



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 <sup>†</sup>  
Bishop Vincent M. Harris, 1971-1986 <sup>†</sup>  
Bishop John E. McCarthy, 1986-2001 <sup>†</sup>  
Bishop Gregory M. Aymond, 2001-2009  
*Appointed Archbishop of New Orleans*  
Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, 2010-2025  
*Appointed Archbishop of Galveston-Houston*  
Bishop Daniel E. Garcia, 2025-

**Counties:** 25

**Square Miles:** 21,066.3

**Total Catholic population:** 750,000

**Total population:** 3,937,221

**Parishes and Missions:** 123

**Campus Ministry Centers:** 6

**Priests:** 219

**Diocesan priests:** 101+39 retired

**Religious:** 47+5 retired

**Other:** 23+4 retired

**Ordinations:** Priests 5, Transitional deacons 5, Permanent deacons 12

**Permanent deacons:** 143 + 100 retired = 243

**Brothers:** 29

**Sisters:** 82

**Catholic hospitals:** 5

**Seminarians:** 60

**Catholic Schools:** High schools 7, Students 1,243; Elementary schools: 12, Students 4,060

**Total students:** 5,303

**Religious education:** High school students 6,854; Elementary students 20,444

**Total students:** 27,298

**Other:** Baptisms (infant to 7) 5,922; First Communions 5,739; Confirmations 5,586;  
Marriages: 1,269; Deaths 2,001