

The Roman Catholic **DIOCESE OF RALEIGH**

2018-2019

DIOCESAN OVERVIEW

Serving the Universal Church in Eastern North Carolina



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95

PARISHES &
MISSIONS

113

DIOCESAN AND RELIGIOUS
ORDER PRIESTS

5

CENTERS
FOR CAMPUS
MINISTRY

222,671

REGISTERED
CATHOLICS IN
THE DIOCESE

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh comprises the 54 eastern counties of North Carolina, covering approximately 32,000 square miles.

The diocese is divided into eight deaneries with a total of 95 parishes and missions and five centers for campus ministry. The Diocese is served by 113 active Diocesan and Religious Order Priests.

The number of registered Catholics is 222,671, with an estimated 250,000 unregistered Hispanics.

In addition to the Hispanic population, the Diocese has become home to an increasing number of Catholics from African and Asian countries.

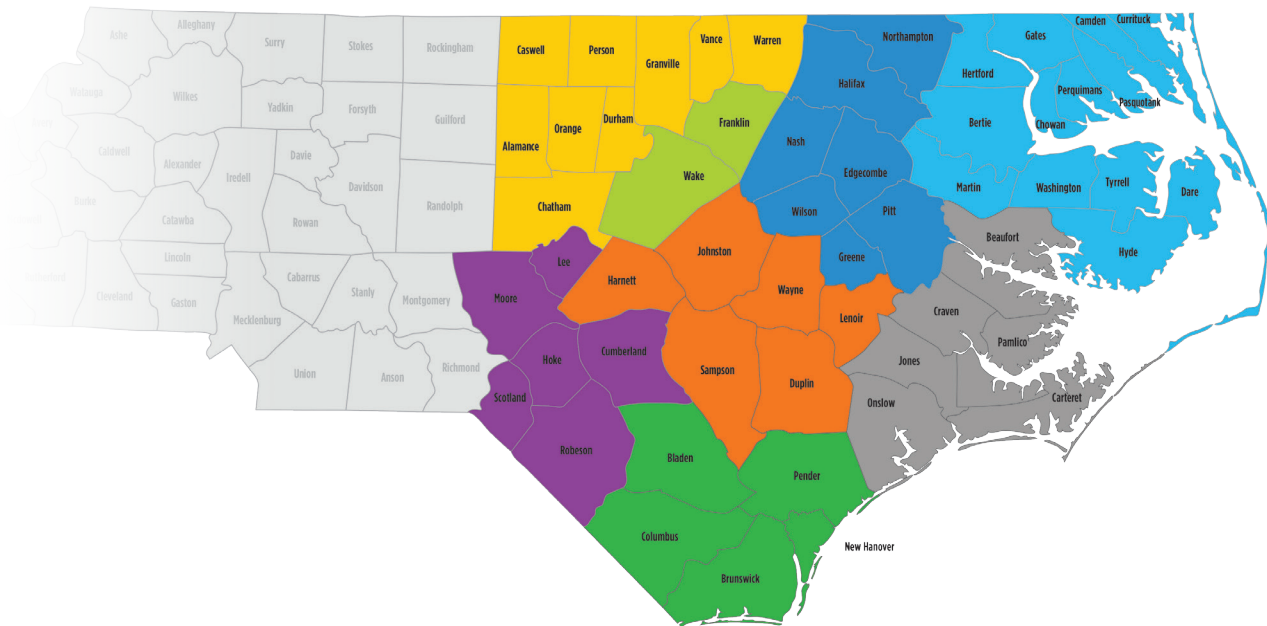
Approximately five percent of the Catholic population is native to North Carolina.



Our MISSION

As members of the universal church, with God's grace, and through the collaborative involvement of clergy and lay faithful, the mission of the Diocese of Raleigh is to:

1. Celebrate the Presence of God in Word and Sacrament.
2. Strengthen the unity that is ours in Christ Jesus in and through the Eucharist.
3. Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of souls.
4. Respond to the needs of those in our midst through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy and Catholic Social Teaching.



Bishop LUIS RAFAEL ZARAMA



The 6th bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh. He was installed August 29, 2017 at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral.

Bishop Luis Zarama was born in Pasto, Colombia, on November 28, 1958. Degrees in Philosophy and Theology and Canon laws. He was ordained to the Episcopacy on September 29, 2009 in the Archdiocese of Atlanta

Bishop Zarama's motto is "God is love." For his coat of arms, Bishop Zarama adopted a design to reflect his life and ministry as a priest.

Holy Name of Jesus **CATHEDRAL**

Since 1924, Sacred Heart Cathedral served as the second smallest cathedral in the United States, with a seating capacity of 320. The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, fifth bishop of Raleigh, began an initiative to build a new cathedral to accommodate the growing Catholic population.

Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral was dedicated in July, 2017 and seats 2,000.



Catholic **CHARITIES**

As the charitable outreach arm of the Diocese of Raleigh, the mission of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh is to respond to the Gospel mandates of Our Lord Jesus by performing corporal works of mercy.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh provides services through eight regional offices in the diocese. The agency provides disaster services, emergency assistance, immigration assistance, services in support of the family, and parish and community engagement assistance.