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# ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND

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## 2016 Statistical Summary – United States

Cardinals:	10
Archbishops:	58
Bishops:	389
Abbots:	101
Diocesan Priests:	26,199
Religious Priests:	11,731
Permanent Deacons:	18,792
Brothers:	4,158
Sisters:	48,225
Parishes:	17,651
Missions:	2,622
Diocesan Seminaries:	68
Religious Seminaries:	78
Seminarians:	5,050
Colleges & Universities:	227
College & University Students:	8798,006
High Schools:	1,284
High School Students:	5598,811
Elementary Schools:	5,398
Elementary Students:	1,376,655
Religious Education High School Students:	609,135
Religious Education Elementary Students:	2,591,295
Priests Teaching:	1,246
Brothers Teaching:	678
Sisters Teaching:	3,245
Lay Teachers:	158,785
Hospitals:	552
Patients assisted:	87,737,389
Infant Baptisms:	683,712
Adult Baptisms:	439,721
Received into Full Communion:	71,809
Confirmations:	581,187
Marriages:	150,553
Deaths:	402,016
Total Catholics:	70,412,021
Total Population:	322,795,335
Catholic Population Percentage:	22

**Cathedral: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**  
N.W. 18th & Couch Street Portland, OR 97209

## 2016 Statistical Summary – Archdiocese of Portland

Cardinals:	0
Archbishops:	2
Bishops:	2
Abbots:	4
Diocesan Priests (including Retired Priests):	169
Religious Priests (including Retired Priests):	181
Permanent Deacons:	79
Brothers:	77
Sisters:	364
Parishes:	124
Missions:	22
Diocesan Seminaries:	1
Total Seminarians from this diocese:	48
Colleges & Universities:	2
College & University Students:	4,896
High Schools:	10
High School Students:	4,243
Elementary Schools:	40
Elementary Students:	9,115
Religious Education High School Students:	3,983
Religious Education Elementary Students:	11,503
Priests Teaching:	16
Brothers Teaching:	11
Sisters Teaching:	9
Lay Teachers:	1,731
Hospitals:	10
Patients assisted:	1,994,911
Infant Baptisms:	4,583
Adult Baptisms:	385
Received into Full Communion:	801
Confirmations:	3,052
Marriages:	862
Deaths:	1,743
Total Catholics:	431,267
Total Population:	3,448,267
Catholic Population Percentage:	12

Boundaries: The Western part of the State of Oregon from the summit of the Cascades to the Pacific Ocean. 29,717 sq. miles

## The Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon

The official title is the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon. It was initially created as a Vicariate-Apostolic on December 1, 1843. It was created as the Archdiocese of Oregon City on July 24, 1846. The Archdiocese of Portland is the second oldest archdiocese in the United States, following Baltimore. The name was changed to its current title by Papal decree on September 26, 1928 to reflect the change of location for the See city of the Archbishop.

Portland is an Archdiocese or Metropolitan See and includes all of Western Oregon. An archdiocese is the chief See (diocese) within a particular province or region. Other Sees (dioceses) within that region are suffragan to the archdiocese. The dioceses of Baker (Eastern Oregon), Boise (Idaho), Great Falls-Billings (Eastern Montana) and Helena (Western Montana) are suffragan to Portland. The head of a diocese is referred to as the bishop; the head of an archdiocese is referred to as the archbishop.

The Archbishops of Portland in Oregon have included Francis Norbert Blanchet (1846-1880), Charles John Seghers (1880-1884), William Hickley Gross, CSsR (1885-1898), Alexander Christie (1898-1925), Edward Daniel Howard (1926-1966), Robert Joseph Dwyer (1966-1974), Cornelius Michael Power (1974-1986), William Joseph Levada (1986-1995), Francis Eugene George, O.M.I. (1996-1997), John George Vlazny (1997-2013), Alexander King Sample (2013- ).