



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 [†]
Bishop Vincent M. Harris, 1971-1986 [†]
Bishop John E. McCarthy, 1986-2001 [†]
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: 701,000

Total population: 3,769,697

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