



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND FACTSHEET

SIZE: 17th Largest Diocese in the United States.

FOUNDED: April 23, 1847

AREA: Eight (8) Counties including Cuyahoga (Cleveland), Summit (Akron), Lorain (Lorain-Elyria), Lake (Painesville), Geauga (Chardon), Medina (Medina), Wayne (Wooster) and Ashland (Ashland)...3,414 square Miles.

POPULATION: 766,065 Catholics or 28% of total 8 county population.

PARISHES: 227 Total of which 48 are Nationality parishes.

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS: 284 active Diocesan priests.....116 retired priests....
24.... Extern and Special Assignment priests...117 religious order Priests and 53 Brothers...
1,135 Women Religious...206 Permanent Deacons...297 Certified Pastoral Ministers.

EL SALVADOR MISSION: Served by four (3) Diocesan Priests and four (4) Sisters and Two (2) lay persons in four (4) parishes. The mission established in 1964.

SCHOOLS: 116 Elementary (41,123 enrolled), 22 Secondary (13,919 enrolled).
69 Pre-schools (2,528 enrolled), 12 Head Start (1,305 enrolled).

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SOCIAL SERVICES: Catholic Charities of Cleveland---the largest diocesan system of social services in the world. Annually serves 300,000 people (all denominations)...2.5 million meals...70,000 nights of shelter.

LEADERSHIP: The Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland.

Installed as 10th Bishop of Cleveland on May 15, 2006. Ordained to the priesthood, May 19, 1973. Birth date- March 26, 1947 in Arlington, Massachusetts.

LEADERSHIP CONT'D: Auxiliary Bishops: Most Rev. A. James Quinn, J.C.D., J.D., V.G. consecrated Aux. Bishop of Cleveland on Dec. 5, 1983. The Most Rev. Roger W. Gries, O.S.B., consecrated as Aux. Bishop of Cleveland on June 7, 2001. The Most Rev. Anthony M. Pilla, (Retired) consecrated as Bishop of Cleveland on January 6, 1981. Most Rev. Edward Pevec, Ph.D., V.G (Retired) consecrated Aux. Bishop of Cleveland on July 2, 1982.

CATHEDRAL: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Established 1848. Capacity 1200.

DIOCESAN STAFF MISSION STATEMENT:

As members of the diocesan staff, we support the bishop in ministering to the people of God by working together to provide vision, leadership and service to continue the mission of Jesus to transform the world. As a community, we are committed to live by these values: Faith, Dignity, Stewardship and Justice.

FOR INFORMATION: The Diocese Communications office 1-216-696-6525 ext. 4460

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