance was held in Indianapolis during the Rotary Education Weekend Equity Awards ceremony at The Children's Museum in Indianapolis. Two newly created distinguished awards were announced: the Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter Award and the Father Boniface Hardin Award.

May 18

Five Beech Grove Benedictines celebrated jubilees of entrance into their religious life. Celebrating her 85 years of religious life is Benedictine Sister Mary Sylvester Will; 60 years: Benedictine Sisters Rachel Best and Mary Gilbert Schipp; 50 years: Benedictine Sisters Mary Mark Bartoo and Antoinette Purcell.

May 19

Providence Sister Marie Kevin Tighe died at age 89. She was the former director of the archdiocesan Office of Pastoral Councils and the vice postulator of the beatification and canonization of St. Theodora Guérin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

May 21

Archbishop Tobin announced a series of decisions that will affect 47 parishes in the four Indianapolis deaneries. As a result, three parishes will be closed. Holy Cross Parish will close and be merged with St. Philip Neri Parish. (Holy Cross Central School, which is a part of the Mother Theodore Catholic Academies, was not affected and remains open.) Holy Trinity Parish will close and merge with St. Anthony Parish. And St. Bernadette Parish will close and merge with Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. The changes are effective Nov. 30. Two sets of linked parishes in Indianapolis—Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Patrick parishes and St. Ann and St. Joseph parishes—continue to be linked. Two more pairs of parishes will become linked effective July 1. They are Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Beech Grove and Good Shepherd Parish in Indianapolis, and Holy Angels and St. Rita parishes, both in Indianapolis. The remaining parishes in the four deaneries were asked to establish partnerships according to parish groupings, also called cohorts, that were established through the “Connected in the Spirit” planning process.

June 6

Caroline Caito, a sixth-grade student at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Indianapolis, won first place among nearly 3,000 entries from sixth-grade students across the country in a contest called “Try Prayer! It Works!” The title of Caroline’s prayer was “Full.”

June 7

Four transitional deacons of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis were ordained at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis: Daniel Bedel, David Marcotte, Benjamin Syberg and Timothy Wyciskalla.

St. Thomas Aquinas School in Indianapolis was honored as a national Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education—the only school in Indiana to earn the environmentally friendly recognition.

June 20

Members of Holy Cross Parish, Holy Trinity Parish and St. Bernadette Parish in Indianapolis filed appeals to Archbishop Tobin regarding their mergers as part of the “Connected in the Spirit” planning process. The appeals are being reviewed.

June 21

Archbishop Tobin blessed the renovated St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rushville.

June 23

The archdiocese celebrated the first radio show in Spanish aired on 810 AM Pescador Radio.

June 25

The Catholic Bishops of Indiana issued a statement regarding same-sex marriages.. The statement was in response to a federal district court ruling that struck down an Indiana law defining marriage as between one man and one woman.

June 27

Staff members of The Criterion were honored for excellence in journalism. Staff members received a third place—Best Reporting on Special Age Group, children and teenagers for coverage of the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). John Shaughnessy was awarded an Honorable Mention—individual excellence, writer. Natalie Hoefer received an Honorable Mention—Best Feature Story and an Honorable Mention—Best Original Poetry. Sean Gallagher received an Honorable Mention— Best Regular Column on Family Life. Shaughnessy also received a second place award from the international Knights of Columbus organization in the annual Father Michael J. McGivney awards competition. He was also recognized as a 2013 Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Journalism award winner for outstanding world mission news coverage.

June 30

Harry Plummer, executive director of Catholic education and faith formation for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, left archdiocesan service to become the principal of a private school in the Phoenix, AZ., area.

St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities in New Albany celebrated 25 years serving in the deanery.

Thirty-three Sisters of the Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis in Oldenburg celebrated jubilees of their entrance into religious life. Celebrating 85 years of religious life is Sister Angela Benedict (formerly Sister M. Aloysia); 75 years: Sister Wilhelmina Burkemper, Sister Mary Catherine Eschenbach (formerly Sister Clarence Cecile), Sister Veronica Frederick, Sister Frances Jean Sandschulte, Sister Mildred Speed (formerly Sister Charles Helene) and Sister Virginia Ann Streit; 70 years: Sister Angela Betsch; 60 years: Sister Marian Boberschmidt (formerly Sister Marie Pius), Sister André Burkhart, Sister Donna DeMange (formerly known as Sister Janet), Sister Lucy Driscoll, Sister Mary Fliehman (formerly Sister Lauren), Sister Joel Franks, Sister Kathryn Holohan (formerly Sister Annata), Sister Tecla Jaehnen, Sister Amy Kistner, Sister René Langenecker, Sister Joan Laughlin (formerly Sister Naomi), Sister Mary Walter Sokolic, Sister Elna Stemann, Sister Bernetta Stuhrenberg, Sister Cleopha Werner and Sister Rachel West (formerly Sister Audrey); 50 years: Sister Bridget Arnold, Sister Sharon Marie Blank, Sister Alacoque Burger, Sister Julann Butz, Sister Donna Graham (formerly Sister Irene Mary), Sister Miriam Kaeser (formerly Sister Mary Willard), Sister Kathleen Mulso (formerly Sister John Marie), Sister Noella Poinsette and Sister Margaret Rahe (formerly Sister Mary Richard).

