

History of Bishops Affiliated with the Local Church of Detroit (1833-2006)

ESTABLISHED A DIOCESE BY HIS HOLINESS, POPE
GREGORY XVI

8 March 1833

CREATED AN ARCHBISHOPRIC BY HIS HOLINESS,
POPE PIUS XI

3 August 1937

DIOCESAN BISHOPS

1. His Excellency, Right Reverend Frederick John Conrad RÉSÉ

Born: 6 February 1791 (Vienenberg, Germany)

Ordained Priest: 15 March 1823

Appointed First Bishop of Detroit: 25 February 1833

Ordained and Installed Bishop of Detroit: 6 October 1833

Resigned: 19 August 1840

Died: 30 December 1871

2. His Excellency, Right Reverend Peter Paul LEFEVERE (Lefebvre)

Born: 30 April 1804 (Roulers, Belgium)

Ordained Priest: 30 November 1831

Appointed Coadjutor (Second) Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop
of Zela: 23 July 1841

Ordained Coadjutor Bishop of Detroit: 21 November 1841

Died: 4 March 1869

3. His Excellency, Right Reverend Caspar Henry BORGESS

Born: 1 August 1826 (Addrup, Germany)

Ordained Priest (Cincinnati): 8 December 1848

Appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of
Calydon: 14 February 1870

Ordained Coadjutor Bishop of Detroit: 24 April 1870

Succeeded as Third Bishop of Detroit: 30 December 1871

Resigned and Appointed Titular Bishop of Phacusa: 16 April 1887

Died: 3 May 1890

4. His Excellency, Right Reverend John Samuel FOLEY

Born: 5 November 1833 (Baltimore, Maryland)

Ordained Priest (Baltimore): 20 December 1856

Appointed Fourth Bishop of Detroit: 11 February 1888

Ordained and Installed Bishop of Detroit: 4 November 1888

Died: 5 January 1918

5. His Excellency, Most Reverend Michael James GALLAGHER

Born: 16 November 1866 (Auburn, Michigan)
Ordained Priest (Grand Rapids): 19 March 1893
Appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Grand Rapids and Titular Bishop of Tipasa in Mauretania: 5 July 1915
Ordained Coadjutor Bishop of Grand Rapids: 8 September 1915
Succeeded as Second Bishop of Grand Rapids: 26 December 1916
Appointed Fifth Bishop of Detroit: 18 July 1918
Installed Bishop of Detroit: 18 November 1918
Died: 20 January 1937

6. His Eminence, Edward Aloysius Cardinal MOONEY

Born: 9 May 1882 (Mount Savage, Maryland)
Ordained Priest (Cleveland): 10 April 1909
Appointed Apostolic Delegate to India and Titular Archbishop of Irenopolis in Isauria: 21 January 1926
Ordained Titular Archbishop of Irenopolis in Isauria: 31 January 1926
Appointed Apostolic Delegate to Japan: 30 March 1931
Appointed Fourth Bishop (Archbishop) of Rochester, New York: 28 August 1933
Appointed Sixth Ordinary and First Archbishop of Detroit: 31 May 1937
Installed First Archbishop of Detroit:
Created Cardinal Priest of Santa Susanna, Roma: 18 February 1946
Died: 25 October 1958 (Rome)

7. His Eminence, John Francis Cardinal DEARDEN

Born: 15 October 1907 (Valley Falls, RI)
Ordained Priest (Cleveland): 8 December 1932
Appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Pittsburgh and Titular Bishop of Sarepta: 13 March 1948
Ordained Coadjutor Bishop of Pittsburgh: 18 May 1948
Succeeded as Seventh Bishop of Pittsburgh: 22 December 1950
Appointed Seventh Ordinary and Second Archbishop of Detroit: 18 December 1958
Installed Archbishop of Detroit:
Created Cardinal Priest of S. Pio X alla Balduina, Roma: 28 April 1969
Resigned: 15 July 1980
Died: 1 August 1988

8. His Eminence, Edmund Casimir Cardinal SZOKA

Born: 14 September 1927 (Grand Rapids, Michigan)
Ordained Priest (Marquette): 5 June 1954
Appointed First Bishop of Gaylord: 11 June 1971
Ordained and Installed Bishop of Gaylord: 20 July 1971
Appointed Eighth Ordinary and Third Archbishop of Detroit:

28 March 1981
Installed Archbishop of Detroit: 17 May 1981
Created Cardinal Priest of SS. Andrea e Gregorio al Monte Cielo,
Roma: 28 June 1988
Appointed President of the Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of
the Holy See: 28 April 1990
Appointed President of the Governatorate of Vatican City State:
15 October 1997
Appointed President of Vatican City State: 22 February 2001

9. His Eminence, Adam Joseph Cardinal MAIDA

Born: 18 March 1930 (East Vandergrift, Pennsylvania)
Ordained Priest (Pittsburgh): 26 May 1956
Appointed Ninth Bishop of Green Bay: 8 November 1983
Ordained and Installed Bishop of Green Bay: 25 January 1984
Appointed Ninth Ordinary and Fourth Archbishop of Detroit:
28 April 1990
Installed Archbishop of Detroit: 12 June 1990
Created Cardinal Priest of SS. Vitale, Valeria, Gervasio e Protasio,
Roma: 26 November 1994
Appointed Superior of the Cayman Islands, Antilles: 14 July 2000

HISTORY OF DETROIT PRIESTS WHO HAVE BECOME DIOCESAN BISHOPS

1. Bishop Camillus Paul MAES

Born: 13 March 1846 (Courtrai, Belgium)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 19 December 1868
Appointed Third Bishop of Covington: 1 October 1884
Ordained and Installed Bishop of Covington: 25 January 1885
Died: 11 May 1915

2. Bishop Francis Clement KELLEY

Born: 23 October 1870 (Vernon River, Ontario, Canada)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 23 August 1893
Appointed Second Bishop of Oklahoma (City and Tulsa): 25 June
1924
Ordained and Installed Bishop of Oklahoma: 2 October 1924
Died: 1 February 1948

3. Bishop William Francis MURPHY

Born: 11 May 1885 (Kalamazoo, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 13 June 1908
Appointed First Bishop of Saginaw: 26 February 1938
Ordained and Installed Bishop of Saginaw: 16 May 1938
Died: 7 February 1950

4. Bishop Kenneth Edward UNTENER

Born: 3 August 1937 (Belle Isle, Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 1 June 1963
Appointed Fourth Bishop of Saginaw: 4 October 1980
Ordained and Installed Bishop of Saginaw: 24 November 1980
Died: 27 March 2004

5. Archbishop Alexander Joseph BRUNETT

Born: 17 January 1934 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 13 July 1958
Appointed Eighth Bishop of Helena: 19 April 1994
Ordained and Installed Bishop of Helena: 6 July 1994
Appointed Eighth Ordinary and Fourth Archbishop of Seattle: 28 October 1997
Installed Archbishop of Seattle: 18 December 1997

HISTORY OF DETROIT AUXILIARY BISHOPS

1. Bishop Edward Denis KELLY

Born: 30 December 1860 (Hartford, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 16 June 1886
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Cestra: 9 December 1910
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 26 January 1911
Appointed Third Bishop of Grand Rapids: 16 January 1919
Installed Bishop of Grand Rapids: 20 May 1919
Died: 26 March 1926

2. Bishop Joseph Casimir PLAGENS

Born: 29 January 1880 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 5 July 1903
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Rhodiopolis: 22 May 1924
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 30 September 1924
Appointed Fifth Bishop of Marquette: 16 November 1935
Installed Bishop of Marquette:
Appointed Fifth Bishop of Grand Rapids: 16 December 1940
Installed Bishop of Grand Rapids: 18 February 1941
Died: 31 March 1943

3. Bishop Stephen Stanislaus WOZNICKI

Born: 17 August 1894 (Miners Mills, Pennsylvania)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 22 December 1917
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Pelte: 13 December 1937
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 25 January 1938
Appointed Second Bishop of Saginaw: 28 March 1950
Installed Bishop of Saginaw:
Resigned and Appointed Titular Bishop of Tiava: 30 October 1968
Died: 10 December 1968

4. Bishop Allen James BABCOCK

Born: 17 June 1898 (Bad Axe, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 7 March 1925
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Irenopolis in Cilicia: 15 February 1947
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 25 March 1947
Appointed Seventh Bishop of Grand Rapids: 23 March 1954
Installed Bishop of Grand Rapids:
Died: 27 June 1969

5. Bishop Alexander Mieceslaus ZALESKI

Born: 24 June 1906 (Laurel, NY)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 12 July 1931
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Lyrbe: 28 March 1950
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 23 May 1950
Appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Lansing: 7 October 1964
Installed Coadjutor Bishop of Lansing:
Succeeded as Second Bishop of Lansing 1 December 1965
Died: 16 May 1975

6. Bishop John Anthony DONOVAN

Born: 5 August 1911 (London, Ontario, Canada)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 8 December 1935
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Rhasus: 6 September 1954
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 26 October 1954
Appointed Fifth Bishop of Toledo in America: 25 February 1967
Installed Bishop of Toledo:
Resigned: 29 July 1980
Died: 18 September 1991

7. Bishop Henry Edmund DONNELLY

Born: 28 August 1904 (Hudson, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 17 August 1930
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Tymbrias: 6 September 1954
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 26 October 1954
Died: 4 November 1967

8. Bishop Joseph Matthew BREITENBECK

Born: 3 August 1914 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 30 May 1942
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Tepelta: 18 October 1965
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 20 December 1965
Appointed Eighth Bishop of Grand Rapids: 15 October 1969
Installed Bishop of Grand Rapids: 2 December 1969
Resigned: 24 June 1989

9. Bishop Thomas John GUMBLETON

Born: 26 January 1930 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 2 June 1956
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Ululi: 8 March 1968
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 1 May 1968

10. Bishop Walter Joseph SCHOENHERR

Born: 28 February 1920 (Center Line, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 27 October 1945
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Timidana: 8 March 1968
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 1 May 1968
Resigned: 7 March 1995

11. Bishop Joseph Leopold IMESCH

Born: 21 June 1931 (Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 16 December 1956
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Pomaria: 8 February 1973
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 3 April 1973
Appointed Third Bishop of Joliet in Illinois: 30 June 1979
Installed Bishop of Joliet in Illinois: 28 August 1979

12. Bishop Arthur Henry KRAWCZAK

Born: 2 February 1913 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 18 May 1940
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Subbar: 8 February 1973
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 3 April 1973
Resigned: 17 August 1982
Died: 13 January 2000

13. Bishop Moses Bosco ANDERSON, SSE

Born: 9 September 1928 (Selma, Alabama)
Ordained Society of St. Edmund Priest: 30 May 1958
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Vatarba: 2 December 1982
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 27 January 1983
Resigned: 24 October 2003

14. Bishop Patrick Ronald COONEY

Born: 10 March 1934 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 20 December 1959
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Hodelm: 3 December 1982
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 27 January 1983
Appointed Third Bishop of Gaylord: 6 November 1989
Installed Bishop of Gaylord: 28 January 1990

- 15. Bishop Dale Joseph MELCZEK**
Born: 9 November 1938 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 6 June 1964
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Trau: 3 December 1982
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 27 January 1983
Appointed Apostolic Administrator of Gary: 19 August 1992
Appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Gary: 28 October 1995
Succeeded as Third Bishop of Gary: 1 June 1996
- 16. Bishop Bernard Joseph HARRINGTON**
Born: 6 September 1933 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 6 June 1959
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Uzali: 23 November 1993
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 6 January 1994
Appointed Seventh Bishop of Winona: 4 November 1998
Installed Bishop of Winona: 6 January 1999
- 17. Bishop Kevin Michael BRITT**
Born: 19 November 1944 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 28 June 1970
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Esco: 23 November 1993
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 6 January 1994
Appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Grand Rapids: 10 December 2002
Installed Coadjutor Bishop of Grand Rapids: 12 February 2003
Succeeded as Tenth Bishop of Grand Rapids: 13 October 2003
Died: 16 May 2004
- 18. Bishop John Clayton NIENSTEDT**
Born: 18 March 1947 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 27 July 1974
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Alton: 12 June 1996
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 9 July 1996
Appointed Third Bishop of New Ulm: 12 June 2001
Installed Bishop of New Ulm: 6 August 2001
- 19. Bishop Allen Henry VIGNERON**
Born: 21 October 1948 (Mount Clemens, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 26 July 1975
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Sault Sainte Marie in Michigan: 12 June 1996
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 9 July 1996
Appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Oakland: 10 January 2003
Installed Coadjutor Bishop of Oakland: 26 February 2003
Succeeded as Third Bishop of Oakland: 1 October 2003

- 20. Bishop Leonard Paul BLAIR**
Born: 12 December 1949 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 26 June 1976
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Voncariana: 8 July 1999
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 24 August 1999
Appointed Seventh Bishop of Toledo in America: 7 October 2003
Installed Bishop of Toledo: 4 December 2003
- 21. Bishop Earl Alfred BOYEA, Jr.**
Born: 10 April 1951 (Pontiac, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 20 May 1978
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Siccenna: 22 July 2002
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 13 September 2002
- 22. Bishop Walter Allison HURLEY**
Born: 30 May 1937 (Fredericton, Ontario, Canada)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 5 June 1965
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Cunavia: 7 July 2003
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 12 August 2003
- 23. Bishop John Michael QUINN**
Born: 17 December 1945 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 17 March 1972
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Ressiania: 7 July 2003
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 12 August 2003
- 24. Bishop Francis Ronald REISS**
Born: 11 November 1940 (Detroit, Michigan)
Ordained Detroit Priest: 4 June 1966
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Remesiana: 7 July 2003
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 12 August 2003
- 25. Bishop Daniel Edward FLORES**
Born: 28 August 1961 (Palacios, Texas)
Ordained Priest (Corpus Christi): 30 January 1988
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Cozila: 28 October 2006
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: 29 November 2006

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