

Information of Area Churches
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Place	Parish	Established
Comments		
Old Biloxi, MS. (Ocean Springs) A small military fort.		1699
Mobile, AL		1703
Natchez, MS		1716
Robeline, LA		1717
New Orleans, LA In 1788, St. Louis Church was destroyed by fire. A new church was completed and put in use in 1794, thanks to the generous donation of Don Andrés Almonester y Roxas (who is buried in the church). At this time the church was raised to the level of "Cathedral."	St. Louis Church	1720
La Balize (near the mouth of the Mississippi, Plaquemines Parish)		1722

German Coast, LA (Destrehan) later, St. Charles Borromeo	Little Red Church	1723
Pointe Coupee, LA		1728
Natchitoches, LA		1728
Chapitoulas, LA (Metairie)		1729
Edgard, LA	St. John the Baptist	1772
St. Bernard Parish		1787
New Orleans 1975- Designated a National Historic Landmark.	St. Patrick	1833
Convent, LA		ca 1830-1833
Grand Coteau, LA		ca 1830-1833
Vermillionville (Lafayette), LA		ca 1830-1833
Thibodaux, LA		ca 1830-1833
New Orleans, LA	St. Joseph Church	1844
Buras, LA	Our Lady of Good Harbor	ca 1861-1865
Reserve, LA	St. Peter	ca 1861-1865
New Orleans, LA	St. Francis de Sales	ca 1870-1888
New Orleans, LA	Our Lady of Sacred Heart	ca 1870-1888
New Orleans, LA	Sacred Heart of Jesus	ca 1870-1888
New Orleans, LA	Our Lady of Good Counsel	ca 1870-1888
Kenner, LA	Our Lady of Perpetual Hope	ca 1870-1888
Taft, LA (Hahnville)	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary	ca 1870-1888
Abita Springs, LA	St. Jane de Chantal	ca 1870-1888

New Orleans, LA	Holy Name of Jesus	1892
New Orleans, LA Replaced in 1918 by St. Mary's	St. Francis of Assisi (on Ursulines St.)	1889-1893
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New Orleans, LA designated for those of African descent	St. Catherine's (on Tulane)	1895
New Orleans, LA	Blessed Sacrament	ca 1904-1914
New Orleans, LA	Corpus Christi	ca 1904-1914
New Orleans, LA later, St. Joan of Arc	St. Dominic	ca 1904-1914
New Orleans, LA	Holy Ghost	ca 1904-1914
New Orleans, LA First church destroyed in a hurricane 1915.	Our Lady Star of the Sea	1911
New Orleans, LA Known as "St. Mary's Italian"	St. Mary's Church (on Chartres Street)	1918
Belle Chase, LA		ca 1918-1941
Folsom, LA		ca 1918-1941
Gretna, LA		ca 1918-1941
Jefferson, LA		ca 1918-1941
Lafitte, LA		ca 1918-1941

Merrero, LA	ca 1918-1941
Metairie, LA	ca 1918-1941
Reserve, LA	ca 1918-1941
Westwego, LA	ca 1918-1941

Diocesan Boundaries: From the beginning of its history, Louisiana had been placed under the Bishop of Quebec; in 1696 the priests of the seminary of Quebec petitioned the second Bishop of Quebec for authority to establish missions in the west. The field for which they obtained this authority (1 May, 1698), was on both banks of the Mississippi and its tributaries. Its original territory comprised the ancient Louisiana purchase and East and West Florida, being bounded on the north by the Canadian line, on the west by the Rocky Mountains and the Rio Perdido, on the east by the Diocese of Baltimore, and on the south by the Diocese of Linares and the Archdiocese of Durango. In July of 1703, Mobile AL became the center of a new parish. In 1918, the diocese was moved to New Orleans.

In 1793 the Diocese of Louisiana and the Floridas was created by the Spanish. The diocese stretched from Key West Florida, below the American colonies and west of the Mississippi River into Canada.

The 1803 Louisiana Purchase incorporated most of the Diocese of Louisiana into the United States; its boundaries were further clarified when Louisiana was admitted to the Union as a state in 1812. In 1826, the Diocese of St. Louis was created, encompassing the northern part of the diocese. In 1829, the Diocese of Mobile was established. By 1830, the Diocese of New Orleans, as it was now known, was reduced in size to present-day Louisiana and Mississippi.

In 1837, the Diocese of Natchez, comprising the state of Mississippi, was established. In 1853, North Louisiana was made a separate diocese with its see city in Natchitoches and Father Auguste Martin as the first bishop.

In 1850, New Orleans became an archdiocese with Antoine Blanc as its first archbishop.

The archdiocesan boundaries were redrawn in 1961 with the establishment of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. The new diocese included eleven civil parishes.

The boundaries of the Province of New Orleans became coterminous with the state of Louisiana after the establishment of the Provinces of Oklahoma City

in 1973 (Oklahoma and Arkansas) and Mobile in 1980 (Alabama and Mississippi). Three new dioceses were created in Louisiana: Houma-Thibodaux in 1977; Lake Charles in 1980, and Shreveport in 1986.

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