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The Archdiocese Today

The Apostolic Vicariate of Nebraska was established in 1857, leading to the founding of the Diocese of Omaha in 1885 and elevated to an archdiocese in 1945. Today, the archdiocese serves spiritual and human needs in a 23-county area of Northeast Nebraska. Through its schools and social service ministries, the Archdiocese of Omaha impacts the lives of a diverse population and new immigrant communities. Thanks to strong support for the Annual Appeal, the people of the archdiocese share a symbol of their collective faith, which allows them to reach out and continue the mission of Jesus Christ.

Leadership

Most Rev. George J. Lucas
Archbishop-Designate

Most Rev. Elden F. Curtiss
Archbishop Emeritus/Apostolic Administrator

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Moderator of the Curia

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Chancellor

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Vice-Chancellor

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Dir. of Information Technology Office

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Dir. of Finance Office / Admin. Services

Anne Steinhoff
Acting Executive Dir. of Catholic Charities

By the Numbers

221,524 Nebraska Catholics
23 Nebraska counties
14,000 square miles
148 parishes and missions
76 primary and secondary schools

287 priests
24 seminarians
250 deacons
297 sisters
23 brothers

(more)

Key Dates

1857	1930
Apostolic Vicariate of Nebraska founded	Host of the 6 th Annual Eucharistic Congress
1859	1945
Bishop James M. O’Gorman is first apostolic vicar appointed	Raised to an archdiocese in August
1885	1959
Founded as a diocese in October	St. Cecilia’s Cathedral is consecrated
1907	2004
St. Cecilia Cathedral construction begins	Archdiocesan Synod
1917	2008
Father Edward Flanagan founds Boys Town	Catholic Education Symposium in October

Key Organizations

Institute for Priestly Formation	6 Catholic hospitals
Pope Paul VI Institute for the study of human reproduction	<i>The Catholic Voice</i> newspaper
FOCCUS, Inc. USA, nationally-recognized marriage preparation instrument	Spirit Catholic Radio - KVSS
	Catholic Mutual Insurance Group

Committed to Education

Catholic education enriches the lives of some 44,000 young people within the Archdiocese of Omaha.

2 independent Catholic universities	18 Catholic high schools
2 campus ministries at secular colleges	Parish-based religious education programs for 21,000 youth and adults
58 elementary parochial schools	

Dedicated to Community

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In addition to educational support, the people of the Archdiocese of Omaha give generously to diverse ministries and support broad outreach to some of the neediest people in Northeast Nebraska communities. These community priorities totaled more than \$2.7 million. Social service programs make the archdiocese one of the largest providers in the region. In 2008, Catholic Charities’ Campus for Hope provided assistance to more than sixty-eight thousand people, offering treatment and counseling for substance abuse and addictions. The Family Life Office ministries offer spiritual support to Catholics across the lifespan, from conception until natural death. One of its departments, FOCCUS, Inc., a nation-wide marriage preparation program, impacts the lives of more than 300,000 people annually.