

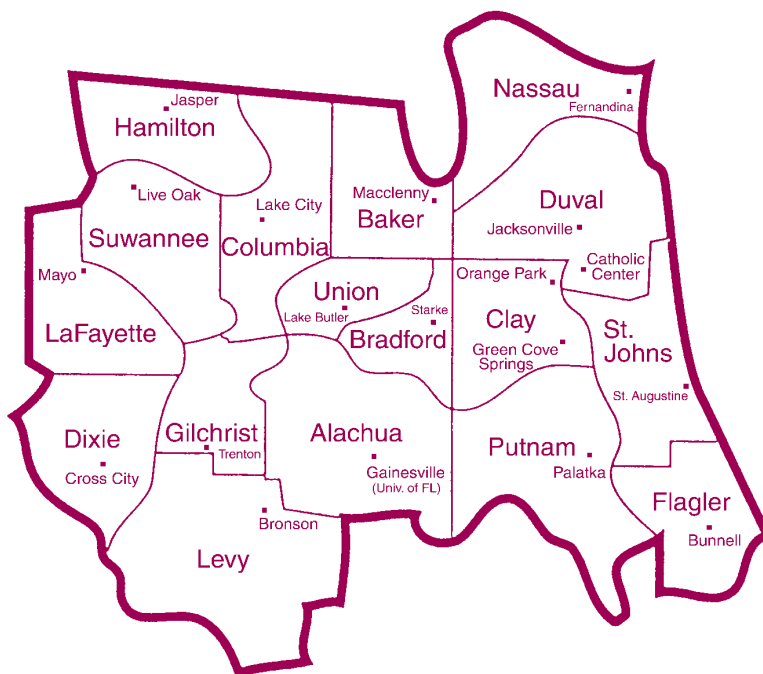
The Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine

On Sept. 8, 1565, a small band of Spaniards celebrated Mass on the shores of North Florida in preparation for starting a settlement there. They named their new home St. Augustine in honor of the saint on whose feast day they sighted land. Thus were the seeds of Christianity sown in North America.

St. Augustine is the site of the first permanent parish church, now the Cathedral-Basilica. The famed Santa Fe Trail originated here. It was from here that Franciscan missionaries began the trek North and West to proclaim the Good News. It was here that the first schools and hospitals were established.

It was not until March 11, 1870 that Florida, east of the Apalachicola River, was designated as the Diocese of St. Augustine. The growth of the church in Florida from this Mother Diocese to six additional dioceses and more than 2.1 million Catholics is a significant part of the story of the Catholic Church in the United States.

Today, the Diocese of St. Augustine encompasses 17 counties spanning the northeast section of Florida from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean. It covers 11,032 square miles and serves about 171,000 registered Catholics.



Church Statistics for the Diocese of St. Augustine

Catholics in Diocese	171,000	Diocesan High Schools	4
Population (17 counties)	1,966,314	Diocesan Elementary Schools	25
Priests in Diocese	148	Special Education Schools	1
Deacons in Diocese	61	Total Students	10,559
Brothers in Diocese	1	Students enrolled in	
Parishes	52	Religious Education Programs	9,478
Mission Churches	8		

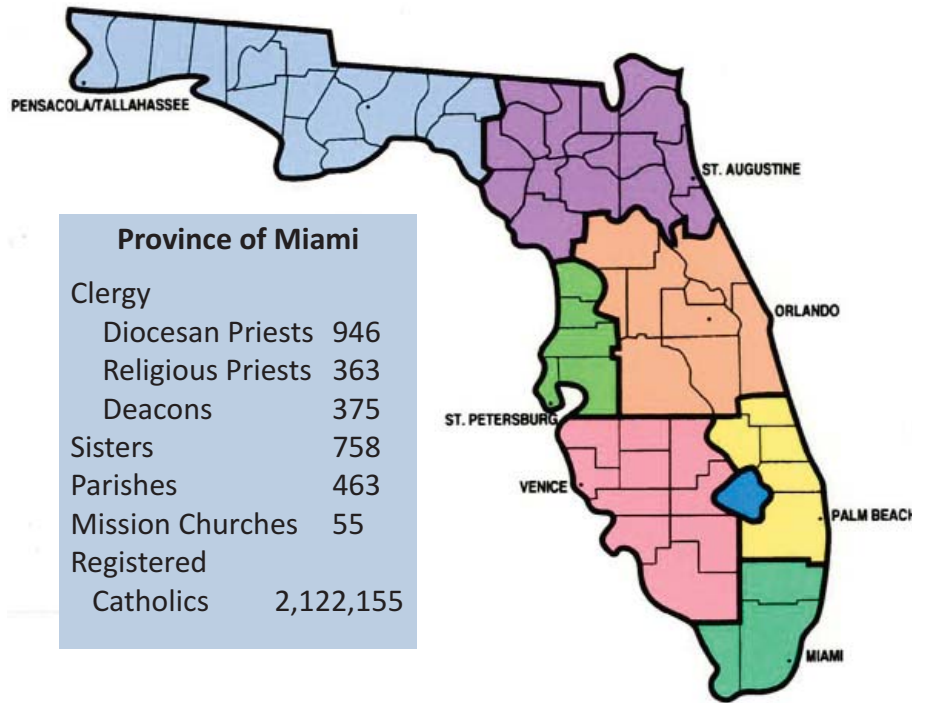
*Source: *The 2010 Official Catholic Directory*

Former Bishops of the Diocese of St. Augustine

Bishop Augustin Verot	1870-1876	Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley	1940-1967
Bishop John Moore	1877-1901	Bishop Paul F. Tanner	1968-1979
Bishop William Kenny	1902-1913	Bishop Emeritus John Snyder	1979-2000
Bishop Michael J. Curley	1913-1921	Bishop Victor Galeone	2001-2011
Bishop Patrick Barry	1922-1940		

The Province of Miami

General Overview of the Seven Dioceses of Florida



Mother Diocese of Florida	
Diocese of St. Augustine	
Est. March 11, 1870	
Clergy	
Diocesan Priests	104
Religious Priests	15
Deacons	61
Sisters	100
Parishes	52
Mission Churches	8
Registered Catholics	171,000

Province of Miami	
Clergy	
Diocesan Priests	946
Religious Priests	363
Deacons	375
Sisters	758
Parishes	463
Mission Churches	55
Registered Catholics	2,122,155

Archdiocese of Miami	
Est. August 13, 1958	
Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski	
Clergy	
Diocesan Priests	261
Religious Priests	76
Deacons	128
Sisters	277
Parishes	101
Mission Churches	4
Registered Catholics	703,950

Diocese of Orlando	
Est. June 18, 1968	
Bishop John Noonan	
Clergy	
Diocesan Priests	136
Religious Priests	37
Deacons	14
Sisters	87
Parishes	79
Mission Churches	12
Registered Catholics	413,643

Diocese of St. Petersburg	
Est. June 17, 1968	
Bishop Robert N. Lynch	
Clergy	
Diocesan Priests	149
Religious Priests	116
Deacons	60
Sisters	210
Parishes	75
Mission Churches	6
Registered Catholics	424,951

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee	
Est. Nov. 6, 1975	
Apostolic Administrator	
Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski	
Clergy	
Diocesan Priests	70
Religious Priests	18
Deacons	67
Sisters	27
Parishes	49
Mission Churches	8
Registered Catholics	62,420

Diocese of Palm Beach	
Est. Oct. 24, 1984	
Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito	
Clergy	
Diocesan Priests	120
Religious Priests	32
Deacons	41
Sisters	115
Parishes	50
Mission Churches	3
Registered Catholics	279,823

Diocese of Venice	
Est. Oct. 25, 1984	
Bishop Frank J. Dewane	
Clergy	
Diocesan Priests	106
Religious Priests	69
Deacons	4
Sisters	91
Parishes	57
Mission Churches	14
Registered Catholics	237,368