



The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

AT A GLANCE

Serving the counties of Ashland, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Summit and Wayne



Bishop Edward C. Malesic, JCL



1847

The Diocese of Cleveland was created on April 23, 1847. In 1848, the first seminary, St. Francis de Sales Seminary, was opened. The name eventually was changed to Saint Mary Seminary.

1848

On November 19, 1848, the first priests for service to the diocese were ordained.

1852

The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist was constructed from 1848 until 1852 at the corner of Superior Avenue and Erie Street (Now East 9th Street) and was dedicated on November 7, 1852.

1977

From 1946 until 1948, the cathedral and adjacent diocesan buildings were rebuilt and remodeled. The renovated and expanded cathedral was consecrated on September 6, 1948. In 1977, the sanctuary of the cathedral was renovated to conform with the liturgical changes from the Second Vatican Council.

2014

In 1964, the diocese opened a Latin American Mission in El Salvador. In 2014, the diocese celebrated 50 years of ministry in Latin America.

2022

In 2021 and 2022, the cathedral underwent a thorough exterior refurbishment, extensive interior and exterior electrical work and installation of a new sound system and cameras to improve streaming services for those worshipping remotely.

234,496

Registered number of Catholic households

23rd

LARGEST
DIOCESE IN
THE UNITED
STATES

613,072

CATHOLICS,
22% of the total
eight county
population

185 PARISHES



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WORSHIP



Each week, thousands of our neighbors attend worship services at parishes in communities across the eight counties of the diocese. There, the faithful give thanks to God and in return receive Christ in the holy Eucharist. This Blessed Sacrament provides the heavenly food to help us in our journey through this life to the eternal life that is to come.

Weekly Mass Attendance

137,981
pre-pandemic

PROFESSIONS
OF FAITH **620**

BAPTISMS

4,343

CONFIRMATIONS

7,017

FIRST COMMUNIONS

6,895

MARRIAGES

1,352

TEACH

Catholic schools of the Diocese of Cleveland partner with parents to provide high-quality, holistic formation, preparing young people with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in life, and the values necessary for life-everlasting in the kingdom to come.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

38,312

CATECHETICAL FORMATION

17,086
GRADES 1-8

SCHOOLS **86** Elementary / **20** Secondary

CATHOLIC STUDENTS

26,032

Non-Catholic
Students

11,602



SERVE



Inspired by the Gospel, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland continues the mission of Jesus by responding to those in need through an integrated system of quality services designed to respect the dignity of every person and build a just and compassionate society. Catholic Charities envisions a world touched by God's love: where we alleviate poverty and need, and all people share justly in the blessings of creation.

SERVICES

394,592
INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED

6,025
PROGRAMS
COUNSELING, AFTER CARE, TREATMENT

33,262
YOUNG ADULTS SERVED

10,476
OLDER ADULTS SERVED

9,584 DISABLED
PERSONS
SERVED

188,630
DAILY HOT MEALS SERVED

204,243
FOOD PANTRY MEALS SERVED

39,000
HOLIDAY MEALS SERVED