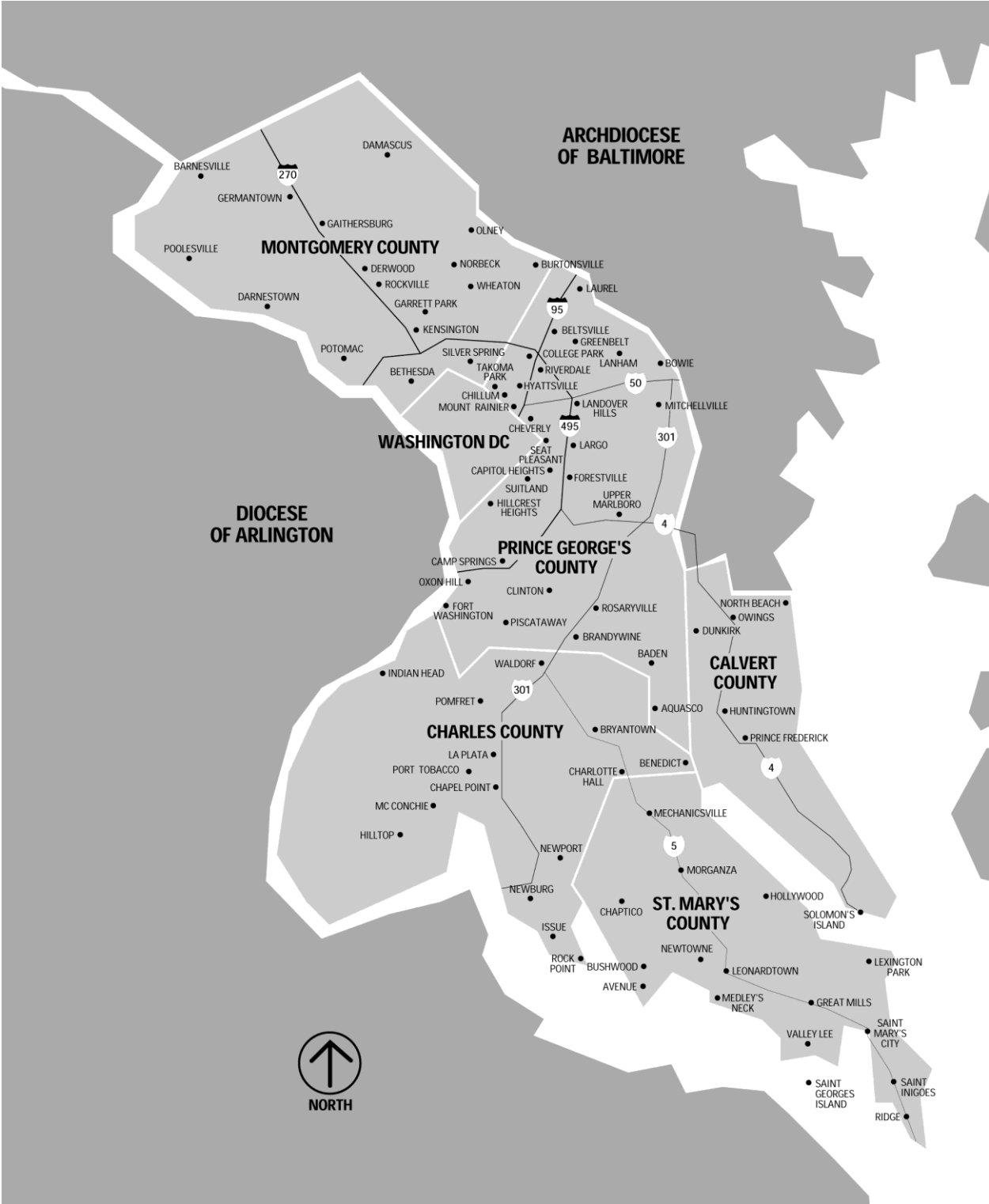


Map of the Archdiocese of Washington



History of the Archdiocese of Washington

Catholicism was brought to Maryland in 1634 when Jesuit Father Andrew White celebrated the first Mass held in the English-speaking colonies, on the shores of St. Clement's Island. Founded as a haven for Catholics and religious toleration, Maryland was the site of the Religious Act of 1649, the first legislation a representative body ever enacted for religious freedom. Sadly, between 1690 and 1776 Catholics in Maryland suffered under oppressive penal laws, but they persevered and the Catholic faith flourished.

In 1789 Archbishop John Carroll, who was born in Upper Marlboro, was appointed the first bishop of the United States. That same year, Georgetown University, the nation's first Catholic college, was founded. The Archdiocese of Washington is also home to The Catholic University of America.

Originally part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, the City of Washington was named a separate archdiocese by Pope Pius XII in 1939, under the direction of Baltimore Archbishop Michael J. Curley. Eight years later, Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle was named the first resident archbishop, and Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties joined Washington as part of the new archdiocese. Archbishop O'Boyle immediately began his pioneering work to desegregate Catholic schools and parishes, build new churches and establish new social service ministries. He was elevated to cardinal in 1967 and retired in 1973.

His successor, Archbishop William Baum, was elevated to cardinal in 1976. While Archbishop of Washington, Cardinal Baum was joined by the faithful of the archdiocese in welcoming Pope John Paul II on his first papal visit to the United States in 1979. He was transferred to the Roman Curia in 1980, where he served until 2001.

James Hickey was appointed Archbishop of Washington in 1980 and elevated to the College of Cardinals in 1988. Under Cardinal Hickey's leadership, the archdiocese greatly expanded social service ministries, establishing programs such as Victory Housing, Birthing and Care and the Archdiocesan Health Care and Legal Networks. The archdiocese also grew in diversity, with Mass celebrated in over 20 languages, including Chinese, French, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

In November 2000, Cardinal Hickey retired. His successor, then-Newark Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick, was installed in January 2001. Just six weeks later he was elevated to the College of Cardinals. Cardinal McCarrick emphasized vocations and ministry to diverse cultures, particularly the Hispanic community. He opened a new seminary for missionary priests of the archdiocese.

In May 2006 Pope Benedict XVI appointed then-Pittsburgh Bishop Donald W. Wuerl as Archbishop of Washington. He was installed on June 22, 2006. Known nationally for his catechetical and teaching ministry and for his efforts to strengthen Catholic education, he is active in the community, joining with civic and business leaders to promote education, service to the poor, pastoral assistance to refugees and immigrants, as well as interfaith understanding. He has made renewing sacramental life a priority, introducing a successful initiative on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, "The Light is On," that quickly became a model for other dioceses.

Archbishop Wuerl also hosted Pope Benedict XVI during his historic visit to Washington, D.C. in April 2008. Pope Benedict celebrated Mass for nearly 50,000 people from around the nation at Nationals

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Park, visited the White House, met with the United States bishops and leaders of other faiths, and addressed Catholic educators.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl was among 24 new cardinals created on November 20, 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI at a consistory at Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. He received San Pietro in Vincoli (Saint Peter in Chains) as his titular church.

In 2011, Cardinal Wuerl opened a seminary for the Archdiocese of Washington. Saint John Paul II Seminary serves as a college and pre-theology program for men in the archdiocese to be trained for service as diocesan priests. In 2013 Cardinal Wuerl participated in the conclave that elected Pope Francis.

The Archdiocese of Washington marked its 75th anniversary in 2014, with Cardinal Wuerl convoking the first Archdiocesan Synod. The statutes and recommendations produced through the Synod preparatory process and presented at the Synod were based on more than 15,000 suggestions collected from the faithful across the archdiocese. Anniversary celebrations also included a Mass on St. Clement's Island, as well as at the restored brick chapel in St. Mary's County that is recognized today as a symbol of religious freedom.

In September 2015 Cardinal Wuerl hosted Pope Francis during his apostolic visit to Washington. During his visit the Holy Father addressed a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress, prayed with the United States bishops at St. Matthew's Cathedral, celebrated Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception where he canonized Saint Junípero Serra, and met with clients of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Today, the Archdiocese of Washington is home to over 655,000 Catholics. Its 93 Catholic schools educate approximately 27,000 children while service agencies, including Catholic Charities and Victory Housing, have made the archdiocese one of the largest private social service providers in the region. Adult Catholics are finding new educational and spiritual resources to deepen their faith. Parish-based programs, opportunities for Eucharistic adoration, evangelization efforts, and small faith communities are filling their hunger to know Christ.

Although diverse in nationality, Catholics of the Archdiocese of Washington share a common faith and a commitment to reflect Christ in the world through prayer, education and service.

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Statistical Profile of the Archdiocese of Washington

(Data from 2017 Official Catholic Directory)

Clergy and Religious

Cardinal Archbishop	1
Retired Cardinals	1
Auxiliary Bishops (including retired)	3
Priests in Archdiocese	
Archdiocesan	286
Religious	356
Extern	105
Seminarians, Archdiocesan	71
Permanent Deacons	266
Religious Brothers	110
Religious Sisters	492

Parishes, Communities, Basilica

Parishes	139
Missions and Communities	9
Basilica	1

Charitable Institutions

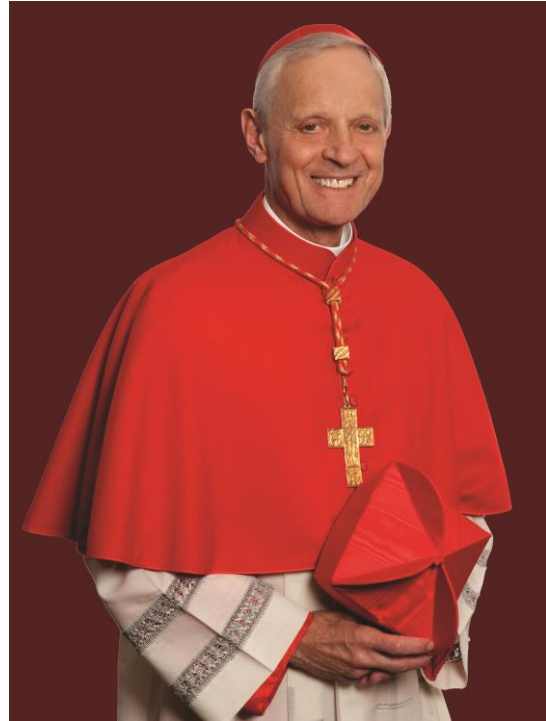
Catholic Hospitals	4
Total Assisted	674,894
Health Care Centers	71
Total Assisted	1,062,124
Homes for Aged	31
Total Assisted	2,953
Day Care Centers	6
Total Assisted	294
Specialized Homes	24
Total Assisted	2,011
Special Centers for Social Services	54
Total Assisted	192,708
Residential Care for Disabled	7
Total Assisted	82

Educational

Seminaries, Archdiocesan	3
Students from This Diocese	60
Students from Other Diocese	103
Diocesan Students in Other Seminaries	14
Seminaries, Religious	10
Students	196
Total Seminarians Studying in Archdiocese	270
Colleges and Universities	3
Total Students	27,246
High Schools, Archdiocesan	2
Total Students	765
High Schools, Private	18
Total Students	14,088
Elementary/Pre-K, Archdiocesan	65
Total Students	16,039
Elementary/Pre-K, Private	12
Total Students	2,519
Non-residential Schools for the Disabled	1
Total Students	33
Catechesis/Religious Education	
High School Students	1,994
Elementary Students	22,645
Total Students under Catholic Instruction	79,011
Teachers in the Archdiocese	
Priests (Full-time)	23
Brothers	20
Sisters	29
Lay Teachers	3,147

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Archbishop of Washington His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl



Ordained to the Priesthood
December 17, 1966

Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle
January 6, 1986

Named Bishop of Pittsburgh
February 12, 1988

Named Archbishop of Washington
May 16, 2006

Installed as Archbishop of Washington
June 22, 2006

Elevated to the College of Cardinals
November 20, 2010

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Auxiliary Bishops of Washington



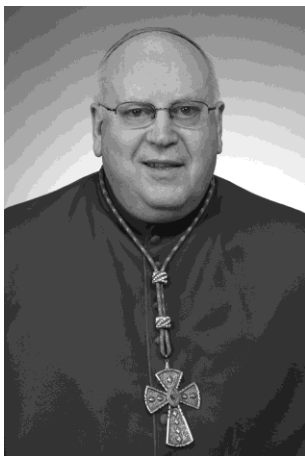
Most Rev. Mario E. Dorsonville
Titular Bishop of Kearney

Phone: 301-853- 4538



Most Rev. Roy E. Campbell, Jr.
Titular Bishop of Ucles

Phone: 301-853-4563



Most Rev. Francisco González, S.F.
Retired
Titular Bishop of Lamfua

Phone: 301-853-4566

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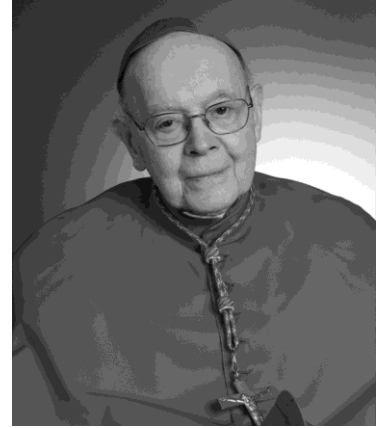
Former Archbishops of Washington



Most. Rev. Michael J. Curley
1939-1947



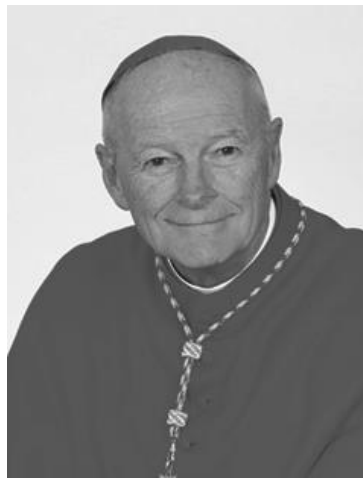
Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle
1948 -1973



William Cardinal Baum
1973-1980



James Cardinal Hickey
1980-2000



Theodore Cardinal McCarrick
2001-2006