The Archdiocese of Denver proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ, celebrates his Sacraments, and exercises his works of mercy, so that all might participate in his salvation and discover the lasting joy of a relationship with him.

Who We Are

Established: August 16, 1887

Archbishop: Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila installed as the 8th bishop of Denver on July 18, 2012

Auxiliary Bishop: Most Reverend Jorge Rodriguez ordained as auxiliary bishop of Denver on November 4, 2016

Cathedral: Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
1530 Logan St, Denver, CO

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By the numbers:

16% of Coloradans are Catholic
(Pew Research Center, May 12, 2015)

MORE THAN HALF OF CATHOLICS ARE HISPANIC

148 parishes, missions and stations
109 pastors

341 priests
180 deacons
58 religious communities (sisters, nuns, monks, brothers...)

6 high schools
36 elementary schools
4 Catholic hospitals

Previous bishops

CHAPUT
1997-2011

STAFFORD
1986-1996

CASEY
1967-1986

VEHR
1931-1967

TIHEN
1917-1931

MATZ
1889-1917

MACHEBEUF
1860-1889
Since 1905, the Catholic Church in Colorado has had a strong and indelible presence in southeast Denver at the site now known as the Saint John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization. The campus is home to more than 70 clergy, religious, and over 125 seminarians, as well as many essential archdiocesan facilities. Some of the key buildings include:

- **Pastoral Center**
  Provides classrooms and workspace for several offices and ministries who serve the mission of the archdiocese. More than 140 people work on the campus full-time.

- **Saint John Vianney Theological Seminary & Christ the King Chapel**
  The seminary forms the future priests of the archdiocese to live as holy men in the Church’s mission of the New Evangelization.

- **Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary**
  Redemptoris Mater is one of 102 international diocesan seminaries of the Neocatechumenal Way that form men to be priests of the universal Church.

- **Holy Trinity Center**
  A multi-purpose facility that provides apartments for priests, including the Archbishop and the Cardinal, and hosts a variety of meetings and gatherings.

- **Cardinal Stafford Library**
  Named after J. Francis Cardinal Stafford, former Archbishop of Denver (1986-1996), the library serves as a religious, intellectual, and cultural resource in northern Colorado.