



Founded in 1956, the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau encompasses nearly 26,000 square miles and all 39 counties in southern Missouri. Divided into nine regions, the diocese boasts 66 parishes, 18 mission churches, and four chapels through which to serve its 67,824 Catholics. Considered a "mission diocese," Catholics in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau represent roughly six percent of the general population. The diocese has two cathedrals: St. Agnes Cathedral in Springfield, Missouri, and St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The Office of the Bishop is located inside The Catholic Center in Springfield.

Diocesan statistics

- **9 Regions**
- **66 Parishes**
- **18 Missions**
- **4 Chapels**
- **66 Diocesan Priests**
- **60 Religious Priests**
- **21 Permanent Deacons**
- **48 Brothers**
- **63 Religious Sisters**
- **16 Seminarians**
- **23 Diocesan Elementary Schools**
- **3 Diocesan High Schools**
- **12 Healthcare Facilities**
- **Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri**
- **Trinity Hills Catholic Worker House and Farm**

Bishops of the Diocese

- First:* The Most Rev. Charles H. Helmsing, D.D., 1956-1962
- Second:* The Most Rev. Ignatius J. Strecker, D.D., S.T.D., 1962-1969
- Third:* His Eminence William Cardinal Baum, S.T.D., 1969-1973
- Fourth:* His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law, D.D., 1973-1984
- Fifth:* The Most Rev. John J. Leibrecht, D.D., Ph.D., 1984-2008
- Sixth:* The Most Rev. James V. Johnston, Jr., D.D., JCL, 2008-2015

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