Archdiocese of Washington

At a Glance
Located in the U.S. capital, the Archdiocese reflects the vibrant diversity of the Catholic Church in America

- **Active and Thriving**: More than 620,000 Catholics
- **Schools**: Nearly 27,000 students in 95 Catholic schools
- **Diversity**: Mass is celebrated in more than 20 languages weekly
- **Vocations**: 79 seminarians studying to become priests for the archdiocese
- **Service**: Catholic Charities serves more than 120,000 people annually

Archdiocese of Washington Facts

- 139 parishes in Washington, D.C. and five Maryland counties: Montgomery, Prince George’s, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary’s
- Currently led by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, who was installed as Archbishop of Washington in June 2006
- Established in 1939 by Pope Pius XII. Celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2014
- More than 620,000 parishioners
- Total priests serving the Archdiocese of Washington: 343
- Total number of seminarians: 79
- Washington, DC, is home to national entities such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and is the location of three Catholic universities: The Catholic University of America, Georgetown University, and Trinity University

Catholic Education in the Archdiocese

- Total number of students in Catholic schools: Nearly 27,000
- Number of schools: 95, including early childhood centers, elementary and high schools
- Success: 99% of Catholic high school students graduate and 97% of Catholic high school graduates go on to college
- More than 25,000 students in parish elementary and high school religious education programs

Diversity

- Nearly 270,000 Catholics of Hispanic descent; Spanish-language Masses celebrated at 38 locations
- Approximately 100,000 Catholics of African and Caribbean descent
- Mass is celebrated in more than 20 languages weekly
- Languages include French, Spanish, Italian, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Haitian Creole, and more

Social Service

- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington serves more than 120,000 people annually regardless of religion
- Catholic Charities serves 4.2 million meals a year to those in need in the Washington, DC and Maryland region
- Victory Housing provides affordable housing and related social services to more than 2,100 low- and moderate-income senior citizens and families in Washington, DC and Maryland
- St. Ann’s Center for Children, Youth and Families has cared for at-risk young mothers and vulnerable children for 155 years