



About the DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE



The Diocese of Baton Rouge was established on July 22, 1961 by Pope John XXIII.

Ascension Parish
Assumption Parish
East Baton Rouge Parish
East Feliciana Parish
Iberville Parish
Livingston Parish
Pointe Coupee Parish
St. Helena Parish
St. James Parish
Tangipahoa Parish
West Baton Rouge Parish
West Feliciana Parish

5,513 Square Miles

Bishop Michael Duca will be the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Baton Rouge.

The past five bishops were:

Bishop Robert E. Tracy
(November 8, 1961 - March 21, 1974)

Bishop Joseph V. Sullivan
(September 4, 1974 - September 4, 1982)

Bishop Stanley J. Ott
(March 24, 1983 - November 28, 1992)

Bishop Alfred C. Hughes
(November 4, 1993 - February 16, 2001)

Bishop Robert W. Muench
(March 14, 2002 - August 23, 2018)

Diocesan Priests: 71

Diocesan Priests Active in Diocese: 51

Priests Retired, Sick or Absent: 20

Religious Priests Active in Diocese: 27

Religious Priests, Retired: 4

Extern Priests in Diocese: 7

Religious Sisters: 74

Religious Brothers: 19

Parishes: 64

Catholic Hospitals: 3

Diocesan Seminarians: 17

High Schools, Diocesan, Parochial & Private: 7
Elementary Schools, Diocesan and Parochial: 23

Universities: 1

Catholic Population: 227,052