

# HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND

July 3, 1834	First petition by French Prairie settlers to Canada for priests
November 24, 1838	Fr. Francis N. Blanchet and Fr. Modeste Demers, missionaries Oregon country arrive at Fr. Vancouver
January 6, 1839	First Mass in Oregon, St. Paul, St. Paul
Dec. 1.1843	Vicariate Apostolic of Oregon Territory established
July 31, 1844	Fr. Peter DeSmet, SJ, Jesuit priests and Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur arrive in Astoria from Belgium
February 8, 1946	St. John Church, Oregon City, blessed and opened
May 24, 1846	St. Paul Church, St. Paul, cornerstone laid
July 24, 1846	Archdiocese of Oregon City established by Pope Pius IX. Francis N. Blanchet appointed first Archbishop
December 24, 1851	First Christmas Midnight Mass in Portland by Fr. James Croke
November 1, 1858	St. Joseph Church, Jacksonville, dedicated
October 21, 1859	Twelve Sisters of the Holy Names of arrive in Portland to found school
January 17, 1861	St. Mary Church, Corvallis, dedicated
August 17, 1863	Fr. Leopold Dieleman begins plans for Salem Church and recruits Holy Names Sisters to establish school
May 10, 1867	Roseburg Mission begins, Fr. Thibau appointed by Archbishop Francis N. Blanchet
October 10, 1869	St. Vincent de Paul Society organized in Portland by Fr. Fierens
February 5, 1870	The Catholic Sentinel publishes its first issue
October 11, 1874	St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, Astoria, dedicated
July 19, 1875	St. Vincent Hospital, Portland, dedicated Mother Joseph and Sisters of Providence
December 20,	Archbishop Charles John Seghers became second

1880	Archbishop of Oregon City
October 30, 1882	Benedictine Priests and Sisters arrive in Oregon
August 12, 1883	St. Mary Church, Bandon, dedicated by Archbishop Seghers
February 1, 1885	Archbishop William Gross, CSsR, appointed third Archbishop of Oregon City

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May 30, 1886	First Mass at St. Mary Church, Eugene
March 25, 1887	Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, Beaverton, founded
May 8, 1888	St. Monica, Coos Bay (formerly Marshfield), founded by Fr. Peter Beutgen
June 16, 1889	St. Mary's Home for Boys, Beaverton, cornerstone laid
July 29, 1893	St. Mary's Academy & College, Portland, received State Charter. First liberal arts college for women in Pacific N.W.
January 28, 1894	Holy Rosary Church, Portland, dedicated as Dominican Mission
October 11, 1896	St. Anne Church, Grants Pass, blessed. Mass offered for the first time
February 12, 1899	Archbishop Alexander Christie appointed fourth Archbishop of Oregon City
September 2, 1901	University of Portland blessed and dedicated by Archbishop Christie as "Columbia University"
November 9, 1922	Catholic Truth Society of Oregon established by Archbishop Christie
June 1, 1925	U.S. Supreme Court decision on the Oregon School Bill
February 19, 1926	Archbishop Edward D. Howard appointed the fifth Archbishop of Oregon City
September 26, 1928	Papal Decree changes the name of the Archdiocese of Oregon City to Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon
September 12, 1933	Catholic Charities established
May 9, 1939	Dedication of Central Catholic High School
March 1, 1955	Trappist Abbey of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lafayette, founded
December 9, 1966	Archbishop Robert J. Dwyer appointed sixth Archbishop of Portland in Oregon
August 13, 1971	Vicariate for Spanish-speaking established by Archbishop Dwyer
January 22, 1974	Archbishop Cornelius M. Power appointed seventh Archbishop of Portland in Oregon
December 6, 1977	Fr. Kenneth D. Steiner and Fr. Paul E. Waldschmidt, CSC, appointed Auxiliary Bishops of Portland in Oregon
January 29, 1981	Southeast Asian Vicariate established by Archbishop Power
July 1, 1986	Archbishop William J. Levada appointed eighth Archbishop of Portland in Oregon

April 30, 1996	Archbishop Francis E. George, OMI, appointed ninth Archbishop of Portland in Oregon
July 24, 1996	150th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon
October 28, 1997	Archbishop John G. Vlazny appointed tenth Archbishop of Portland in Oregon
December 24, 1999	Archbishop Vlazny opens Holy Year Door at St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to begin the Jubilee Holy Year 2000
June 25, 2000	<b>Eucharist 2000</b> , Feast of Corpus Christi, Archdiocesan celebration of the Jubilee Year 2000
July 6, 2004	Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon becomes the first diocese in the U.S. to declare Chapter 11 Bankruptcy

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