

**Most Reverend  
DALE J. MELCZEK, D.D.**

Bishop of Gary; ordained June 6, 1964;  
Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and  
Titular Bishop of Trau December 3, 1982;  
consecrated January 27, 1983; appointed  
Apostolic Administrator of Gary August 19,  
1992; appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Gary  
October 20, 1995; succeeded to the See of  
Gary June 1, 1996.

**Former Bishops** – Most Revs. ANDREW  
GREGORY GRUTKA, D.D., ord. Dec. 5,  
1933; appt. Bishop of Gary Dec. 29, 1956; cons.  
Feb 25, 1957; retired July 9, 1984; died Nov. 11,  
1993; NORBERT F. GAUGHAN, D.D., Ph.D.,  
ord. Nov. 4, 1945; appt. Auxiliary Bishop of  
Greensburg April 2, 1975; cons. June 26, 1975;  
appt. Bishop of Gary July 9, 1984; retired June  
1, 1996; died Oct. 1, 1999.

**Diocese of Gary**  
*(Dioecesis Gariensis)*

ESTABLISHED DECEMBER 17, 1956  
SQUARE MILES 1,807

*Comprises the Counties of Lake, LaPorte, Porter and Starke in the State of Indiana.*

*For legal titles of parishes and diocesan institutions, consult the Chancery.*

**STATISTICAL OVERVIEW**

**Personnel**

Bishop	1
Priests:	
Diocesan Active in Diocese	64
Diocesan Active Outside Diocese	5
Diocesan in Foreign Missions	1
Diocesan Retired, Sick or Absent	33
Number of Diocesan Priests	103
Religious Priests in Diocese	38
Extern Priests in Diocese	10
Permanent Deacons in Diocese	50
Total Brothers	15
Total Sisters	83

**Parishes**

Parishes	72
With Resident Pastor:	
Resident Diocesan Priests	55
Resident Religious Priests	5
Without Resident Pastor:	
Administered by Priests	12
Missions	4
Pastoral Centers	6

Professional Ministry Personnel:	
Brothers in Diocese	4
Sisters in Diocese	10
Lay Ministers	63

### **Welfare**

Catholic Hospitals	6	Total Assisted:	1,064,331
Homes for the Aged	3		451
Residential Care of Children	3		232
Day Care Centers	2		500
Specialized Homes	2		700
Special Centers for Social Services	7		10,000

### **Education**

Colleges and Universities	1
Total Students	1,275
High Schools:	
Diocesan	3
Total Students	1,437
High Schools:	
Private	1
Total Students	28
Elementary Schools:	
Diocesan and Parish	22
Total Students	6,001
Catechesis/Religious Education:	
High School Students	657
Elementary Students	8,941
Total Students	
Under Catholic Instruction	18,358
Teachers in the Diocese:	
Priests	1
Sisters	5
Lay Teachers	422

### **Vital Statistics**

Receptions into the Church:	
Infant Baptism Totals	1,849
Minor Baptism Totals	106
Adult Baptism Totals	75
Received Into Full Communion	193
First Communions	1,915
Confirmations	1,817
Marriages:	
Catholic	377
Interfaith	170

Total Marriages	547
Deaths	1,559
Total Catholic Population	186,420
Total Population	788,055