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# 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.

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# Bishops and Archbishops of the Archdiocese

## **Right Rev. Simon Guillaume Gabriel Bruté de Rémur**

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

## **Right Rev. Célestin René Laurent Guynemer de la Hailandière**

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

## **Right Rev. John Stephen Bazin**

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

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

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

## **Right Rev. Francis Silas Marean Chatard**

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

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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 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 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 Tamalluna and coadjutor, with the right of succession, to archbishop of Indianapolis, July 26, 1967. Formally received in the metropolitan see

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of Indianapolis in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, October 10, 1967. Became archbishop of Indianapolis, January 14, 1970. Resigned as archbishop of Indianapolis, March 26, 1979. Died on October 17, 1979, in St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. Funeral, October 22, 1979, at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis. Interment in Calvary Chapel Mausoleum, Indianapolis.

### **Most Rev. Edward T. O'Meara, STD**

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

### **Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB**

Born in Jasper, IN, April 20, 1938. Son of Rose (Blessinger) and Carl Buechlein, Holy Family Parish. Solemn profession of vows as a Benedictine monk, August 15, 1963. Ordained at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, May 3, 1964, for Saint Meinrad Archabbey. President-rector of Saint Meinrad School of Theology, August 1971–May 1982; president-rector of Saint Meinrad School of Theology and Saint Meinrad College, May 1982–March 1987. Named third bishop of the Diocese of Memphis by Pope John Paul II. Ordained and installed, March 2, 1987, by Archbishop Thomas Cajetan Kelly, OP of Louisville, assisted by James Francis Cardinal Stafford of Denver, and Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara of Indianapolis. Named fifth archbishop of Indianapolis by Pope John Paul II, July 14, 1992. Formally installed in metropolitan see of Indianapolis by Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, papal pro-nuncio to the United States, in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, September 9, 1992.

### **Most Rev. William Joseph Tobin, CSSR**

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

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December 3, 2012, the feast day of St. Francis Xavier, a principal patron of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

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

**Right Rev. Auguste M. Martin**

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

**Right Rev. Martin Marty, OSB**

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

**Right Rev. Denis O'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 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

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Bishop Joseph Chartrand, assisted by Bishop Emmanuel Ledvina of Corpus Christi and Bishop Samuel A. Stritch of Toledo. Died December 16, 1935, at Nashville.

**Most Rev. James Hugh Ryan, STD, PhD**

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

**Most Rev. William Donald Borders**

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

**Most Rev. Thomas J. O'Brien**

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

**Most Rev. Gerald A. Gettelfinger**

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

**Most Rev. William E. Lori**

Born in Louisville, KY, May 6, 1951, a native of New Albany. Son of Margaret (Caradonna) and Francis Lori of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Clarksville. Ordained at St. Matthew Cathedral, Washington, DC, May 14, 1977. Served in the ecumenical office of the Washington archdiocese from 1982-1984 when he

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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 Bisop William G. Curlin of CharlatteApril 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, WY, by Pope Benedict XVI on October 19, 2009. Ordained and installed in Cheyenne by Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Denver, joined by Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB, of Indianapolis and Bishop David J. Ricken of Green Bay, WI, on December 9, 2009.

### **Note:**

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

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

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

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

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

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# Vicars General

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

# 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

# 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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**

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- 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.

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**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.

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## 1950

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

## 1951

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

## 1952

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

## 1953

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

## 1954

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

## 1955

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

## 1956

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

## 1958

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

## 1959

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

## 1960

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

## 1961

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

## 1963

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

## 1965

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

## 1967

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

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

### **1969**

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

### **1970**

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

### **1983**

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

### **1987**

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

### **1991**

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

### **1993**

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

### **1994**

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

### **1995**

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

### **1996**

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

### **1997**

- Indianapolis, St. Simon the Apostle: parish moved, changing the boundaries of

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## **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.

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# Important Events

**July 1, 2011– June 30, 2012**

## **2011**

### **July 1**

The voucher program passed by the 2011 Indiana legislature became effective. Of the 68 Catholic schools in the archdiocese, 62 schools will participate in the program. The program enrolled 1,028 students in Catholic schools across the archdiocese.

### **July 5–6**

The general chapter of the Sisters of Providence was held at the Motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. Providence Sister Denise Wilkinson was re-elected general superior for a second term.

### **July 13**

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein announced a new strategic plan for the Terre Haute Deanery, which included the decision to close four of the deanery's 14 parishes. The parishes to be closed are: Holy Rosary Parish in Seelyville, St. Ann Parish in Terre Haute, St. Joseph Parish in Universal and St. Leonard of Port Maurice Parish in West Terre Haute.

### **July 16**

Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, auxiliary bishop and vicar general, dedicated a bronze statue of Our Lady of Einsiedeln at the priest's circle in Our Lady of Peace Cemetery. Father Joseph Newton led the project.

### **July 25–29**

During the joint conference of several black Catholic organizations in Greenbelt, Md., Father Kenneth Taylor, pastor of Holy Angels Parish in Indianapolis and director of the archdiocesan Office of Multicultural Ministry, was re-elected vice president of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. At the same meeting, seminarian Douglas Hunter, a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis, was elected treasurer of the National Black Catholic Seminarian Association.

### **July 27**

St. Elizabeth-Catholic Charities in New Albany and the Archdiocese of Louisville are discussing the possibility for collaboration of their services.

### **July 28**

Dominican Sister Imelda Grace Lee, formerly a member of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis, professed temporary vows as a member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation based in Nashville, Tenn.

### **July 31**

Msgr. Frederick Easton, vicar judicial of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis' Metropolitan Tribunal, retired. He served 31 years as the vicar judicial. He is now adjunct vicar judicial.

### **August 1**

Daniel Elsener, president of Marian University in Indianapolis, marked his 10th anniversary as president.

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### **August 13**

Jeffrey Sullivan, a former member of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Beech Grove, professed perpetual vows as a member of the Society of Jesus at St. Thomas More Church in St. Paul, Minn.

### **August 13–22**

Forty-one young adults from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the neighboring Diocese of Lafayette joined three priest-chaplains on a pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain.

### **August 14**

Bishop Coyne presided at Evening Prayer at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis to confer ecclesiastical honors on five priests who were given the title of monsignor by Pope Benedict XVI. The monsignors honored were: Msgr. Paul Richart, Msgr. Joseph Riedman, Msgr. William Stumpf, Msgr. Anthony Volz and the late Msgr. Joseph Kern.

Bishop Coyne blessed the renovated parish center at St. Anne Parish in New Castle.

### **August 21**

St. Simon the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding. The parish at 8155 Oaklandon Road was originally located at 8400 Roy Road.

### **August 24**

Michael A. Evans donated \$48 million to jumpstart a plan for the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. The college is set to open in 2013 and will be housed in the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences.

### **September 3**

Sheila Gilbert, a member of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Parish (Little Flower) in Indianapolis, was elected president of the national council of the U.S. Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

### **September 10**

New general officers of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods are: Sisters Denise Wilkinson, general superior; Lisa Stallings, vicar; and general officers Jeneen Howard, Mary Beth Klingel, and Dawn Tomaszewski. The officers took their oaths of office during a Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at the Motherhouse.

### **September 13**

Bishop Chatard High School celebrated the 50-year anniversary of the first day of school. The school opened on September 13, 1961, with now bishop emeritus of the Evansville Diocese, Gerald A. Gettelfinger, as principal. Bill Sahm, school president, officially opened a \$4.5 million Golden Opportunities Capital Campaign for the school's future while also focusing on the accomplishments of the past and the present. The Brothers of Holy Cross renewed their relationship with Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

### **September 16**

Benedictine Brother Martin Erspamer, a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, created a series of 18 images for an edition of the third edition of the Roman Missal to be published by Liturgical Press.

### **September 21**

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB, announced his retirement from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Pope Benedict XVI appointed the archdiocese's auxiliary bishop and vicar general, Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, as apostolic administrator of the archdiocese.

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**September 24**

“Angels of Grace” awards were presented by the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center to three women during the annual fashion show and luncheon that was held at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center in Beech Grove. Honored with community service awards were: Rita Fiorentino, founder of The Gathering Together, received the Angel Raphael Award; Marilyn Glick, community philanthropist, received the Angel Gabriel Award; and Sandra Bailey, advocate on behalf of Laurelwood Apartments and Baxter YMCA, received the Angel Michael Award.

St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding.

**September 27**

At the Celebrate Life dinner at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, Patricia and William Schneider of Christ the King Parish in Indianapolis and their son State Sen. Scott Schneider received the Respect Life Award. Jon Kane, a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis, and Margaret Winans, a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Carmel, Ind., in the Lafayette Diocese, shared the Charles E. Stimming Sr. Pro-Life Award. Troy Newman, co-author of *Their Blood Cries Out*, was the keynote speaker.

**September 28**

Benedictine Father Severin Messick, a monk and priest of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and pastor of St. Michael Parish in Greenfield, died. He was 57.

**October 2**

During the archdiocesan Respect Life Sunday Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis two women received archdiocesan Respect Life awards. Dianna Meinecke, St. Mary Parish in Navilleton, received the Archbishop Edward T. O’Meara Respect Life Award for her efforts to promote respect for life and greater holiness of families by establishing a Confraternity of Christian Mothers chapter at her parish. Victoria Nondorf, a Bishop Chatard cheerleader, received the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro Life Youth Award for her efforts to educate teenagers about the need to respect and protect the sanctity and dignity of life from conception until natural death.

**October 7**

Kara Favata was named assistant director for special religious education of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis’ Office of Catholic Education.

**October 15**

Rose Honorees were recognized for their support of expectant mothers, adoption and the ministry of St. Elizabeth/Coleman during the St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Service’s 25th anniversary Elizabethella Ball. Honored were: Darron and Denene Stewart, Jessica Limeberry, Christy Brink, Claire Black and Kristy Powell.

**October 23**

Father James E. Arneson, a retired diocesan priest, died. He was 70.

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## **October 26**

Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Bennett was the keynote speaker at the 16th annual Celebrating Catholic School Values Awards Dinner. The dinner was held at the JW Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis. Individuals honored with the 2011 Career Achievement Awards were: Eduardo Parada of Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis; Msgr. Joseph Riedman, a retired archdiocesan priest; Robert and Ann Steiner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany; Glenn Tebbe of St. Mary Parish in Greensburg; and Louis Wright, MD, of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Indianapolis. They were honored for using their Catholic education to make a difference in the world. Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B., was honored for his support of Catholic education. Anne Wilmes, a member of St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis and the archbishop's niece, received the award for him.

## **October 29**

Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School in Clarksville won the girls' soccer Class A state championship. It was the first time in the 60-year history of the school that a Providence team has won an Indiana High School Athletic Association state championship in a team sport.

## **November 2**

At the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Catholic Community Foundation, Inc., (CCF) a historic estate gift to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis was announced. The \$7.5 million estate gift—the largest in archdiocesan history—was made possible through the generosity of James P. Scott, who died in 1979 while a member of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Indianapolis. Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein directed that at least \$5 million of the gift be used to create the James P. Scott Endowment. Funds distributed from it annually—totaling approximately \$250,000—will support capital projects in parishes, schools and agencies throughout central and southern Indiana.

## **November 4**

Father Gerald Burkert, a retired archdiocesan priest, celebrated 50 years of priestly ministry.

## **November 5–6**

The “Christ Our Hope: Compassion in Community” campaign annual appeal weekend was held in the archdiocese. The goal was \$5.7 million.

## **November 6**

St. John the Baptist Parish in Starlight celebrated the 150-year anniversary of the parish. Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, apostolic administrator, was the chief celebrant of the Mass.

## **November 13**

Father Donald A. Quinn, who ministered at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish in Greenwood since 2007, died. He was 55.

## **November 17–19**

More than 23,000 youths, chaperones and conference presenters attended the National Catholic Youth Conference, “Called to Glory,” at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

## **November 19**

St. Leonard of Port Maurice Parish in West Terre Haute closed because of declining membership and future parish staffing challenges. The parish closed exactly 100 years to the day after the first Mass was celebrated at the first church.

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## **November 26**

Bishop Chatard High School, the archdiocesan interparochial high school for the Indianapolis North Deanery in Indianapolis, earned a record 11th state title in football in the Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 3A division. The game was played in Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Cathedral High School, a private Catholic high school in Indianapolis, won its ninth state football championship in the Indiana High School Athletic Association Class 4A division. The game was played in Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

## **November 26–27**

The new Mass translation was used for the first time during the weekend liturgies at churches in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Father Patrick Beidelman, archdiocesan director of liturgy, worked to prepare Catholics across the archdiocese and beyond to pray the new words of the Mass.

## **December 3**

Krieg Bros. Religious Supply House, an institution for Catholics and people of other faiths in Indianapolis for nearly 120 years, closed.

## **December 16**

Indiana's bishops released a statement on state labor issues outlining the principles of Church social teaching that should guide labor deliberations.

Birthright of Terre Haute closed in October The crisis pregnancy assistance ministry had been opened in 1974.

## **December 31**

Ron Costello, superintendent of Catholic schools for the archdiocese, retired.

# **2012**

## **January 12**

Marian University in Indianapolis began a yearlong celebration of its 75th anniversary.

## **January 13**

Judge Michael Keele, a Marion County Superior Court judge, ruled that the Indiana school voucher program is constitutional. Opponents, which included teachers and school officials of public schools, argued that the voucher program was unconstitutional because it improperly benefited private, religious schools. Opponents of the voucher program said they plan to appeal Judge Keele's decision.

## **January 20**

Four Catholic schools in the archdiocese were named Four Star Schools by the Indiana Department of Education for the 2010-11 school year. The schools named were Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, Cathedral High School and St. Luke the Evangelist School in Indianapolis and Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception in Oldenburg.

## **January 24**

Providence Sister Kathleen Desautels received a National Catholic Education Association's Distinguished Graduate Award from Mary Pat Sharpe, principal of St. Joan of Arc School in Indianapolis. The award recognized her 50 years as a member of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

## **January 25**

Annette "Mickey" Lentz, chancellor of the archdiocese and former head of Catholic education for the archdiocese, was recognized by President Barack Obama's "Champion of Change" program in a White House ceremony for Catholic educators.

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### **January 26**

The Wabash Valley Right to Life organization honored Cecelia Lundstrom, St. Patrick parishioner of Terre Haute, for distinguished service to the cause of life through the former Birthright of Terre Haute ministry to mothers and babies in need.

### **February 3**

The archdiocese began offering a theological formation program for lay ministers in online courses through Catholic Distance University—[www.cdu.edu](http://www.cdu.edu)—and the University of Notre Dame—[www.step.nd.edu](http://www.step.nd.edu). Edward Isakson, archdiocesan director of lay ministry, oversees the program.

### **February 8–18**

Bishop Coyne went to Rome for the ad limina visit of the bishops of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin with Pope Benedict XVI and the leaders of various offices at the Vatican.

### **February 29**

Franciscan St. Francis Hospital celebrated its 98-year history in Beech Grove. A Mass was celebrated to commemorate the health care ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

### **March 1**

Five teachers from across the archdiocese were recognized as winners of the Saint Theodora Excellence in Education Award. Receiving the awards were: Mary Briscoe, Holy Family School in New Albany; Stephen Buell, consolidated St. Michael the Archangel and St. Gabriel the Archangel School in Indianapolis; Patricia Musgrave, Roncalli High School in Indianapolis and Vicki Auger, St. Roch School in Indianapolis.

### **March 2**

Archbishop Emeritus Daniel M. Buechlein marked his 25th anniversary as a bishop.

St. Francis Xavier Church in Henryville sustained little damage when a tornado ravaged the southern Indiana town. The parish became a site to collect and distribute donated material goods to aid people affected by the storm.

Mother Mary Vincent Mannion, superior of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Indianapolis, was assigned to the St. Augustine Home for the Aged.

Benedictine Sister Rebecca Marie Fitterer was named administrator of St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove. St. Paul Hermitage, a retirement and nursing home, is a ministry of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove.

### **March 8**

At the Sanctity of Life dinner at the Riverwalk Banquet Center in Indianapolis, four pro-life volunteers were honored. The recipients honored were: Holly Blagburn, St. Lawrence Parish, Indianapolis; Hans Geisler, MD, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis and Sylvan and Linda Ebert, Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood.

### **March 9**

A legal services program formed by a partnership with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the St. Thomas More Society in the archdiocese. Tim Winn was named manager of the program.

### **March 14**

St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove transferred inpatient and emergency medical services to the Franciscan St. Francis Health Hospital campus at 8111 S. Emerson Ave. in Indianapolis. The move ended 98 years of in-patient care at the Beech Grove facility.

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**March 19**

Tracy Lockwood began her ministry position as controller for the archdiocesan Office of Accounting Services.

**March 20**

Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Connecticut, was appointed archbishop of Baltimore. Archbishop Lori grew up in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany, IN.

**March 24**

Benedictine Father Boniface Hardin, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad who was the founder and president of Martin University in Indianapolis for 30 years, died at a nursing home in Indianapolis after suffering a stroke. He was 78.

**March 25**

St. Mary-of-the-Knobs Parish in Floyds Knobs dedicated a new church. Bishop Coyne was the principal celebrant.

**April 7**

During the Easter Vigil Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, 17 Anglican Christians became Catholics according to rules established by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009 in his apostolic constitution *Anglicanorum Coetibus*.

Nearly 1,000 people were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church in parishes across the archdiocese during the Easter Vigil.

**April 8**

St. Joseph Parish in Universal celebrated its final Mass on Easter Sunday. The parish was one of four parishes in the Terre Haute Deanery to close.

**April 17**

Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, a North Deanery interparochial high school, broke ground for a \$4.5 million new outdoor athletic facility. The school is also making renovations to classrooms and science laboratories, as well as technological upgrades.

**April 26**

The archdiocese honored recipients of the Spirit of Service Awards with a dinner at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis. Receiving awards were: William Spangler, member St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis; Pat and Elaine Jerrell, St. Jude Parish in Indianapolis; Fred and Mary Pitzer, members of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis; and Tom Egold, a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis. The Daughters of Charity and the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration also received special Spirit of Service awards in recognition of all the women in their communities who have worked through the years to care for the sick and the poor at the two Catholic hospitals in Indianapolis that their orders started. Allison Melangton, president of the 2012 Indianapolis Super Bowl Host Committee, was the keynote speaker.

**May 1**

The St. John Bosco Medal for distinguished volunteer service to youth was presented to six individuals by the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). Receiving awards were: Stan Schutz, St. Jude Parish, Indianapolis; Jeff Kirkhoff, St. Barnabas Parish, Indianapolis; Nancy Prather, Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Beech Grove; Pat Sullivan, St. Pius X Parish, Indianapolis; Rob Goldner, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis; and Gregg Bennett, St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg. The CYO also honored 26 adults with the Msgr. Albert Busald Award and 19 young people with the Spirit of Youth Award.

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**May 2**

Father Myles Smith, a retired archdiocesan priest, died. He was 67.

**May 4**

During the month of May more than 800 students graduated from the three Catholic colleges in the archdiocese.

**May 10**

Father Charles Kraezig, an archdiocesan priest who was granted early retirement for health reasons in 1975, died. He was 84.

**May 18**

At the end of the school year, 1,374 students were graduated from 11 Catholic high schools in the archdiocese.

**May 20**

St. Ann Parish in Terre Haute celebrated its final liturgy after 140 years. The parish was closed as part of the future staffing plan for the Terre Haute Deanery.

**May 25**

Kathy Mears, assistant superintendent of schools, became the executive director of elementary education for the National Catholic Educational Association in Washington, DC.

**May 30**

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis honored 10 lay Catholics from across central and southern Indiana for completing its lay ministry formation program. The group marked their achievement with a liturgy in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

**May 31**

Jeffrey D. Stumpf, chief financial officer of the archdiocese, accepted a similar leadership position with the Indiana University Foundation.

**June 2**

Deacon Jerry Byrd was ordained by Bishop Coyne at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. His first assignment is as associate pastor of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis.

Fire, smoke and water damaged St. Christopher Church in Indianapolis after a small bulb in a chandelier overheated and exploded, causing the ceiling light to melt and fall, igniting hymnals and pews.

**June 8**

Right to Life of Indianapolis organized Indianapolis' "Stand up for Religious Freedom" rally at the Indiana Statehouse. An estimated 800 persons attended to protest the mandate of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that nearly all employer health plans must provide free coverage for abortifacients, sterilizations and contraceptives even if they are in conscience opposed to these medicines or procedures. Similar rallies were held on the same day in 160 U.S. cities.

**June 21 through July 4**

Bishop Coyne encouraged parishes to participate in "Fortnight for Freedom," a two-week period of prayer, education and action in support of religious freedom. The period was requested by the U.S. bishops.

**June 23**

Bishop Coyne ordained 18 deacon candidates at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Sixteen of the men were ordained as permanent deacons. Two men were ordained as transitional deacons and expect to be ordained priests next year.