Diocese of Cleveland
Cathedral Square

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND FACTSHEET

SIZE: 23rd 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: 677,219 Catholics or 24% of total 8 county population.

PARISHES:185 Pastoral Center: 1 Mission: 1

CLERGY AND RELIGIOUS: 258 active Diocesan priests.....95 retired priests.... 12 Extern Priests Active…4 Extern Priests Retired…72 Religious Order Priests. 11 Religious Order Priests Retired…57 Brothers...1,035 Women Religious...203 Permanent Deacons...324 Lay Ecclesial Ministers.

EL SALVADOR MISSION: Served by 2 Diocesan Priests in 2 parishes. The mission established in 1964.

SCHOOLS: Largest System in the State of Ohio:

94 Elementary (31,438 enrolled),

20 Secondary (12,893 enrolled)

60 Pre-schools (3,005 enrolled).

SOCIAL SERVICES: Catholic Charities of Cleveland---the largest diocesan system of social services in the world. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland carries out Christ's healing mission here in Northeast Ohio. Catholic Charities delivers more than 150 services at 60 locations to over 400,000 individuals each year – providing help and creating hope for people of every race and religion throughout the eight counties in the Diocese of Cleveland (Ashland, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Summit and Wayne). Annually serves 3.2 million meals. .61,082 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.

The Most Rev. Roger W. Gries, O.S.B.,(Auxiliary Bishop emeritus) consecrated as Aux. Bishop of Cleveland on June 7, 2001.
The Most Rev. Anthony M. Pilla, (Emeritus) consecrated as Bishop of Cleveland on January 6,1981.

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.

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