

Study Guide for History of Archdiocese of Indianapolis



I. The Diocese of Vincennes

1. What was the nationality of the first Catholics to settle in Indiana?
2. What Religious order of missionaries served the Catholics of Indiana?
3. Who was sent by the Bishop of Quebec to serve the Catholics of the Indiana and Illinois territories?
4. When Indiana became a state in 1816, most of the Catholic population lived in what city?
5. Indiana's first Catholics were from what three groups of people?
6. What ethnic groups of Catholics settled in Indiana after the French?
7. What three ethnic religious communities were established in Indiana in the mid 18th century?
8. What service did these ethnic communities provide for the Catholics in Indiana?
9. When was the Diocese of Vincennes established and what area did it include?
10. Who was the first Bishop of Vincennes?
11. What was the name of the first Catholic Church built in Indianapolis?
12. Why did Bishop Chatard transfer his official residence from Vincennes to Indianapolis?

II. The Diocese of Indianapolis

1. When was the title of the Diocese of Vincennes changed to the Diocese of Indianapolis?
2. Who is the patron saint of the Diocese?
3. What did the diocese do to help the different immigrant groups adjust to life in America?
4. Who was appointed coadjutor to Bishop Chatard?
5. For how many years did Bishop Chatard serve the Diocese of Vincennes/Indianapolis?
6. What anti-Catholic group was present in Indiana during the 1920's?
7. How many years did Bishop Chartrand serve the Diocese of Indianapolis?
8. What was unique about the appointment of Bishop Ritter as Bishop of Indianapolis?
9. In what year did the Diocese of Indianapolis celebrate its 100th birthday?

III. Indianapolis Becomes an Archdiocese

1. What two events in the history of the Archdiocese occurred in the year 1944?
2. Who was sent to succeed Ritter as Archbishop of Indianapolis?
3. How did the post war baby boom affect the Archdiocese of Indianapolis?
4. What high schools were built in the Archdiocese during the decades of the 1950's and 1960's?
5. Name three changes which took place in the Indianapolis Church as a result of the Second Vatican Council?
6. What is a coadjutor bishop?
7. Who was appointed coadjutor bishop to Archbishop Schulte?
8. When did Archbishop Schulte retire?
9. What difficulty plagued Archbishop Bishop while Archbishop of Indianapolis?
10. When did Archbishop O'Meara come to Indianapolis as Archbishop?