

Archdiocese of Miami Statistics



Per the 2009 *Official Catholic Directory*:

- There are over 1.3 Catholics in the Archdiocese of Miami out of a population of more than 4.2 million. The Archdiocese of Miami is comprised of Miami- Dade, Broward and Monroe Counties.
- There have been three archbishops: Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll was the first bishop of Miami and served as archbishop from 1968- 1977. Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy served from 1977- 1994. On November 3, 1994 Bishop John Favalora was appointed to succeed retiring Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, becoming the third Archbishop of Miami. [Archbishop Favalora](#) was installed on December 20, 1994, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Miami and retired on April 20, 2010. [Archbishop Thomas Wenski](#) was installed as the fourth archbishop of Miami on June 1, 2010.
- 177 active diocesan priests, 82 retired priest, 94 Religious priests for a total of 353 priests in the archdiocese.
- There are 48 religious Brothers and 289 Religious Sisters.
- There are 105 parishes and missions and 57 catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Miami. Mass is celebrated in 14 different languages.
- In its 52-year history, eleven priests from the Archdiocese of Miami have been selected to serve the Catholic Church as bishops. Eight were originally chosen to serve as auxiliary bishops in Miami, one as Apostolic Nuncio in the Vatican diplomatic corps, and two have been chosen immediately to lead a diocese – Bishop Robert Lynch (Diocese of Saint Petersburg) and Bishop Fernando Isern (Diocese of Pueblo, CO.) Six of these eleven bishops were elected during the tenure of Archbishop Favalora.

The Most Rev. John Fitzpatrick, Bishop Emeritus of Brownsville
Ordained to the episcopacy, August 28, 1968

The Most Rev. Rene Gracida, Bishop Emeritus of Corpus Christi
Ordained to the episcopacy, January 25, 1972

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The Most Rev. John Nevins, Bishop Emeritus of Venice
Ordained to the episcopacy, March 24, 1979

[The Most Rev. Agustín Román, Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Miami](#)
Ordained to the episcopacy, March 24, 1979

Archbishop Ambrose Battista De Paoli, Former Apostolic Nuncio to Australia
Ordained to the episcopacy, November 20, 1983

The Most Rev. Robert Lynch, Bishop of St. Petersburg
Ordained to the episcopacy, January 26, 1996

[The Most Rev. Gilberto Fernández, Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Miami](#)
Ordained to the episcopacy, September 3, 1997

The Most Rev. Thomas Wenski, Bishop of Orlando
Ordained to the episcopacy, September 3, 1997

[The Most Rev. Felipe Estévez, Auxiliary Bishop of Miami](#)
Ordained to the episcopacy, January 7, 2004

[The Most Rev. John Noonan, Auxiliary Bishop of Miami](#)
Ordained to the episcopacy, August 24, 2005

The Most Rev. Fernando Isern, Bishop of Pueblo, CO
Ordained to the episcopacy, December 10, 2009