The **Diocese of Austin** was founded in November 1947 as the seventh diocese in Texas by Pope Pius XII.

**Bishops of Austin:**
- Bishop Louis J. Reicher, 1947-1971 †
- Bishop Vincent M. Harris, 1971-1986 †
- Bishop Gregory M. Aymond, 2001-2009
- Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, 2010-
- Auxiliary Bishop Daniel E. Garcia, 2015-

**Counties:** 25  
**Square Miles:** 21,066.3  
**Total Catholic population:** 598,292  
**Total population:** 3,239,259  
**Parishes and Missions:** 123  
**University Catholic Student Centers:** 6  
**Priests:** 223  
- **Diocesan priests:** 114+38 retired  
- **Religious:** 46+1 retired  
- **Other:** 20+4 retired  

**Ordinations:** Diocesan priests 5, Transitional deacons 3, Permanent deacons 0  
**Permanent deacons:** 168+67 retired=235  
**Brothers:** 37  
**Sisters:** 78  
**Catholic hospitals:** 5  
**Seminarians:** 34  

**Catholic Schools:** High schools 6, Students 1,483; Elementary schools: 16, Students 4,083  
**Total students:** 5,566  

**Religious education:** High school students 9,580; Elementary students 27,866  
**Total students:** 37,446  

**Other:** Baptisms (infant to 7) 6,369; First Communions 7,317; Confirmations 5,668; Marriages: 1,419; Deaths 1,870  

Data: 5/17/18