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**This Week, 24,300 More American Citizens were tortured
to death in U.S. Abortuaries**



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IN THIS SIGN YOU WILL CONQUER

Independence Day 2009

Catholic and American

Roman Catholicism in the United States is part of the worldwide Roman Catholic Church, the Christian Church in full communion with the Pope, currently Pope Benedict XVI. Catholicism arrived in what is now the United States during the earliest days of the European colonization of the Americas. At the time the country was founded only a small fraction of the population were Catholics, but the faith has grown dramatically over the country's history and it is now the largest minority profession of faith in the United States today. With over 67 million registered residents professing the faith in 2008, the United States has the fourth largest Catholic population in the world after Brazil, Mexico, and the Philippines, respectively.

The 2008 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches, a statistical listing of major religious bodies published by National Council of Churches, reports 67,515,016 registered members of the Roman Catholic Church. The next largest Christian group is a Protestant denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention, which reports only 16,306,246 members.

The Church's leadership body in the United States is the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, made up of the hierarchy of bishops and archbishops of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands, although each bishop is independent in his own diocese, answerable only to the Pope.

No primate for Catholics exists in the United States. The Archdiocese of Baltimore, the first diocese established in the country in 1789 with John Carroll as its head, received Prerogative of Place in the 1850s, which confers to its archbishop a subset of the leadership responsibilities granted to primates in other countries. Bishop Carroll's family was very well connected. His cousin, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, one of the richest men in America, was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence and first United States senator from Maryland. In 1774, the colonial government commissioned John Carroll, Benjamin Franklin, Samuel Chase, and his cousin, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, to seek aid from British Canada (which at the time was predominately French Catholic). The bishop's younger brother, Daniel Carroll, a good friend of James Madison, was one of only five men to sign both the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution of the United States.

The fourth Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown, Howard Carroll, (5 Dec 1957 Appointed - 21 Mar 1960 Died) was a descendant of the illustrious Carroll family described above.

Some History of the Diocese

Date	Event	From	To
Diocese of Altoona			
30 May 1901	Erected	Diocese of Harrisburg (Counties of Lycoming and Center) Diocese of Pittsburgh (Counties of Cambria, Blair, Bedford, Huntingdon, and Somerset)	Diocese of Altoona (erected)
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown			
9 October 1957	Name Changed	Diocese of Altoona	Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Year	Catholics	Total Population	Percent Catholic	Diocesan Priests	Religious Priests	Total Priests	Permanent Deacons	Parishes
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown								
1959	152,918	625,356	24.5%	149	82	231		114
1966	144,900	626,707	23.1%	148	144	292		136
1970	146,604	626,707	23.4%	150	116	266		119
1976	145,569	627,403	23.2%	159	95	254	1	136
1980	157,300	631,000	24.9%	177	99	276	2	136
1990	125,150	708,100	17.7%	166	74	240	6	136
1999	115,210	647,357	17.8%	156	61	217	19	112
2000	114,987	645,132	17.8%	148	65	213	24	110
2001	110,651	641,763	17.2%	149	62	211	30	103
2002	112,426	645,268	17.4%	143	62	205	29	100
2003	110,122	645,268	17.1%	138	56	194	30	99
2004	108,202	645,268	16.8%	136	53	189	32	99
2006	103,694	644,307	16.1%	131	58	189	34	97

MASS INTENTIONS FOR July 6 - 12, 2009

Monday	07/06	08:00 AM	Frances Kasun , BGHS Campus Ministry	<i>Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr</i>
Tuesday	07/07	08:00 AM	Don Shuma , Dave & Karen Rhoa	<i>Weekday</i>
Wednesday	07/08	08:00 AM	Health of Denise Keagy , C. Smith	<i>Weekday</i>
Thursday	07/09	08:00 AM	Don Shuma , Fred & Joan Beck	<i>Aug. Zhao Rong, Comp.-mtrys</i>
Friday	07/10	08:00 AM	Rita Raichle , Donna & Kirk Kling	<i>Weekday</i>
Saturday	07/11	04:30 PM	Living & Deceased Members of Our Lady of Fatima	<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sunday	07/12	09:00 AM	Wally Jorkasky , Wife Janice & Family	<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
Sunday	07/12	11:00 AM	Health of Denise Keagy , Staff	<i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>