

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND FACTSHEET

SIZE - 23rd largest diocese in the United States.

FOUNDED - April 23, 1847

AREA

Eight 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 eight-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 two diocesan priests in two parishes
The mission was established in 1964

SCHOOLS

Largest system in the state of Ohio
94 elementary (31,438 enrolled)
20 secondary (12,893 enrolled)
60 preschools (3,005 enrolled)

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SOCIAL SERVICES

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 and provides 61,082 nights of shelter.

LEADERSHIP

The Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez installed as the 11th Bishop of Cleveland on Sept. 5, 2017. Ordained to the priesthood on May 20, 1989. Birth date is June 15, 1961 in Miami, Florida.

The Most Rev. Richard G Lennon (emeritus) installed as 10th Bishop of Cleveland on May 15, 2006. Ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 1973. Birth date is March 26, 1947 in Arlington, Massachusetts.

The Most Rev. Anthony M. Pilla, (emeritus) installed as Bishop of Cleveland on Jan. 6, 1981.

The Most Rev. Roger W. Gries, O.S.B. (Auxiliary Bishop emeritus) consecrated as Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland on June 7, 2001.

CATHEDRAL

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist was established 1848. It currently has a capacity of 1,200.

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

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