
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

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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 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 St. Sulpice, Paris, June 10, 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 Baillleuil 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 the 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, 1862-1867; rector, 1868-1878. 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 Flavia and coadjutor to the bishop of Indianapolis, July 27, 1910. Consecrated in the cathedral at Indianapolis, September 15, 1910, by Archbishop Diomed 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. Winkelmann, 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. Entombed 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. Entombed 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. Entombed 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. Granted early retirement, September 21, 2011.

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal 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 and served as a provincial consultor for the Redemptorists, 1984-1990. Named pastor, St. Alphonsus Parish, Chicago, July 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. October 9, 2016, named Cardinal by Pope Francis. Appointed archbishop of Newark, October 22, 2016. Inducted into the College of Cardinals on November 19, 2016, in Rome. Installed as sixth archbishop of Newark on January 6, 2017.

Most Rev. Charles C. Thompson

Born in Louisville, KY, April 11, 1961, the oldest of three children of Coleman and Joyce Thompson, who were both born, raised, and married in Marion County, KY, part of the “Kentucky Holy Land,” where the family lived for much of Archbishop Thompson’s elementary-school years. Baptized at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, in Louisville; received First Communion at St. Joseph Church, in Raywick, KY; confirmed at St. Bernard Church, Louisville. Earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting in 1983 from Bellarmine College (now University), Louisville; Entered Saint Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad, IN, following college. Ordained to the diaconate, at St. Bernard Church, Louisville, October 25, 1986. Received a Master of Divinity degree in 1987 from Saint Meinrad School of Theology and was ordained a priest in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville, May 30, 1987. Appointed associate pastor of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral, as well as priest-chaplain at Bethlehem High School, in Bardstown, KY, 1987; obtained a licentiate in canon law from St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada, and named part-time associate pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Louisville, 1992; appointed metropolitan judicial vicar and director of tribunals, 1993; served as parish administrator of St. Peter Claver Parish, Louisville, 1994; named priest-chaplain at Presentation Academy, Louisville, 1995; appointed pastor of St. Augustine Parish, Lebanon, KY, 1996; named pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Louisville, and visiting professor of canon law at Saint Meinrad School of Theology, 2002; named priest-chaplain to Sacred Heart Academy, Louisville, 2004; appointed vicar general of the Archdiocese of Louisville, 2008; named fifth bishop of Evansville, April 26, 2011; ordained at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, of Louisville, and installed by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, June 29, 2011; named archbishop of Indianapolis, June 13, 2017; installed in the metropolitan see of Indianapolis in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, June 28, 2017.

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'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 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. 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. Son of Margaret (Caradonna) and Francis Lori of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Clarksville, IN. 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 sixteenth archbishop of Baltimore, March 20, 2012. Installed in the Baltimore see on May 16, 2012. He was named Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus in 2005.

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. Named fourth archbishop of Anchorage on October 4, 2016.

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, John F. Cardinal O'Hara, CSC, former 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, (March-September), Auxiliary Bishop
2012-2014 — Most Rev. Christopher J. Coyne, Auxiliary Bishop
2014-2016 — Rev. Msgr. William F. Stumpf, PhD
2017- — 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. 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. Stumpf, 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, Millhousen.
- 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.
- Ripley County, St. Pius: closed December 1.
Sacramental records kept at St. Charles Borromeo, Milan.
- The Archdiocese of Indianapolis named a new faith community and parish
All Saints, Dearborn, which was the result of the merger of St John the Baptist, Dover, l
St. Leon, West Harrison, St. Martin, Yorkville and St. Paul, New Alsace.
- The Archdiocese of Indianapolis named a new faith community and parish,
St. Catherine of Siena, Decatur County, which was the result of the merger of St. John the
Evangelist, Enochsburg and St. Maurice, Decatur County.

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.
- The Archdiocese named a new faith community and parish, St. John Paul II,
Sellersburg. The community, located in Clark County, was the result of the merger of
St. Joseph Parish, Clark County and St. Paul Parish, Sellersburg.

2016

- Knightstown, St. Rose of Lima: closed July 1.
Sacramental records kept at St. Anne, New Castle.
- Brownstown, Our Lady of Providence: closed July 1.
Sacramental records kept at St. Ambrose, Seymour.
- July 1, the Archdiocese named a new faith community and parish, St. Elizabeth Ann
Seton, Richmond, which was the result of the merger of Holy Family, St. Mary and
St. Andrew, Richmond
- Greensburg, St. Mary: dedication of the new church on August 13.

Important Events

July 1, 2016– June 30, 2017

2016

July 1

Robert Bridges was named the new president of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

Two parishes were closed: Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown (merging into St. Ambrose Parish, Seymour), and St. Rose of Lima, Knightstown (merging into St. Anne, New Castle). The three Richmond parishes merged: St. Andrew, Holy Family and St. Mary to form a new parish named St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

July 3

Sister Christine Ernstes, OSF, retired after 21 years as parish life coordinator for Immaculate Conception Parish in Millhausen.

July 6

Father Joseph Moriarty was appointed rector of Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary. Father Moriarty succeeds Father Robert Robeson who served as the seminary's rector since it was founded in 2004. Benedictine Father Justine DuVall, retired archabbot of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, will serve as vice rector.

July 10

Father Christopher Wadelton, pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish, Indianapolis, led a group of 30 people on a prayer walk in the neighborhood surrounding the parish on the city's near-east side. It was part of a series of nine prayer walks in response to increased drug problems and violent crimes in the neighborhood.

July 19

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, CSSR, led a one-day pilgrimage to the University of Notre Dame. The pilgrimage included a tour of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Hesburgh Library and Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, which is one seventh the size of the original grotto in France. The archbishop celebrated Mass in the basilica.

July 24

Sixty-four members of the college and young adult pilgrimage group from the archdiocese visited Prague, Czech Republic—the first stop on their way to Krakow for World Youth Day .

July 26

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin solemnly blessed newly elected Benedictine Archabbot Kurt Stasiak of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad. Archabbot Stasiak is the community's 10th abbot and 7th archabbot.

July 29

John Meisberger, now of Prince of Peace Parish in Madison (formerly of the closed St. Mary Magdalen Parish in New Marion), completed a personal retirement goal of attending Mass in every parish in the archdiocese. His journey began in October 2009 and ended earlier this year.

July 31

Five Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St Meinrad celebrated their 60-year jubilees of monastic profession. They were Father Meinrad Brune, Father Denis Quinkert, retired Archabbot Lambert Reilly, retired Archabbot (now Father) Timothy Sweeney and Brother Andrew Zimmermann.

August 8

Education officials announced that Holy Angels School, in Indianapolis, will begin the school year with “blended-learning instruction,” a new learning system specially designed by a team from the University of Notre Dame. It is one of the first initiatives resulting from five center-city Catholic Schools in Indianapolis becoming part of the Notre Dame Alliance for Catholic Education Academies (ACE) network starting in the 2016–2017 school year.

August 9–10

During their annual convocation, archdiocesan seminarians performed various works of mercy at different locations in Indianapolis. They volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, visited the sick at St. Augustine Home for the Aged, and prayed for the dead at several Catholic cemeteries.

August 10

St. Lawrence Parish in Lawrenceburg began the first celebration for its 175th anniversary as a parish with a grill out and pitch-in dinner. This is also the feast day of St. Lawrence.

August 13

Archbishop Joseph Tobin was the principal celebrant at the dedication Mass for the new church at St. Mary Parish, Greensburg.

August 14

Msgr. William Stumpf, vicar general, was the principal celebrant for the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis.

August 16

St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities of New Albany was selected as the Non-Profit of the Year by One Southern Indiana, the lead economic development organization and chamber of commerce for Clark and Floyd counties.

August 20

St. Bartholomew, Columbus, celebrated its 175th year as a parish. In 1841, when a small group of Irish Catholic immigrants founded the parish, they were a distinct minority in town among the large group of German Lutherans who lived there. Today, St. Bartholomew is a vibrant parish of more than 1,600 households.

August 21

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima visited the St. Paul Campus of St. John Paul II Parish in Sellersburg. The tour of the statue commemorated the 100th anniversary of the final appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, on October 13, 1917.

The Southside Catholic Business Professionals honored the Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove as “Catholic Persons of the Year” for their many decades of ministry in the archdiocese, especially in Catholic education.

September 5

An estimated 400–450 people came to the Mass of Thanksgiving at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral for the canonization of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Pope Francis proclaimed the sainthood of Mother Teresa on September 4. Archbishop Tobin served as the principal celebrant with 17 priests concelebrating.

September 7

Three awards were presented at a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Tobin. The Excellence in Catechesis Award was presented to the Terre Haute Deanery for a variety of collaborative efforts in religious education. Maria “Cuquis” Romero received the 2016 Youth Ministry Servant Leader of the Year Award for her volunteer work as the youth minister at St. Patrick Parish, Indianapolis, and Doug Bauman, a teacher at St. Barnabas School in Indianapolis, received the 2016 Saint Theodora Guérin Excellence in Education Award.

September 8

The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) convention was held on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, principal celebrant of the Mass, emphasized Mary’s key role in Divine Mercy and praised the convention’s timely theme of “Catholic Women; Instruments of Mercy.”

September 15

The Women’s Care Center’s bingo fundraiser featured as speakers former Notre Dame coach, Lou Holtz, and Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin. Women’s Care Center offers services and programs supporting woman in bearing and caring for their children.

September 18

The Fourth Annual Festival of Faith took place at Veterans Memorial Plaza in Indianapolis. Sponsored by the Center for Interfaith Cooperation, the festival recognizes the diverse religious landscape in central Indiana. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has been a festival partner since the inaugural event in 2013. Participating archdiocesan offices have varied from year to year. This year, participating archdiocesan offices included the Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs and the Indiana Catholic Conference.

September 24

For the last nine years the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove have identified three local women who have served as messenger, defender and companion and recognized their service with “Angel of Grace” awards. This year’s recipients were Little Wish Foundation founder Liz Niemiec, for the “messenger” Archangel Gabriel Award; Cathedral kitchen longtime volunteer Dee Morley, for the “defender” Archangel Michael Award; and Haven Women’s Ministry founder Carol Naragon, for the “companion” Archangel Raphael Award.

September 25

Anne Eichhorn, a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish, and Cory Watkins, a member of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish, both in Indianapolis, received the archdiocese’s 2016 Young Adult Servant Leader of the Year awards.

September 26-30

Toolbox for Pastoral Management, a five-day workshop, was held at Saint Meinrad It was sponsored by the Empowering Pastoral Leaders for Excellence in Parish Leadership and Management project, funded by a three-year grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. It was created by the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management and was attended by 19 priests from the archdiocese.

September 28

Archbishop Tobin was the principal celebrant for the Mass for Miter Society members held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, New Albany.

September 29

Following the White Mass (for the medical community), the first awards by the St. Raphael Guild were presented. Casey Reising, M.D., who runs Magnificat Family Medicine, Indianapolis, received the St. Gianna Catholic Physician of the Year Award, Elliot Bedford, director of Ethics Integration for St. Vincent, Indianapolis, received the St. Raphael Non-Clinical Health Professional of the Year Award, and Brie Anne Eichhorn, a nurse and fertility-care practitioner at the Kolbe Center in Broad Ripple, received the St. Luke Clinical Health Professional of the Year Award.

October 2

Roncalli High School Sophomore Camille Woods received the 2016 Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award from the archdiocesan Office of Pro-Life and Family Life during the Respect Life Sunday Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

Because of their pro-life involvement, Jim and Ann Recasner, members of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish, Greenwood, were honored with the 2016 Archbishop O'Meara Respect Life Award. They also received their award during the Respect Life Sunday Mass at the cathedral.

October 3

Mary Kay and Carl Wolford were honored with the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award from the National Catholic Educational Association in Washington. The couple, from Holy Family Parish in New Albany, received the national honor for the impact that their lives have had on Catholic education and the "well-being of our nation's youths."

October 4

St. Thomas Aquinas School, in Indianapolis, was one of only four schools in the nation to earn the 2016 Let's Move! Active Schools National Award, a program initiative of First Lady Michelle Obama.

At the annual Celebrate Life Dinner, Roncalli High School Junior Rachel Knierman's winning drawing appeared on the cover of the program and Samantha Koval, a home-schooled high school senior from Mooresville, delivered her prize-winning speech at the event. Three adults were honored: Curt Smith, received the Respect for Life Award. Mary Kay Overbeck and Marilyn Schneider, together won the Charles E. Stimming, Sr., Pro-Life Award. The dinner and awards are sponsored by Right to Life of Indianapolis.

After two years of planning and building, Prince of Peace Parish's Divine Mercy Grotto was dedicated by the parish's pastor, Father Chris Craig.

October 5

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robin Moberly, received the 2016 Person for All Seasons Award from the St. Thomas More Society of Indianapolis. Moberly, a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, was honored for her commitment to the promotion of justice in the community.

October 7

Rev. Hilary Meny, the longest serving priest in the history of the archdiocese, died at the age of 101.

October 8

A Marian Jubilee was held at St. Bartholomew church as part of the Holy Year of Mercy. Scott Hahn, PhD, founder and director of the Steubenville, Ohio-based Saint Paul Center for Biblical Theology, was the keynote speaker. The Saint Paul Center is a non-profit research and educational institute that promotes life-transforming Scripture study in the Catholic tradition. Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin also spoke at the jubilee.

October 9

The Vatican announced that Pope Francis had named Archbishop Tobin one of 17 new cardinals.

October 14

Cathedral High School was named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School—the only high school in Indiana to receive that recognition this year.

Cardinal-designate Joseph W. Tobin spoke at the University of Notre Dame.. In his talk, “Welcoming the Stranger While Challenging the Fear,” he discussed the history and current state of refugee resettlement in the United States.

October 18

Cardinal-designate Tobin blessed the first-ever St. Vincent de Paul resale shop, called Mission 27 Resale. It will be at one end of the the society’s distribution center in the 1200 block of East Maryland Street in Indianapolis.

October 23

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove honored two women. The “Mary, Heart of Prayer” award was presented to Katie Sahn. She is a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis and the associate director of young adult and college campus ministry for the archdiocese. The “Martha, Heart of Service” award went to Lauren LaCoy, a theology teacher and campus minister at St. Theodore Guérin High School in Noblesville, IN, in the Lafayette Diocese. The Sisters of St. Benedict and the Serra Club of Indianapolis instituted these annual awards for young women who exemplify each of these traits of Mary, the heart of prayer, and Martha, the heart of service.

October 27

Eighteen people were honored for their contributions to the Mother Theodore Catholic Academies (now known as the Notre Dame ACE Academies) during a 10-year anniversary celebration. Leadership awards were presented to Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechelein, OSB; Annette “Mickey” Lentz, chancellor of the archdiocese; and Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis. Others honored were Jane and William Drew, Richard Ruwe, Connie and George Zittnan, Jane and Tim McGinley, Carole and Tony Watt, Eileen and Bill Polian, Jacqueline and Charles Pechette, and Jennifer and Mark Konesco.

November 3

The 13th annual archdiocesan Mass on the Memorial of St. Martin de Porres was celebrated at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Indianapolis.

November 6

Cardinal-designate Joseph W. Tobin celebrated his last Mass as archbishop of Indianapolis at St. Ann Parish, Jennings County. Approximately 200 worshippers gathered that day to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the parish's founding.

Sacred Heart Parish in Clinton celebrated its 125th anniversary with a Mass and the consecration of a new Marian grotto.

About 600 Catholic youths from across the archdiocese attended the 2016 Indiana Catholic Youth Conference which was held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

November 7

Cardinal-designate Joseph Tobin announced publicly his call from the ambassador of the Holy See to the United States, the papal nuncio, that Pope Francis had appointed him as the Archbishop of Newark, N.J.

November 13

The Holy Year of Mercy officially ended on Nov. 20 with the symbolic closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

November 19

In St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, during a consistory of cardinals, Archbishop Joseph Tobin was installed by Pope Francis as one of the 17 new cardinals of the Holy Roman Church.

St. Bartholomew Parish choir from Columbus was chosen to sing at the consistory as well as for the closing Mass of the Holy Year of Mercy on Nov. 20 in the Sistine Chapel.

The 10th annual Indiana Catholic Men's Conference was held at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Timothy L. Doherty of the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana.

December 1

Cardinal Tobin was interviewed by Miles Barth, a seventh-grade student from St. Thomas Aquinas parish for the school newspaper.

December 3

Cardinal Tobin shared his gratitude to the archdiocese with a Mass and reception at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

December 4

Cardinal Tobin and 10 priests from around the archdiocese concelebrated the annual African Catholic Mass at St. Rita Church in Indianapolis.

In late December, Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology received a \$1.38 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to begin an initiative intended to improve parish outreach to young adults and help them rediscover and renew their Catholic identity.

2017

January 9

Msgr. William F. Stumpf was elected archdiocesan administrator by the college of consultants.

January 17

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin was installed as archbishop of Newark.

January 23

A Mass for the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children was celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Following the Mass, a march along Meridian Street in Indianapolis witnessed to the need for legal protection of the unborn. Approximately 200 persons took part in the march.

January 27

Hundreds of youth from the archdiocese participated in the March for Life in Washington, D.C., on the 44th anniversary of U.S. Supreme Court decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. These decisions legalized abortion.

February 9

The 21st annual Celebrating Catholic Schools Values event was held at Crown Plaza Hotel. James Danko, president of Butler University in Indianapolis, served as the speaker. The honorees were Tom Spencer, of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis; Kevin Johnson, a member of Holy Spirit Parish, Indianapolis; and Van and Kathy Willis, members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, New Albany. A record \$7.1 million dollars was raised to help children receive a Catholic education in the archdiocese.

February 10

The Criterion reported in its February 10 issue that in preparation for a new archbishop, Cardinal Tobin, in the days before he was installed on Jan. 6 as archbishop of Newark, commissioned the Washington-based consulting firm of GP Catholic Services to conduct a pastoral-needs assessment of the archdiocese. The report is expected to be completed by June 2017.

February 12

Catholic priests and leaders of other faith congregations, along with Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett, gathered at St. Philip Neri School in Indianapolis to speak out against discriminatory practices by law enforcement against immigrants and refugees. Attendance at the gathering was estimated to number between 1,500 and 2,000 people.

February 16-19

Oscar Castellanos, director of Intercultural Ministry for the archdiocese, along with nine other members of the archdiocese participated in the Vatican co-sponsored regional World Meeting of Popular Movements (WMPM) in Modesto, Calif.

March 1

All Saints Parish in Dearborn County inaugurated its perpetual adoration chapel on its St. John the Baptist Campus, making it the 13th such chapel in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

March 4

About 800 archdiocesan men gathered at East Central High School in St. Leon for the second annual E6 Catholic Men's Conference to learn how to put in action the words from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, "Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil" (Eph 6:11).

March 10

Bruce Scifres was named executive director of the Catholic Youth Organization succeeding Ed Tinder, who retired after serving as executive director for 33 years—since 1984. Scifres was the head football coach at Roncalli High School.

March 24

Leah Massingale received the 2016-17 Saint Theodora Excellence in Education Award, the highest honor for a Catholic educator in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Massingale teaches middle school science at St. Michael School, Greenfield.

March 25

About 600 archdiocesan women gathered in Indianapolis on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Indiana Catholic Women's Conference. The theme of the event was "A Cloud of Witnesses."

April 9

The parishioners of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis worshipped in their church for the first time since a fire on Sept 9, 2015, destroyed the narthex and smoke and water damage rendered the church unusable.

April 16

During the Easter Vigil, 419 catechumens were baptized, and 462 candidates were received into the full communion of the Church in the archdiocese.

April 18

Nancy Buening, principal of St. Mary School in Greensburg received the 2017 "Lead, Learn, Proclaim Award" from the National Catholic Educational Association.

April 26

Karen and Don Beckwith, of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, and Gary Gadomski, a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, also in Indianapolis, were honored with the Spirit of Service award at the annual Catholic Charities Indianapolis dinner. Grace Albertson, a member of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, was the recipient of the Youth Award and the Indianapolis-based law firm of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman was honored with the Corporate Award. Tamika Catchings, four-time Olympic medalist and retired Indiana Fever player, was the featured speaker at the event.

April 27

Jeanne Smith and Kathy Kruer, who are biological sisters, were presented with the "Spirit of Hope" awards at the annual St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities gala, "Giving Hope—Changing Lives." Smith is a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight and Kruer is a member of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Jeffersonville.

May 3-4

Msgr. William F. Stumpf, archdiocesan administrator, participated in a Catholic Standards for Excellence workshop at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House. The workshop was sponsored by the archdiocese's Empowering Pastoral Leadership for Excellence in Parish Leadership and Management project.

May 4

Msgr. William F. Stumpf, archdiocesan administrator, presided at the Circle of Giving Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The Mass and a reception honored the Legacy Society and the Miter Society. A second Mass and reception was held at St. Mary-of-the-Knobs in Floyd County on May 25.

May 7

Six graduates of Catholic high schools in the archdiocese were among the first class of 134 students to graduate from the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, in Indianapolis.

May 10

St. Barnabas Church in Indianapolis suffered \$60,000 in damages as a result of an intentionally set fire in the church's hallway.

May 13

During his visit to Fatima, Portugal, Pope Francis canonized Blessed Jacinta Marto and Blessed Francisco Marto, two of the three shepherd children who witnessed apparitions of Mary there in 1917.

May 20

The Little Sisters of the Poor unveiled a state historical marker at 520 E. Market St., the site of their Home for the Aged from 1873-1967.

Benedictine Sister Jennifer Mechtild Horner, prioress of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, celebrated the 25th anniversary of her profession of vows.

May 23

U.S. Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, visited Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis. She was in Indianapolis attending the American Federation for Children summit.

June 2

Father Michael Shaw Memorial Jr/Sr High School and Pope John XXIII School, both in Madison, announced a gift of \$360,000 to their endowment from the late Father Hilary Meny.

The Eastside Catholic School Partnership, a joint venture among Father Thomas Scecina High School, and the elementary schools of Holy Spirit, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) and Our Lady of Lourdes, received an anonymous gift of \$225,000 to increase their efforts in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

June 3

Annette "Mickey" Lentz, chancellor of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, was awarded the Saint Mother Theodore Guérin Companions Award by the Sisters of Providence for her longtime commitment to Catholic education, the Sisters and Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

June 9

Scott Williams was named director of youth ministry for the archdiocese.

Msgr. William F. Stumpf, archdiocesan administrator, decreed that the property that belonged to the former St. Bernadette Parish in Indianapolis be sold. This decree is tied to the one issued by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, then archbishop of Indianapolis, to merge St. Bernadette with the nearby Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. The archdiocesan Intercultural Institute which was housed in St. Bernadette moved to St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis.

June 10

It was announced that All Saints Catholic Academy in Dearborn County will not reopen for the 2017-18 school year.

June 13

Pope Francis appointed Bishop Charles C. Thompson of Evansville as the seventh archbishop of Indianapolis. He will be installed on July 28 during a Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

June 14-15

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops gathered for its annual June General Assembly in Indianapolis.

During the bishops' assembly, Providence Sister Tracy Horan received the 2017 Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award from the the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the U.S. bishops' domestic antipoverty and social justice program.

June 20

Benedictine Sister Anna Marie Megel, of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, celebrated the 50th anniversary of her profession of vows.

June 23

Staff of *The Criterion* received awards for excellence in journalism from two organizations for work completed during the 2016 calendar year. Natalie Hoefer received two first-places, a second and a third-place award from the Women's Press Club of Indiana. She also received a third-place award from the Catholic Press Association in the Best Original Poetry category. The Catholic Press Association also awarded Sean Gallagher a first place in Best Reporting on Vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life or Deaconate.

Assistant editor John Shaughnessy received a second-place in the Best Sports Journalism/ Sports Feature category and honorable mention in the Best News Writing on a National or International Event.

Editor Michael Krokos was awarded a first place in the Best Editorial on a Local Issue category.

The staff as a whole, *The Criterion* received two honorable mentions in the Best Supplement or Special Issue: Best One-Time Special Issue category and the Best Supplement or Special Issue: Best Special Supplement on a Bishop's Transition category.

June 24

Twenty-one deacon candidates, the archdiocese's third class of permanent deacons, were ordained by Archbishop-designate Charles C. Thompson at a Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Nine Sisters of Providence celebrated the golden jubilees of their entrances into religious life. Celebrating anniversaries were: Sister Editha (formerly Sister of St. Paul of Chartres Editha Expedita) Ben, Sister Paula (formerly Sister Mario) Damiano, Sister Jean (formerly Sister Keith) Kenny, Sister Marianne (formerly Sister Ann Eugene) Mader, Sister Barbara (formerly Sister Mary Barbara) McClelland, Sister Mary (formerly Sister Aaron) Montgomery, Sister Danielle (formerly Sister Mary Lou) Sullivan and Sister Celeste Tsai.

June 25

Providence Sisters Tracey Horan and Anna Fan professed their first vows, and Providence Sister Dina Bato professed perpetual vows in the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

St. Joseph Parish in Rockville, founded in 1867, celebrated its sesquicentennial with a Mass, a blessing of the parish's renovated Marian grotto and a banquet.

June 29

Archbishop-designate Charles C. Thompson received his pallium during a Mass marking the feast of SS. Peter and Paul in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

