WE ARE THE CHURCH

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:28

Parishes
We have 92 parishes and 10 missions enriching more than 1.2 million Catholics. Besides English, Mass is celebrated in American Sign Language, Burmese, Chinese, Creole, Croatian, French, Haitian, Igbo, Indonesian, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, Polish, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Clergy and Religious Life
There are 293 diocesan priests and religious priests working in the archdiocese. Along with them, we have 74 men and women religious, 247 permanent deacons and 46 seminarians.

Schools
The archdiocese oversees 18 Catholic schools – 3 high schools and 15 elementary schools – with a total of about 7,700 students enrolled. 75 percent of our schools have received the coveted National Blue Ribbon School Award of Excellence, placing them in the top 10 to 15 percent nationally from a performance perspective. There are also 40,600 students in parish religious programs. There are 27 young adult and campus ministry programs supported by the archdiocese.

Parishioners
According to the 2019 Official Catholic Directory, there were a total of 9,200 baptisms, 813 full Communions, 9,773 First Communions, 9,531 Confirmations and 1,646 marriages in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Serving Others
There are 4 Catholic hospitals within the archdiocese, serving the people of Atlanta and north Georgia. In 2019, 11,715 individuals received services from Catholic Charities Atlanta, which has 2 dedicated centers and 10 remote locations. A 47 unit independent living senior community is also managed by Catholic Charities Atlanta.

The Chancery
There are 25 offices that help to run the archdiocese, including the Office of Child and Youth Protection, Office of Divine Worship, Office of Formation and Discipleship and the Office of Intercultural Ministries.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE

The Diocese of Atlanta was established in 1956, and became an archdiocese in 1962.

The oldest operating parish in the Archdiocese of Atlanta is Saint Joseph’s Catholic Church in Washington, GA.

The Georgia Bulletin is the archdiocese’s official newspaper. It was first published in 1963.

The Office of Archives and Records holds artifacts and historical items from parishes all over the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

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