

The Catholic Diocese of Lubbock

Pastoral Directory 2025-2026



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The Bishop of Lubbock

Most Rev. Robert M. Coerver

The Third Bishop of Lubbock

For his Personal Arms, seen in the dexter impalement right side of the design, Bishop Coerver adopted symbolic elements inspired in large part by his friend and architect, R. Andrew Bennett, all elements reflecting his life and heritage as well as his call to the fullness of the Holy Priesthood as Bishop of Lubbock.

The Arms are composed of several significant elements. Prime among them, a blue wavy bar cutting across the right half of the blazon diagonally from left to right. Representing clearly a river, this evokes the Arms of the Diocese of Dallas where the Bishop spent most of his life and ministry. The river, which is white in the Arms of Dallas, symbolizes the Trinity River which flows through the heart of the city. Here the river is blue, calling to mind not only Our Lady but also his first Pastorate at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Rockwall, Texas. Within the river rest three roses signifying not only the Most Blessed Trinity but also Saint Rita, patroness of the parish His Excellency served as Pastor until called to his new ministry in Lubbock.

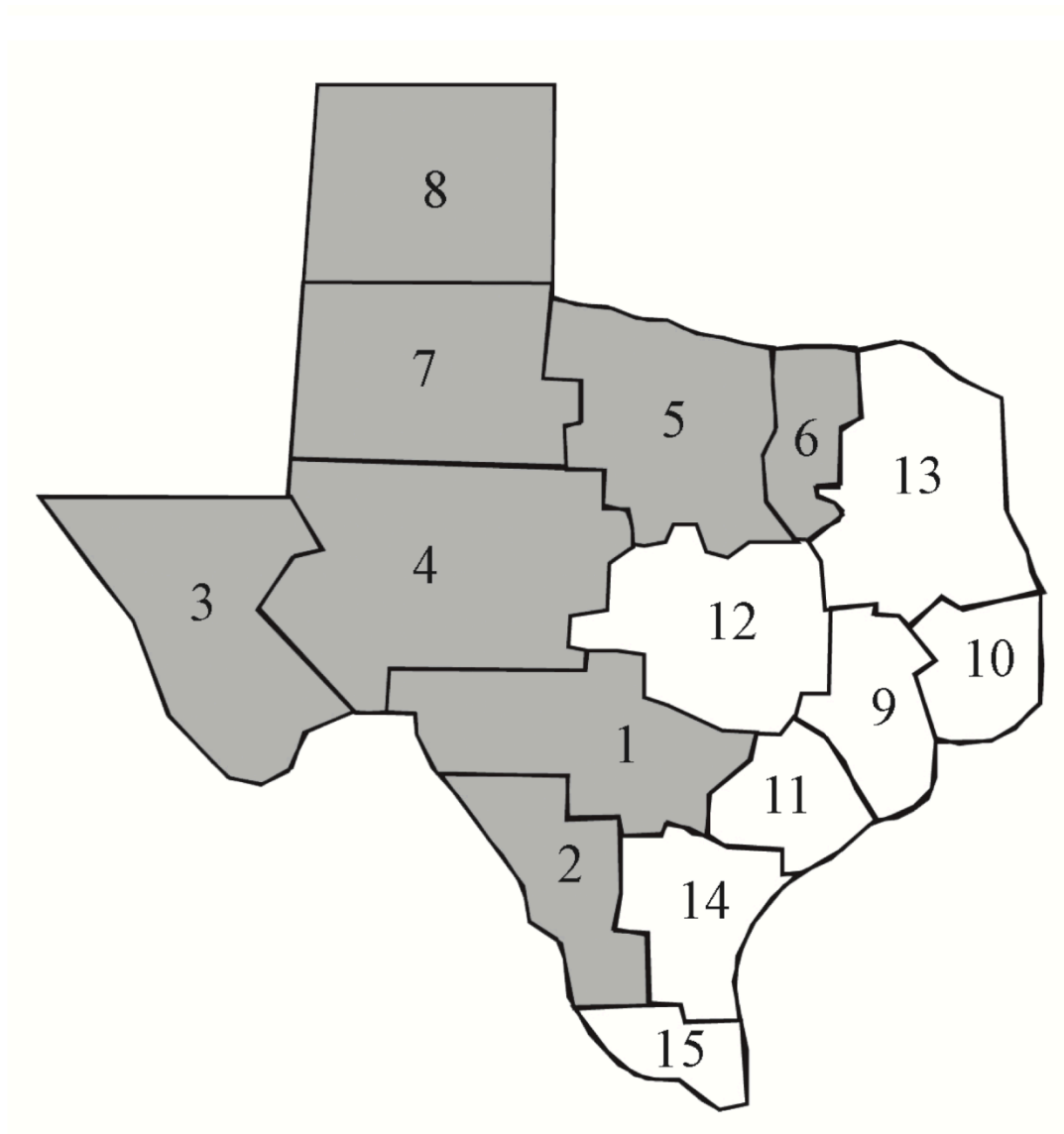
On the top right-hand corner of the blazon, a red Chi-Rho. Greek letters which have since antiquity represented Christ, it's a symbol used by the Bishop a significant charge for his priestly ordination.

To the lower left on a green field, a gold carpenter's square signifying woodworking, which represents his Irish heritage, namely his mother's side of the family.

For his Motto, Bishop Coerver adopted the Latin phrase *Suscipe Domine*. Taken from the last meditation of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola and forming part of what is known as his Prayer of Self-Offering, it translates, "Take Lord, receive."

Completed with external ornaments of a gold processional Cross, standing behind the blazon, it bears the Trinitarian symbol of interlaced red knots, here symbolizing also Holy Trinity Seminary in Dallas, one of the Bishop's alma maters, on whose faculty he served for eleven years; and a pontifical hat, a galero, with its six tassels, in three rows, on either side of the shield, all in green.

Date of Birth	June 6, 1954
Ordained Priest of Dallas	June 27, 1980
Appointed Bishop of Lubbock	September 27, 2016
Ordained as Bishop of Lubbock	November 21, 2016



Ecclesiastical province of San Antonio

1. San Antonio (metropolitan)
2. Laredo
3. El Paso
4. San Angelo
5. Fort Worth
6. Dallas
7. Lubbock
8. Amarillo

Ecclesiastical province of Galveston – Houston

9. Galveston – Houston (metropolitan)
10. Beaumont
11. Victoria
12. Austin
13. Tyler
14. Corpus Christi
15. Brownsville

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Historical Outline

THE DIOCESE OF LUBBOCK

Established and Created a Diocese
June 17, 1983

The High Plains and Rolling Plains areas of West Texas - -the Panhandle, The Llano Estacado ("Palisade Plains") or South Plains, and the Concho River Valley - - first became home to a Roman Catholic Diocese when the Diocese of Amarillo was established in 1926. The Diocese of Amarillo embraced an area from Dalhart in the north to Ozona in the south. The part north of the Colorado River had been taken from the Dallas diocese and the section south of the river came from San Antonio (with two counties, Andrews and Ector, coming from El Paso).

The first bishop was Most Rev. Rudolph A. Gerken, then pastor of Ranger, Texas. In 1933, Bishop Gerken was appointed Archbishop of Santa Fe, and Robert E. Lucey came from California as Bishop of Amarillo. In 1941, Bishop Lucey was named Archbishop of San Antonio, and Most Rev. Laurence J. FitzSimon, then pastor of Seguin, Texas, became the third Bishop of Amarillo. Bishop FitzSimon died in 1958 and was succeeded by his auxiliary, Bishop John L. Morkovsky.

In 1962, the San Angelo Diocese was established and Rev. Thomas J. Drury, then pastor of Christ the King Parish in Lubbock, was named its first bishop. In 1965, Bishop Drury was transferred to Corpus Christi, and Most Rev. Thomas Tschoepe became Bishop of San Angelo.

In 1969, Bishop Tschoepe was transferred to Dallas and was succeeded by Most Rev. Stephen Leven, then an auxiliary bishop of San Antonio, Bishop Leven retired in 1979 and was succeeded by Most Rev. Joseph A. Fiorenza.

Meanwhile, back in Amarillo, Bishop Morkovsky had been transferred in 1963 to Galveston-Houston and Most Rev. Lawrence M. DeFalco came from Dallas to serve as the Bishop of Amarillo.

Bishop DeFalco died in 1979 and Most Rev. Leroy T. Matthiesen of Amarillo was named Bishop of Amarillo in 1980.

On June 17, 1983, the Diocese of Lubbock was created with Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan as its first bishop. The Diocese of Lubbock embraces an area that was formerly in the Diocese of Amarillo, plus five counties (Jones, Scurry, Haskell, Fisher, and Stonewall) from the Diocese of San Angelo.

Ten years later, Bishop Sheehan was named Archbishop of Santa Fe and, on April 5, 1994, His Holiness Pope John Paul II announced the appointment of Most Reverend Plácido Rodríguez, CMF, as the second Bishop of the Diocese of Lubbock. His episcopal installation took place on June 1, 1994, in Lubbock.

Most Rev. Robert M. Coerver was named his successor September 27, 2016, and was ordained and installed as Bishop of Lubbock on November 21, 2016, at Christ the King Cathedral in Lubbock.

Dates of Establishment:

1908	Saint John, Hermleigh
1911	Saint Alice, Plainview (called Holy Trinity Church until 1928)
1912	Saint Joseph, Slaton
1921	Sacred Heart, Littlefield
1924	Sacred Heart, El Ranchito
	Saint Joseph, Lubbock

1926 Holy Trinity, Hamlin
 Saint Margaret Mary, Lamesa
 Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, Slaton
 1928 Saint Mary Magdalen, Floydada
 1929 Saint Joseph, Rotan
 1931 Saint Philip, Pep
 1935 Saint Elizabeth, Lubbock
 1939 Saint Mary of the Plains Hospital, Lubbock, (1998 renamed to Covenant Women's and Children's)
 1944 Saint Theresa, Hale Center (called Saint Charles, until 1961)
 1946 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Plainview
 1948 Saint Mary, Spur (originally in Jayton, Moved to Spur)
 1950 Saint Michael, Levelland
 1951 Saint Jude, Tahoka (called Our Lady of Guadalupe until 1967)
 1952 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Slaton
 Saint Elizabeth, Snyder
 Saint Anthony, Brownfield
 1954 Saint Ann, Morton
 1955 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Snyder
 Saint William, Denver City
 Saint Ann, Stamford
 Saint Elizabeth, Paducah
 Holy Cross, Post
 1956 Immaculate Conception, Muleshoe
 1957 Saint George, Haskell
 1958 Saint Peter, Olton
 Saint James, Seminole
 Christ the King (Cathedral), Lubbock
 1959 Saint Pius X, O'Donnell
 Sacred Heart, Petersburg
 Saint Michael, Ralls
 1960 Saint Patrick, Lubbock
 Our Lady of Grace, Lubbock
 1961 Saint Theresa, Lubbock (Carlisle),(merged with Saint Francis, Wolfforth 2024, renamed Saint Clare)
 San Lorenzo, Lorenzo
 Sacred Heart, Plainview
 Blessed Sacrament, Wilson
 Saint Theresa, Hale Center
 Sacred Heart, Plains
 Saint Paul, Seagraves
 1962 Diocese of San Angelo established.
 Saint Joseph, Crosbyton
 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Matador
 1963 San Jose de Calasanz, Lockney
 1965 Saint Philip Benizi, Shallowater
 1966 Saint Isidore, Abernathy
 Saint Mary Magdalen, Earth
 Saint Anthony, Anton

- 1972 Epiphany, Jayton (first church was Saint Mary's built in 1929; closed August 6, 2017)
Saint Mary, Aspermont (first church was Sacred Heart, built in 1929; closed and sold in 1951)
Saint Philip Benizi, Idalou
- 1973 Saint Michael, Anson
Christian Renewal Center, Lubbock (now Catholic Renewal Center)
- 1974 San Ramon, Woodrow
Saint Mary, Sudan (closed September 1, 1996)
- 1976 Our Lady Queen of Apostles, New Deal
- 1978 Saint Francis of Assisi, Wolfforth, (merged with Saint Theresa, Lubbock (Carlisle), renamed Saint Clare)
- 1980 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Lubbock
Saint John Neumann, Lubbock (Saint Peter's School built at this location by Saint Elizabeth's Parish, Lubbock in 1959)
Mercy Retreat Center, Slaton (former convent of Sisters of Mercy who owned Mercy Hospital; officially deeded to the Diocese of Lubbock by the sisters in 1986)
- 1981 Holy Family, Cotton Center (closed August 17, 1996)
San Francisco de Asis, Ropesville
- 1983 Diocese of Lubbock established.
- 1985 Catholic Center (built with funds from Kenedy-East Foundation; now called the "Catholic Pastoral Center")
- 1988 San Isidro, Sundown (Closed June 30, 2018)
- 1990 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Plainview, (moves to the former City National Bank building.)
- 1998 Holy Spirit, Lubbock
- 1998 Covenant Women's and Children's
- 2015 Saint John the Baptist, Lubbock
- 2021 Rother Seminarian Propaedeutic House
- 2024 Saint Clare of Assisi, Lubbock, (merger of Saint Theresa, Lubbock and Saint Francis, Wolfforth)
- 2024 Guadalupe Youth and Family Center

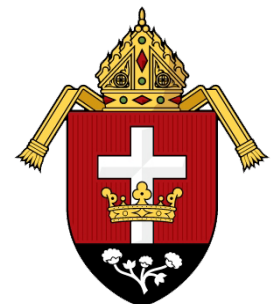
The Diocesan Coat of Arms

The arms of the diocese of Lubbock are composed of a red shield on which is displayed a silver cross. On this cross is displayed a gold crown (diadem). The conjunction of those symbols form the representation traditionally used to signify Christ, the King; titular of the cathedral church for the diocese.

The symbolism of Christ the King is issuant from a base which represents the Caprock Escarpment that stands at the center of diocesan lands and upon which the city is built. This base is black to represent the petroleum often found under the ground. On the black background is superimposed a silver sprig of cotton, the economic mainstay of the region.

The shield – which is the central and most important feature of any heraldic device – is surmounted by a bishop's miter, in gold; the heraldic insignia of a diocese in the Roman Catholic Church.

By Paul J. Sullivan, heraldist



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2024 Statistical Abstract

Pastoral Care

Bishop	1
Bishop Emeritus	1
Diocesan priests	26
Religious order priests	14
Diocesan priests outside diocese	2
Diocesan priests retired	12
Extern priests in diocese	2
<i>Total priests in diocese</i>	56
Seminarians	5
Deacons	80
Retired Deacons	11
Inactive Deacons	2
Women religious	18

Facilities:

Parishes	60
Chapels	2
Mass Attendance	1,9184
Parochial Schools	1
Paid lay teachers	36
<i>Total Students</i>	238
Public school students in religious instruction:	
High School	1,872
Elementary School	3,103
<i>Total</i>	4,975
Total catechists	1,219
Catholic Charities:	1

Catholic medical centers:

	1
<i>Covenant Medical Center</i>	
<i>Covenant Specialty Hospital</i>	
<i>Covenant Children's Hospital</i>	
Bed capacity	977
Annual discharges	28,250
Care centers	35
Adult Emergency Dept Visits	62,000
Pediatric Emergency Dept Visits	25,000
<i>Total served</i>	115,750

Sacramental Life

Infant baptisms	842
Adult baptisms	66
Received into full Communion	152
First Communions	1,032
Confirmations	740
Marriages:	
Catholic	216
Mixed religion	29
<i>Total</i>	245
Deaths	401

The Diocese of Lubbock:

Texas Counties	25
Total Square miles	23,382

Catholic population

(Self-identified)	136,894
Total Population	
(U.S. Census 2020)	494,458
Catholic percentage of population	27.7