



# Diocese of Austin Fact Sheet

The **Diocese of Austin** was founded in November 1947 as the seventh diocese in Texas by Pope Pius XII.

**Bishops of Austin:** Bishop Louis J. Reicher, 1947-1971 †  
Bishop Vincent M. Harris, 1971-1986 †  
Bishop John E. McCarthy, 1986-2001  
Bishop Gregory M. Aymond, 2001-2009  
Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, 2010-

**Counties:** 25

**Square Miles:** 21,066.3

**Total Catholic population:** 509,986

**Total population:** 2,761,158

**Parishes (Faith Communities):** 127

**Retired priests:** 38<sup>1</sup>

**Diocesan priests:** 130<sup>1</sup>

**Religious priests resident in the diocese:** 50<sup>3</sup>

**Military chaplains working in the diocese:** 3<sup>1</sup>

**Total priests in the diocese:** 189<sup>1</sup>+38<sup>1</sup> retired=227<sup>1</sup>

**Ordinations:** Diocesan priests 2<sup>1</sup>, Transitional deacons 4<sup>1</sup>, Permanent deacons 0

**Permanent deacons:** 168<sup>1</sup>

**Brothers:** 46<sup>3</sup>

**Sisters:** 102<sup>3</sup>

**Catholic hospitals:** 5

**Seminarians:** 44<sup>1</sup>

**Catholic Schools:** High schools 6, Students 1,262<sup>2</sup>; Elementary schools: 17, Students 3,935<sup>2</sup>

**Total students:** 5,197<sup>2</sup>

**Religious education:** High school students 8,903<sup>1</sup>, Elementary students 28,321<sup>1</sup>

**Total students:** 37,224<sup>1</sup>

**Other:** Baptisms (infant to 7) 9,593; First Communions 7,812; Confirmations 4,439;  
Marriages: 1,697; Deaths 1,671