
General History

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

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

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

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

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

The Province of Indianapolis



The current size of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is 13,594.08 square miles, according to the 2010 U.S. federal census, and comprises the counties of Bartholomew, Brown, Clark, Clay, Crawford, Dearborn, Decatur, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Harrison, Hendricks, Henry, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Lawrence, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, Ohio, Orange, Owen, Parke, Perry, Putnam, Ripley, Rush, Scott, Shelby, Switzerland, Union, Vermillion, Vigo, Washington, and Wayne and the township of Harrison in Spencer County, in the southern part of Indiana.

Bishops and Archbishops of the Archdiocese

Right Rev. Simon Guillaume Gabriel Bruté de Rémur

Born in Rennes, France, March 20, 1779. Ordained priest at 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 Combours, 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 Baillieu of Versailles and Bishop Jean Louis Lemer cier 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 Flavias 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'Donaghue of Louisville and Bishop Herman Alerding of Fort Wayne. Bishop of Indianapolis, September 7, 1918. Named assistant at the pontifical throne, February 4, 1928. Died at Indianapolis, December 8, 1933. His body was placed in the crypt of the cathedral, Indianapolis. On June 8, 1976, Bishop Chartrand's remains were transferred from the cathedral, Indianapolis, to Calvary Chapel Mausoleum, Indianapolis.

Most Rev. Joseph Elmer Ritter

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

Most Rev. Paul C. Schulte

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

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

Archdiocesan Prelates

Ordained

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| 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

- Millhausen, Immaculate Conception: founding of the settlement of Millhausen 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 Sahm, 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 archabbies 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 north-western 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 merger of St John the Baptist, Dover, 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, 2015– June 30, 2016

2015

July 1

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin announced that all Metropolitan Tribunal fees connected with the processing of petitions for the nullity of marriages would be eliminated.

July 10

Father Noah J. Casey, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Indianapolis and former monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, died of cancer on July 10 at his home in Indianapolis. He was 66.

July 16

Archbishop Tobin blessed the new Intercultural Pastoral Institute, including the St. Bernadette Oratory in Indianapolis.

July 24

The archdiocese decided not to pursue the possibility of establishing at this time a new Catholic high school south of Indianapolis.

July 27

Following the arrest of Oscar Vasquez, pastoral associate of St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis, on charges of child molestation, the archdiocese released a statement, which read in part: “The pastor [of St. Anthony Parish] informed people at all the Masses last weekend at St. Anthony Church about Mr. Vasquez’ arrest, and letters are being mailed to parishioners’ homes in both English and Spanish.

“Mr. Vasquez has worked at St. Anthony Parish since October of 2012. As an employee of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Mr. Vasquez has completed the archdiocese’s child safety program and has undergone regular criminal background checks by the archdiocese. The archdiocese has never had any complaints or allegations made concerning Mr. Vasquez’s conduct at the parish. The archdiocese is cooperating with authorities.

“The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is committed to ensuring the safety of all children in its care and enforcing its policies and practices regarding the safety of children.

July 27-30

At the joint conference of four black Catholic organizations: the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (NBCCC), the National Black Sisters’ Conference, the National Association of Black Catholic Deacons and the National Black Catholic Seminarians Association (NBCSA), the NBCSA awarded outgoing president, then-archdiocesan transitional Deacon Douglas Hunter, with the Father Clarence Williams Award—the organization’s highest award. The award is named after the founder of the association and is given to a seminarian who distinguished himself in working on behalf of the nation’s black seminarians. The NBCCC elected Father Kenneth Taylor to a second consecutive term as president. Each of the four groups involved in the joint conference together posthumously recognized Benedictine Father Cyprian Davis, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, with the Father Al McKnight Award. Father McKnight dedicated his priesthood to working for

social justice for the African-American community. Father Cyprian, who died in May at the age of 84, was given the award in recognition of the work he did in bringing the history of black Catholics to the forefront of the Catholic Church.

July 31

Five Sisters of Providence celebrated golden jubilees of their entrances into religious life. Celebrating anniversaries were: Sister Claire (formerly Sister Brigid Eileen) Hanson, Sister Kathleen (formerly Sister Dennis Therese) Leonard, Sister Martha (formerly Sister Maria Cruz) Rojo, Sister Mary Ann (formerly Sister Marie Faith) Stewart, and Sister Betty (formerly Sister Paulette) Paul.

Four Benedictine Sisters of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove also celebrated their 50th jubilees: Sister Anita Eberle, Sister Carol Falkner, Sister Heidi Marie Krack and Sister Sharon Kuhn.

August 11

The new St. Anthony School in Indianapolis opened. It had been operating for five years as Padua Academy charter school. The new St. Anthony Catholic School, is now the home of about 230 students from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. New Bibles, crucifixes and statues of Our Lady of Guadalupe are visible in each of the classrooms—all donated by Indianapolis-area graduates and supporters of the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education, a program that provides teachers for Catholic schools in economically struggling areas across the country.

August 23

The annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass was celebrated at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Benedictine Father Brendan Moss, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, was installed as president-rector of Conception College Seminary in Conception, Missouri. Conception College is operated by the Benedictine monks of Conception Abbey, a Benedictine monastery founded by the Swiss monastery, Engelberg Abbey, in 1873 in northwest Missouri's Nodaway County. It was raised to a conventual priory in 1876 and was elevated to an abbey in 1881.

August 29

St. Barnabas Parish celebrated its 50th anniversary. Archbishop Tobin celebrated an anniversary Mass and attended the dinner that followed.

September 2

Five individuals were honored by the archdiocese during the Administrators' Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The honorees were: Patty Cain, former youth minister and current pastoral associate of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, Youth Ministry Servant Leader Award; Carol Wagner, director of campus ministry of Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, Youth Ministry Servant Leader Award; Julie Haney, coordinator of religious education at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Franklin, the Excellence in Catechesis Award; Andrew Costello, leadership of Operation Leftover volunteer program that serves the homeless in downtown Indianapolis, the John Paul II Young Adult Servant Leader Award; Amy Wilson, assistant principal of St. Roch School in Indianapolis, St. Theodora Excellence in Education Award.

September 9

St. Monica Church in Indianapolis had a two-alarm fire that destroyed the narthex of the church. No one was injured in the fire, which was ruled accidental.

September 11

Twenty-one Sisters of the Congregation of the Third Order of St. Francis in Oldenburg celebrated significant anniversaries as members of their order. Two sisters celebrated 75th jubilees: Sister Ruth (formerly Margaret George) Greiwe and Sister Rosemary (formerly Damien Marie) Lee. Two sisters celebrated 70th anniversaries: Sister Francis Joan Clements and Sister Mary Ann (formerly Hobart) Miles. Seven sisters celebrated 60th anniversaries: Sister Jane (formerly Mary Kevin) Frey, Sister Francis Assisi Kennedy, Sister Evelyn Lindenmaier, Sister Rachel Lindenmaier, Sister Davida Lund, Sister Maureen (formerly Zita) Mahon and Sister Carol Slinger. Ten sisters celebrated 50th anniversaries: Sister Melanie Bair, Sister Marjorie (formerly Janese) English, Sister Christa Franzer, Sister Annette Grisley, Sister Maureen (formerly Colene) Irvin, Sister Joanita Koors, Sister Charity Kraeszig, Sister Janet Linz, Sister Jane McConnell and Sister Marie (formerly Paul Mary) Nett.

September 13

As part of its observance of the Year of Consecrated Life, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis hosted Solemn Vespers at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, in Indianapolis. Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin presided. Members of religious orders that minister across central and southern Indiana took part in the service. During the liturgy, members of religious orders in the archdiocese celebrating 25-, 50- and 75-year jubilees were recognized and thanked for their many years of faithful service to the Church.

September 18

A Caring Place, a Catholic Charities Indianapolis program that provides day-care services for older adults and a daily respite for caregivers, celebrated its 25th year.

St. Lawrence School in Indianapolis Class of 1961 named a parish street in honor of their classmate, Tim Maude, who was killed during the 9/11 attacks on the United States. Army Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude was killed in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon. The right to name the street is auctioned off yearly as part of a fundraiser for the St. Lawrence Father Beechem Education Endowment Fund to support the parish school. Thus each year, the short drive located between two structures on the parish campus receives a new name.

September 20

The Indy Irish Fest celebrated its 20th anniversary in downtown Indianapolis. Archbishop Tobin was the main celebrant at the Mass during the festival held in Military Park.

September 22–25

The World Meeting of Families was held in Philadelphia, PA. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis organized a pilgrimage of 46 people to the meeting.

September 23

Young men in formation for the priesthood at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis were among the estimated 25,000 people who attended the canonization liturgy for Blessed Junipero Serra outside the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Father Robert Robeson, rector of Bishop Bruté, and Father Joseph Moriarty, vice-rector, also were part of the first-ever canonization liturgy celebrated in the United States.

September 25

Michael McCarthy, a young adult member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Indianapolis and an outreach coordinator for the archdiocesan Catholic Charities' refugee settlement program, was commissioned to create a painting of St. Junipero Serra. The painting was commissioned by the archdiocesan Vocations Office and the Indianapolis Serra Club. It will be used on prayer cards and posters to promote vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and religious life.

September 26

For the last eight years, the Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove have identified three women to receive their "Angels of Grace" awards. The recipients are women who have heroically served in the roles of messenger (Archangel Gabriel), defender (Archangel Michael), and companion (Archangel Raphael). This year's recipients were online St. Paula's Young Catholic Widow Group co-founder Jennifer Trapuzzano for the "messenger" Archangel Gabriel Award; Beggars of the Poor longtime volunteer Lynda Knable for the "defender" Archangel Michael Award; and "He Knows Your Name" ministry founder Linda Znachko for the "companion" Archangel Raphael Award.

September 29

At the Right to Life of Indianapolis "Celebrate Life" dinner in Indianapolis two pro-life awards were presented. Charlene Witka, campus minister and Teens for Life coordinator for Cathedral High School in Indianapolis, received the Charles E. Stimming Sr. Pro-Life Award. Former Indiana House of Representatives member Cindy Noe, received a Respect for Life Award. Alveda King, the niece of the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr, was the keynote speaker.

October 4

During the Respect Life Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis, the Office of Pro-Life and Family Life presented Maria Hernandez, of St. Ann Parish in Indianapolis, the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award. Grace Lundy, a junior at Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis, was awarded the Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award.

St. Agnes Parish, in Nashville, celebrated its 75th anniversary with a Mass. Archbishop Tobin was the principal celebrant.

October 20

The Catholic Community Foundation held its annual meeting at the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis. The more than 450 endowments and funds in the foundation represent a value of more than \$165 million.

October 23

Deacon Michael Braun was named director of the archdiocesan Secretariat for Pastoral Ministries. The new secretariat comprises the offices of Youth Ministry, Young Adult and College Campus Ministry, Intercultural Ministry, Pro-Life and Family Life, Ecumenical Ministry and Lay Ministry, which were part of the Office of Catholic Education.

October 25

Archbishop Tobin and Rabbi Michael J. Cook, professor of Judeo-Christian Studies at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, spoke at the Arthur M. Glick Jewish Community Center in Indianapolis. The program was titled "Vatican II: Celebrating 50 years of Catholic-Jewish Reconciliation and Charting the next 50 Years of Work."

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove, and the vocations-promoting Serra Club, honored Erica Heinekamp and LeeAnn Zatkulak with the first Mary and Martha Awards. Heinekamp was the recipient of the Mary “Heart of Prayer,” Award, and Zatkulak was the recipient of the Martha “Heart of Service” Award. Heinekamp’s list of leadership roles is extensive, as well as being a teacher at St. Susanna School, Plainfield, and member of St. John the Evangelist Parish, in Indianapolis. Zatkulak, also a member of St. John, is a senior at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis who has volunteered for many years in Imbau, Brazil, for a youth ministry called Project Discovery.

October 26

Four individuals from the archdiocese were honored during the Celebrating Catholic School Values Awards event that was held at the Crowne Plaza Grand Hall at Union Station in Indianapolis. Tom Dale, a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis and Dave Gehrich, a member of St. Catherine Parish in Decatur County, received Career Achievement Awards, and Drs. Frank and Marianne Price, members of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis, received the Community Service Award. Three religious orders that have made significant contributions to the archdiocese were also recognized: the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary of the Woods, the Sisters of St. Benedict, Beech Grove and the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg. Holy Cross Brother Timothy Scully was the featured speaker.

October 31

Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School in Indianapolis won the state girls’ soccer championship title beating Penn High School, of Mishawaka, by a 2-1 score.

November 7

Cathedral High School girls’ volleyball team won the Class 4A Indiana High School Athletic Association championship. In winning the championship match, the team was ranked number-one team in the country by MaxPreps and PrepVolleyball.com. Jean Kesterson also completed her 25th season as the head coach.

Our Lady of Providence Jr./Sr. High School girls’ volleyball team won the Class 3A Indiana High School Athletic Association championship for the third consecutive year.

November 7-8

The annual United Catholic Appeal: Christ Our Hope intention weekend was held in the parishes of the archdiocese.

November 9

Five members of the archdiocese were presented with archdiocesan lay ministry certificates by Archbishop Tobin. Receiving certificates were: Wendy Braun, St. Simon the Apostle Parish, Indianapolis; Anita Bardo, St. Rita Parish, Indianapolis; Michael Clouse, St. Christopher Parish, Indianapolis; Therese Hartley, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish, Indianapolis; and Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sister Ushatta Mary, Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, Greenwood. The ceremony was held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

November 13

Barry Wood, a member of SS. Francis and Clare of Assisi Parish, Greenwood, won an Emmy for “Crafts: Lighting–Studio and Location.” Wood is founder and president of Wood Innovative Group, LLC. This was his second Emmy and his 10th Emmy nomination since 2005.

November 14

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods welcomed 28 new Providence Associates in a ceremony in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on the motherhouse grounds at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. Providence Associates candidates are paired with a Sister of Providence or a Providence Associate companion, then participate in a year of study, prayer and reflection. The Providence Associate relationship is open to people ages 18 and older of all faith traditions.

November 16

St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities opened a new resource distribution center in New Albany. St Elizabeth's, which opened as a crisis pregnancy center in 1989, merged with Catholic Charities in 2004 to form a non-profit organization that serves the various physical, emotional and spiritual needs of clients in southern Indiana and the metropolitan Louisville area.

November 17

Archbishop Tobin was elected by the bishops of the United States as chair-elect of the bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. His leadership of the committee will begin in November 2016.

November 19-21

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) was held in Indianapolis at the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium; twenty-three thousand youths from across the country attended the convention.

November 27

Bishop Chatard High School defeated West Lafayette High School in the Class 3A Indiana High School Athletic Association football championship. It was a record-setting 13th state football championship for the archdiocese's Indianapolis North Deanery high school. It was the seventh win for head football coach Vince Lorenzano.

December 7

A Syrian refugee family—two small children and their parents—were welcomed to Indianapolis by the archdiocese's Refugee and Immigrant Services following a December 2 meeting between Archbishop Tobin and Indiana Governor Mike Pence. On November 16, Gov. Pence had announced that he would suspend the resettlement of Syrian refugees in the state because of the difficulty in vetting Syrian refugees. On December 2, Archbishop Tobin met with the governor to discuss the family's plight, to reassure him that they had gone through extensive background checks, and to explain the archdiocese's refugee resettlement process.

St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy Adoption Services was awarded the Indiana Historical Society's Centennial Business Award.

December 8

Archbishop Tobin, in concert with Pope Francis and other bishops around the world, opened the Holy Year of Mercy with a Mass celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass was celebrated in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

December 13

Archbishop Tobin opened the holy doors at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The special doors were opened as part of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

2016

January 13

Benedictine Archabbot Justin DuVall, head of the monastic community at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, announced his resignation effective June 2.

January 17

St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute celebrated the 60th anniversary of its church building.

January 19

Benedictine Novice Joshua Leeuw was clothed in the Benedictine habit at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad.

January 20

Four Benedictine novices professed temporary vows during a ceremony in the Archabbey Church of Our Lady of Einsiedeln, St. Meinrad, IN. They were Brothers Nathaniel Szidik, O.S.B.; Simon Herrmann, O.S.B.; Jean Fish, O.S.B.; and Joel Blaze, O.S.B.

January 21

A Vigil for Life was held at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis the night before the 43rd anniversary of the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* U.S. Supreme Court decisions legalizing abortion.

January 22

The annual solemn observance of *Roe v. Wade* was held at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. In Terre Haute, a number of people braved bitterly cold weather to march, pray aloud and hold signs declaring that all life is sacred from conception to natural death. Two groups of March for Life participants from the archdiocese put their pro-life principles to the test when their buses were stranded in Pennsylvania during a massive blizzard that struck the central Atlantic region in the hours following the March for Life anniversary in Washington, DC

Twenty-one Sisters of Providence celebrated jubilee anniversaries as members of their congregation. Sister Mary Terence Haag marked her 80th anniversary. Celebrating 75th anniversaries were Sister Richard Bussing and Sister Annette Schipp. Marking their 70th anniversaries were Sister Rita Black, Sister Marie Paul Haas, Sister Laurine Haley, Sister Marian Ruth Johnson, Sister Eugene Francis Keaveney, Sister Martha (formerly Marie Aquinas) Steidl, Sister Mary Jo (formerly Joseph Maureen) Stewart and Sister Winifred Mary Sullivan. Sisters celebrating their 60th anniversaries as members of the congregation were Sister Josephine (formerly Joseph Anthony) Bryan, Sister Suzanne (formerly Suzanne Marie) Dailey, Sister Jean (formerly Jean Marian) Fuqua, Sister Ann Matilda Holloran, Sister Nancy (formerly Jean Paula) Nolan, Sister Ann Margaret O'Hara, Sister Mary Ann (formerly Marie Marcella) Phelan, Sister Margaret (formerly Ann Jude) Quinlan and Sister Alice Ann Rhinesmith.

February 4

Archbishop Joseph Tobin announced the closing of two parishes on July 1: Our Lady of Providence, Brownstown (merging into St. Ambrose Parish, Seymour), and St. Rose of Lima, Knightstown (merging into St. Anne, New Castle). Also on July 1, three Richmond parishes, St. Andrew, Holy Family and St. Mary will merge to form a new parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

February 5

A reflection guide for the pastoral letter “Poverty at the Crossroads: The Church’s Responses to Poverty in Indiana” from the bishops of Indiana, was made available on the archdiocesan website.

A proposal to increase access to Indiana’s Choice Scholarship program passed the Indiana Senate Appropriations panel by a 9-1 vote and moved to the Senate floor for further consideration.

February 10

More than 1,000 “missionaries of mercy” which included retired Saint Meinrad Archabbot Lambert Reilly, O.S.B., and Rev. Joseph Moriarty, from the archdiocese, received special mandates from Pope Francis to preach and teach about God’s mercy. The pope said he would designate “missionaries of mercy” to be unique signs of God’s mercy and give them special authority to forgive sins that carry penalties that only the Holy See can lift.

February 13

Rev. Kenneth J. Ciano, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, died at age 74 at Union Hospital in Terre Haute.

February 24

Archbishop Tobin opened poverty summit held at Marian University. The summit was a meeting of about 60 central Indiana business leaders—leaders who had been invited by Catholic Charities Indianapolis to discuss concrete ways to support the Catholic bishops of Indiana in their efforts to help people in poverty.

March 1

Archdiocesan Lenten Day of Sanctification for priests was held at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House to help priests become better confessors.

March 4

Archbishop Tobin has asked parishes across central and southern Indiana to observe “24 hours for the Lord” as requested by Pope Francis as part of the Holy Year of Mercy.

Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc. recently awarded a \$1 million grant to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to help advance the leadership and financial literacy of clergy and other pastoral leaders across central and southern Indiana.

March 5

More than 500 Catholic men from across the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and beyond gathered at East Central High School in St. Leon 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). Archbishop Joseph Tobin was the principal celebrant of the Mass. The liturgy was part of the first “E6 Catholic Men’s conference.”

March 12

Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin served as one of the panelists during a conference titled “Interfaith Voices for the Earth: Our Common Home.” Other panelists were Rabbi Paul Winnig, executive director of the Jewish Bureau of Education, Indianapolis, and Hazem Bata, general secretary of the Islamic Society of North America, Plainfield. Each panelist spoke about their faith tradition’s teaching on the environment.

March 14

A bust of Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter, former archbishop of Indianapolis and cardinal-archbishop of St. Louis, was unveiled at the fourth annual Irish coffee lecture at Cardinal Ritter House in New Albany, his birthplace.

March 15

Pope Francis announced that on September 4 he will declare Blessed Teresa of Kolkata a saint of the Church.

March 17

Archbishop Tobin, named “Indy’s 2016 Irish Citizen of the Year,” served as the grand marshal for the Indy Sports Foundation’s 36th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade. As part of the annual St. Patrick’s Day celebration by the Indianapolis Chapter of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the archbishop celebrated Mass on March 13 at St. John the Evangelist Church.

March 19

Archbishop Tobin delivered the homily during the Mass for more than 560 Women at the Indiana Catholic Women’s Conference.

March 24

Holy Cross Brother Roy Smith, a 1961 graduate of Cathedral High School, in Indianapolis, was awarded the “Man of the Year” 2016 Accomplished Achievement Award from the Center of Leadership Development, a community-based leadership development program for minorities in business and industry in central Indiana.

March 26

During the Easter vigil, 359 catechumens were baptized, and 551 candidates were received into the full communion of the Church in the archdiocese.

March 29

A priest of the archdiocese, Rev. John McCaslin, received the “Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award” from the National Catholic Educational Association.

The archdiocese announced that five center-city Catholic schools in Indianapolis will become part of the Notre Dame ACE Academies network starting with the 2016-17 school year. They are Central Catholic, Holy Angels, Holy Cross Central, St. Anthony and St. Philip Neri schools. They will join the growing network of Catholic schools that operate through the University of Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE).

April 4

Archbishop Tobin celebrated a Mass marking the 150th anniversary of Annunciation Parish in Brazil, IN.

April 5

Bishop Chatard High School theater director and teacher Kyle Guyton, 22, died suddenly of complications from asthma in Krakow, Poland, while serving as a chaperone on a school-sponsored spring break trip to Poland.

April 8

Doug Bauman was the recipient of the Saint Theodora Guerin Excellence in Education award, the highest honor for a Catholic Educator in the Archdiocese. He and a team of four teachers at St. Barnabas, Indianapolis, were chosen for a special three-year program at the University

of Notre Dame—a program that focuses on helping teachers inspire student learning in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math.

April 9

At the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame, the Little Sisters of the Poor were awarded the Evangelium Vitae Award for outstanding service to human life. This award has been presented annually since 2011 by the university's Center for Ethics and Culture.

April 21

Before a crowd of 656 people, Don Day and Stephanie Warren were presented with "Spirit of Hope" awards at the annual St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities gala. The 27th annual "Giving Hope—Changing Lives" event raised \$215,000.

April 20-23

A robotics team of five fifth graders and one sixth grader at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Indianapolis is the only one from a Catholic school in Indiana that earned a place in the 2016 Vex Robotics World Championship, in Louisville, KY. Team members were Bradley Basile, Maggie Gonzalez, Julia Dugan, Jackson Herrera, Grace Gerdenich and Maggie Timpe. Jackson Herrera and Maggie Timpe are cousins.

April 20

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Father Michael Depcik, a deaf priest from the Archdiocese of Detroit, served as the celebrant for a special Mass for deaf Catholics of central and southern Indiana at St. Matthew the Apostle Church, Indianapolis.

April 23

The first annual national "#ProtestPP" took place in three Planned Parenthood locations in central and southern Indiana. "#ProtestPP" is a coalition of state and national pro-life groups calling for public protest in response to the revelations that Planned Parenthood had allegedly been involved in the illicit trafficking of aborted babies' body parts.

Oldenburg Franciscan Sister Norma Rocklage, Guadalupe Pimentel Solano and Marion Alfonso were honored for their outstanding service to the archdiocese's mission of intercultural ministry at the second archdiocesan Intercultural Ministry Awards Banquet. Keynote speaker was Annette "Mickey" Lentz, archdiocesan chancellor. The theme of the program, "Caring for God's creation," was taken from Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si'," on Care for Our Common Home.

April 25

Ninety-one couples from parishes across central and southern Indiana renewed their marriage vows during the Marriage Day Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Celebrant and homilist was Msgr. William F. Stumpf, PhD, archdiocesan vicar general.

April 27

Htoo Thu was the recipient of the Youth Award at the annual Spirit of Service dinner event. Tim Hahn, Domini Rouse and Phyllis Usher also received Spirit of Service awards from Catholic Charities Indianapolis at the dinner. Indianapolis Motor Speedway president, J. Douglas Boles, was the featured speaker at the event.

May 1

Georgene Beiriger, a member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis, was named director of Our Lady Fatima Retreat House. She succeeds Father Jim Farrell who continues to be involved at Fatima, leading retreats and serving as the retreat house's director of mission advancement. The longtime associate director of guest services and operations, Sandy Pasotti, left her position at Fatima to become the associate director of development and events at Providence Cristo Rey High School in Indianapolis.

May 4

Seven members of the archdiocese received the Catholic Youth Organization's highest honor—the St. John Bosco Medal—from Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin during an awards ceremony at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Medal recipients were Elaine Alhand, Mark Gumble, Bill Sylvester, Patty Koors, M.J. Stallings, Joe Matis and Dan Lutgring.

May 5

Nearly 200 Miter Society members gathered for a Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis where Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin delivered the homily. A reception was held afterward at the Archbishop Edward T. O' Meara Catholic Center in appreciation for their deciding through faith to give their gifts back to God through the annual United Catholic Appeal in the amount of \$1,500 or more.

May 6

Archbishop Tobin delivered the commencement address for 686 students who received their associate, bachelor or master degrees from Marian University, Indianapolis. The archbishop was among four individuals to receive an honorary degree. He was bestowed the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree. Michael and Rebecca Weaver received the same degree and Marni McKinney Waterfield received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree.

May 12

David Bethuram was appointed the new executive director of the Secretariat of Catholic Charities for the archdiocese.

May 13

A new 36-foot 4-inch steeple was placed on St. Michael the Archangel Church in Indianapolis. The copper steeple is a replica of the one that was toppled by a storm nearly a year ago. The belfry in the steeple holds a time capsule containing photos and memories of parishioners.

May 29

Three Archdiocesan deacons, Brad Anderson, Michael East and Ron Pirau went to Rome to celebrate with Pope Francis the Mass for the Jubilee of Deacons. The Mass was part of the Holy Year of Mercy.

June 2

Benedictine Father Kurt Stasiak was elected the 10th abbot and seventh archabbot in the 162-year history of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad. He succeeds Benedictine Father Justin DuVall, whose resignation as archabbot took effect the same day as the election. Archabbot Kurt professed vows as a monk in 1975 and was ordained a priest in 1980. After completing graduate studies in Rome, Archabbot Kurt taught sacramental and liturgical theology in Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. He has also served in the administration of the seminary as its director of spiritual formation and as vice rector. In

the monastery, Archabbot Kurt has ministered as vocations director and as secretary to the archabbot. He served as prior, second in leadership in the monastery, from 2010 until his election on June 2.

June 3

Staff of *The Criterion* received awards for excellence in journalism from two organizations. Staff writer Natalie Hoefer received two first-place awards and one second place from the Women's Press Club of Indiana. The Catholic Press Association also gave two first-place awards to Hoefer for Best Newswriting Originating with the Paper on a National/International Event, and for Best Original Poetry. Assistant Editor John Shaughnessy was awarded first place in the Individual Excellence for Writers category, as well as a third-place award for Best Sports Journalism/Sports award. Editor Mike Krokos was awarded first place in the Best Editorial on a Local Issue category. Editor Emeritus John Fink received third place in the Best Editorial on a National/International Issue.

June 11

Brother Moises Gutierrez, former director of the archdiocesan Office of Intercultural Ministry, was the keynote speaker at a ceremony for the fourth graduating class from the archdiocese's Hispanic Pastoral Leadership Institute, and its first graduating class in spiritual direction. Forty-three graduates received diplomas—34 in pastoral leadership and 9 in spiritual direction.

June 17

Michael Witka, archdiocesan director of financial services, property insurance and risk manager, was elected to serve a three-year term on the board of directors for Bishops Plan Insurance Company (BPIC).

June 25

Six men were ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. They are Fathers James Brockmeier, Anthony Hollowell, Douglas Hunter Jr., Kyle Rodden, Matthew Tucci and Nicholas Ajpacaja Tzoc.

June 29

Bishop Steve J. Lopes ordained Deacon Luke Reese, a former Anglican priest, to the priesthood at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham in Houston. Father Reese will minister to members of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. (The ordinariate functions like a diocese. It was established in 2012 by then-Pope Benedict XVI for Catholics who were formerly Anglicans or Episcopalians in the United States and Canada. The ordinariate retains many Anglican traditions and ritual.) Father Reese will minister at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Indianapolis, as well as at other parishes in the archdiocese. He will be the first married priest in the archdiocese.

