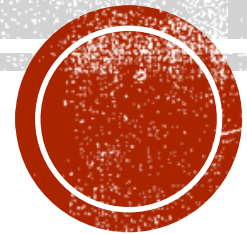
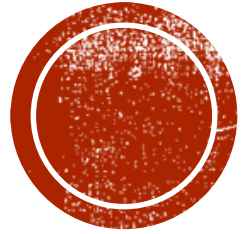


DIOCESAN-NESS

Rector's Conference
Msgr. David L. Toups
November 28, 2018





POPE FRANCIS: *DIOCESANIDAD* — DIOCESAN-NESS

“In, with, and for the diocesan community”

(Pope Francis, 16 November 2017)

- “The hermeneutical key is *diocesan spirituality*, which is the spirituality of communion *in the manner of Trinitarian communion.*”
- To understanding our unique character as diocesan priests called to serve a particular people (*ecclesia particularis*)
- Fall “*in Love*” with your diocese and get to know the people, the customs, and the locality well.

YOUR DIOCESE

“*In, with, and for the diocesan community*”



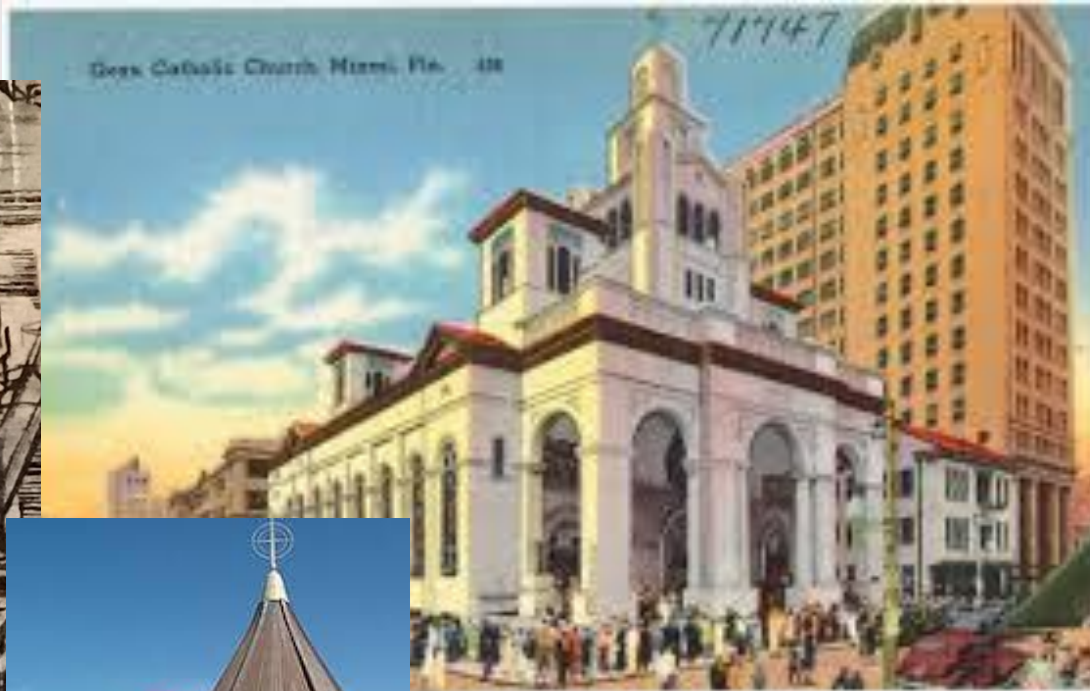
GETTING TO KNOW YOU



EACH OF OUR DIOCESES

* Caveat – the following survey of our dioceses is not exhaustive, but only an encouragement for each of us to go deeper into getting to know our *ecclesia particularis*. No offense or slight is intended if your favorite factoid has been left out. It is not intentional!





MIAMI

Founded 1958

Freedom Tower

Gesu is the oldest Catholic Church in all of South Florida, founded in April of 1896, before the City of Miami was incorporated. It is one of the few institutions that preserve the history of the city.

Our Lady of Charity – La Ermita - Bishop Augustín Roman

Culturally diverse

128 languages – 60 % Spanish

University of Miami Hurricanes





PENSACOLA- TALLAHASSEE

The First Mass was offered on August 15, 1559 in Pensacola. Devastated by a hurricane, the settlement was abandoned two years later (Diocese in 1975)

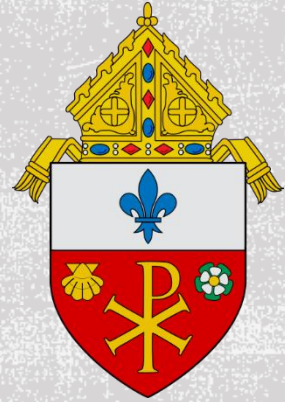
State Capital

Cradle of Naval Aviation and USAF

St. Michael Parish, Pensacola, was incorporated in 1823 under the territorial laws of Florida, now a possession of the United States

FSU Seminoles





ORLANDO

Founded 1968

Disney – 400 million tourists per year!

Space Coast – since 1968 the diocese with the largest landmass in the world

Clermont and the famous Citrus Tower

Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady Queen of the Universe

Bok Tower

Daytona 500 and Bike Week in Daytona

University of Central Florida – Knights largest university in Florida





VENICE

Founded 1984

Juan Ponce de Leon is credited with discovering Florida in 1513 and exploring the west coast of the state between 1513 and 1521

Mass celebrated near present-day Bradenton on May 25, 1539 during expeditions of Spanish explorer Hernando De Soto

Calusa Indians

Epiphany Cathedral

I 75 corridor

Edison and Ford

Venice Air Base

Ave Maria University – New College





PALM BEACH

Founded 1884

St. Ann Church: March 15, 1896 (SJ's)

By 1930, there were five parishes in the region, and by 1950 there were nine

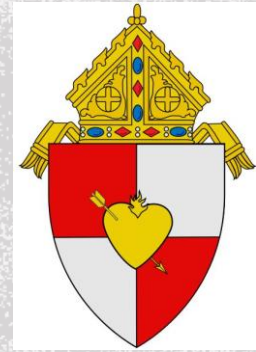
SVDP 1963

Henry Flagler

State Road 80 – From Belle Glade to Mar A Lago

PBA – FAU – Lynn –





SAINT AUGUSTINE

Founded 1870

Historical site of the first parish Mass and first shrine dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the United States. The Mission Nombre de Dios traces its origins to the founding of the city of St. Augustine, America's oldest city. On September 8, 1565, Pedro Menéndez de Aviles landed and claimed this site for Spain and the Church.

Fr. Francisco López de Mendoza Grajales

Nickname: "la siempre fiel ciudad"

The University of Florida / UNF



Connecting St. Augustine To The World

FIRST MASS IN FLORIDA

APRIL 16, 1528



IN APRIL 1528, THE SPANISH EXPLORER PANFILO DE NARVAEZ ARRIVED HERE WITH 5 SHIPS AND 600 MEN IN A QUEST FOR GOLD AND POWER. ALSO WITH HIM WERE THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO SPREAD CHRISTIANITY, INCLUDING EIGHT DIOCESAN AND FIVE FRANCISCAN PRIESTS. ONE OF THOSE PRIESTS, FR. JUAN XUAREZ, OFM, HAD RECEIVED AN APPOINTMENT AS BISHOP OF FLORIDA. A FEW DAYS AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL, FR. XUAREZ CELEBRATED EASTER MASS ASHORE ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 16TH. AFTER ANOTHER TEN DAYS IN THE AREA WHICH INCLUDED SEVERAL VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS WITH THE NATIVE TOCOBAGA PEOPLES, NARVAEZ ALONG WITH HALF OF THE CREW (INCLUDING 5 PRIESTS) HEADED NORTH ON LAND IN WHAT WOULD PROVE TO BE AN ILL-FATED EXPEDITION. EIGHT YEARS LATER IN 1536, A MERE FOUR SURVIVORS MADE IT TO MEXICO.



SAINT PETERSBURG

Founded 1968

First Mass in Florida 4/16/1528

Martyrdom of Fr. Luis de Cancer on the shores of Tampa Bay in 1549 – Proto-martyr of Florida!

1859 founding of St. Louis Church which became Sacred Heart in 1905

More than 40% of the parishes were founded during the Hurley years

Pinellas Hope

Larkin and Wojtyła

USF – Bulls





ATLANTA

1936 the Diocese of Savannah-Atlanta was established - Christ the King Cathedral founded

Diocese of Atlanta 1956 (Arch 1962)

First log cabin church in 1800 in North Georgia

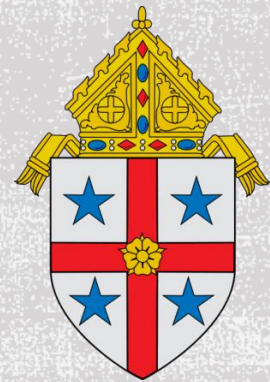
1848 First Catholic Church in Atlanta - Immaculate Conception

Stone Mountain

Coke, Tuner, Delta, Home Depot and the Braves!

UGA Dawgs and GT Yellow Jackets





SAVANNAH

Founded 1850 for Georgia and parts of Florida

1864 spared from burning by Sherman in the Civil War because it was so beautiful

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist 1876

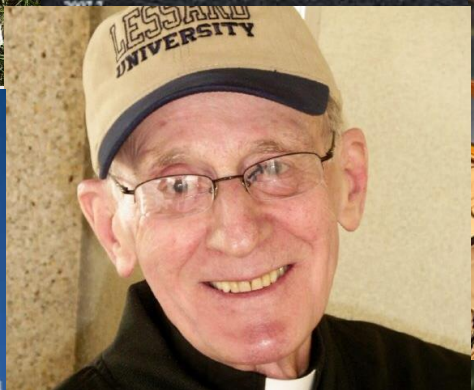
Warner Robins AFB – Museum of Aviation

The Masters!

Bishop Raymond Lessard

SCAD – Georgia Southern

Georgia Martyrs





1. Fr. Luis de Cáncer, OP & Companions•1549
2. Fr. Pedro Martínez, SJ•1566
3. Fr. Pedro de Corpa & Companions•1597
4. Fr. Marcos Garcés & Companions•1604
5. Fr. Vicente de Andrade & Companions•1611
6. Fr. Diego de Figueroa & Companions•1647
7. Guale of Santo Domingo de Talaje Mission•1661
8. Fr. Luis Sánchez & Companions•1696
9. Antonio Culpá & the Apalachee Martyrs•1704
10. Fr. Agustín Ponce de León•1705
11. Patricio de Hináchuba & Companions•1706
12. Frs. Pedro de Galindes & Lucio Herrera •1706





CHARLESTON

Founded 1820: The new diocese of 142,000 square miles was spread over three states, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia

Bishop John England

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

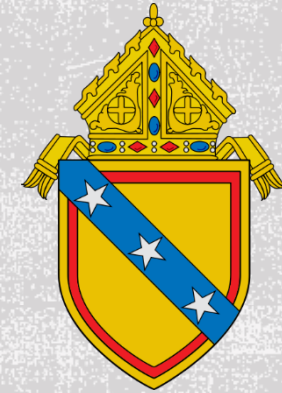
Mass perhaps as early as 1526, but Catholics did not settle until 1750

St. Mary of the Annunciation Church on Hasell Street in Charleston was the first Catholic church in the Carolinas and Georgia, established on August 24, 1789

Old Sheldon Church ruins, in Beaufort County

USC, Clemson, College of Charleston





RICHMOND

Founded 1820 – Bicentennial coming!
One of our eight oldest dioceses

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

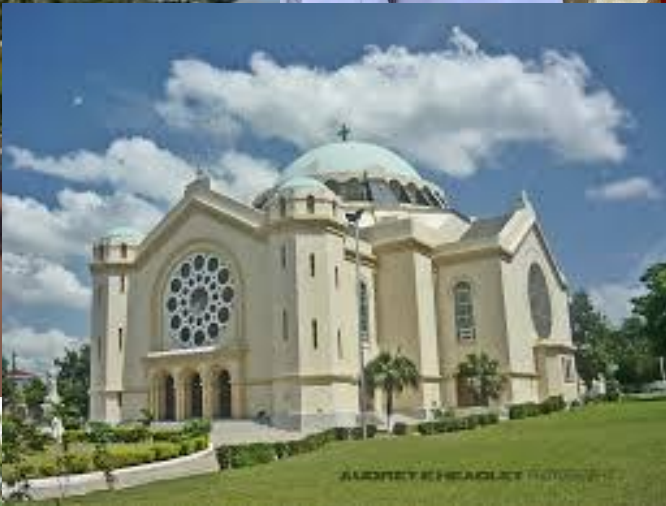
Cardinal Gibbons in 1872-1878

Shenandoah National Park

History of the Civil War

William and Mary – 1693 (2nd oldest) in
Williamsburg, UVA, VA Commonwealth
Univ, VMI, VT, etc.





KINGSTON

Established as a Vicariate in 1837, a diocese in 1956, and an archdiocese in 1967

Holy Trinity Cathedral – 1911

- 3000 feet of inlaid decorative murals and mosaic art artwork
- 85 foot high copper dome
- one of the most magnificent architectural designs in the English speaking Caribbean

Antilles Episcopal Conference

Emancipation Park

Bob Marley!





SYRO-MALABAR CHICAGO

Established in India in 1st c. by St. Thomas the Apostle

Established in Chicago 2001 - *sui iuris*

Mar Thoma Sleeha SyroMalabar Catholic Cathedral, Bellwood, IL

Syro-Malabar Church is the second largest Church among the Eastern Catholic Churches

Malayalam was the language of people from Kerala - Malayalam Qurbana

Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil SDB

Jesus Youth



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DIOCESAN-NESS

Which means:

- Learn
- Ask questions
- Go to your dioceses for major holidays, participate in the parish, and get to know the priests



LOVE WHAT YOUR BRIDE LOVES

- Food
- Culture
- Sports – universal and particular
 - Professional, college, high school, elementary
- Music
- Locations
- Lingo
- Inculturation
- American-ness:
 - National Anthem
 - Pride and gratitude



***WITH* FRATERNAL COMMUNION**

PSALM 133 – ECCE QUAM BONUM

- *In, with, and for* the diocesan community
 - With the Bishop
 - With the Priests
 - With the Faithful
- “Cultivation mutual fraternal relationships and by taking part in the *pastoral journey of their diocesan Church*, in their appointments, projects and initiatives that translates plans into actions. A particular Church has a face, rhythms and concrete choices; she must be served with dedication each day, by witnessing to the harmony and unity that is to be experienced and developed with the bishop.”
- “And there gossip dominates; gossip destroys the diocese, destroys the unity of the presbyters [...] Gossip is a form of terrorism [...] like dropping a bomb.”



FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

- *In, with, and for* the diocesan community.
- Our reason for being!
- “[Our] commitment, in *Pastoral activity*, to serve the People of God, visible in the present and in the concreteness of the local Church [...] to understand their histories and to experience the joys and sorrows, the expectations and hopes of the sheep entrusted to [us].”



***IN, WITH, AND FOR* THE DIOCESAN COMMUNITY**

- “Dedication to the particular Church, then, must always be expressed with a broader scope which creates *attentiveness to the life of the whole Church*. Communion and Mission are correlative dynamics. One becomes a minister to serve ones own *particular Church* [...] but with the awareness of being a part of the *universal Church*.”

