

Celebrate 200 Years of Faith with the Archdiocese of St. Louis!



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In 2026, we joyfully commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of our diocese in 1826. This once-in-a-generation Bicentennial Jubilee invites us to rejoice in the light of Christ and renew our shared mission as Catholics in eastern Missouri.

“A Legacy of Faith. A Future of Hope.”

Throughout the year, the faithful are invited to take part in prayer, storytelling, acts of service, and special archdiocesan initiatives rooted in the spiritual legacy of our three patron saints:

St. Louis, King of France

faithful leadership and justice

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

missionary prayer and perseverance

St. Vincent de Paul

compassion and care for the poor

**Please Share
Your Jubilee
Moments!**

As you celebrate, we'd love to see and share those moments! Tag your photos and stories with #ArchSTL200 and let's illuminate the joy of our Catholic faith across the Archdiocese.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

With deep gratitude to God, I joyfully announce the official opening of the Bicentennial Jubilee Year of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. On this Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we begin a sacred year of reflection, celebration, and renewal as we journey toward the two hundredth anniversary of our diocese on July 18, 2026.

Our Catholic roots in this region run deep, reaching back more than 350 years to the earliest missionary encounters in the Mississippi Valley. In 1764, the first Mass was offered in the settlement of St. Louis on the site where the Old Cathedral now stands. In 1818, Bishop DuBourg chose St. Louis as the episcopal seat of the growing frontier Church. In 1826, Pope Leo XII established the Diocese of St. Louis and entrusted Bishop Joseph Rosati with a vast mission territory that extended from the Louisiana border to the Rocky Mountains.

We are heirs to this missionary legacy. Our parishes, schools, charitable ministries, religious communities, and lay leaders all bear witness to the enduring light of Christ passed down through generations. Now, in our own time, we are called to carry that light forward with courage, joy, and faith.

This Jubilee Year invites us to honor the past, celebrate the present, and commit ourselves anew to the mission of Christ. Special initiatives, moments of prayer, pilgrimages, and parish celebrations throughout the year will help deepen our communion, renew our missionary zeal, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as one Church.

In honor of this historic milestone, the Holy See, through the Apostolic Penitentiary, has graciously granted a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, to the truly penitent and devout Christian faithful. This indulgence, available through July 26, 2026, is a beautiful gift of God's mercy, inviting us to deeper conversion and renewed holiness. To receive this grace, the faithful may visit several sacred sites I have designated as pilgrimage locations:

All Saints Parish
Basilica of St. Louis, King of France
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Most Holy Trinity Church (St. Josephine Bakhita Parish)
Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
St. Alphonsus Parish (Millwood)
St. Cecilia Parish

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
St. Francis Borgia Parish
St. Ferdinand Parish and the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine
St. Joachim Parish (Old Mines)
Chapel of St. Vincent de Paul (Cardinal Rigali Center)
St. Vincent de Paul Parish (Perryville)
Ste. Genevieve Parish (Ste. Genevieve)

Please visit www.ArchSTL200.org to learn more about these sites, the conditions for receiving the indulgence, and the special provisions for the sick and homebound.

