



ARCHDIOCESE of HARTFORD

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Location Guide: Parishes & Sacramental Records (1843-Present)

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PLEASE NOTE

- The AOH Archives does not collect, hold, or administer Sacramental Records
- There is no centralized database for Sacramental Records
- Sacramental Records are created, maintained, and administered by the Parishes and related institutions – not the AOH Archives
- Sacramental Records of suppressed/ closed parishes, etc., are placed under the curation of a welcoming parish – not the AOH Archives
- The **Location Guide** is a courtesy tool prepared by the AOH Archives to aid and assist individuals in locating their Sacramental Records for official religious and/or legal reasons only
 - Sacramental Records are private records of sacred origin and are not to be confused with public vital/ statistical records, public census records, genealogy/ family history resources, etc.
- The **Location Guide** is updated annually (or as needed) to reflect relevant changes
- The **Location Guide** focuses on Parishes and Missions (not churches) as keepers of Sacramental Records.

HOW TO USE THE LOCATION GUIDE

- (01) Contact the Parish or Institution noted in the column: **Current Location of Records** for assistance with Sacramental Records.
- DO NOT contact the AOH Archives for your Sacramental Records (unless so noted in the **Current Location of Records** column) – contacting and/or sending Sacramental Record requests to the AOH Archives may result in delays with finding and/or obtaining your records.
- (02) **BLACK** – denotes OPEN parishes and missions
RED – denotes CLOSED parishes and missions (suppressed, merged, etc.)
PURPLE – denotes related information
- (03) Establishment date refers to the year when a Parish was formally established by official decree of the Bishop/Archbishop.
- Establishment date does not refer to Parish incorporation date, date of the first church building, etc.
 - Until a Mission is elevated to Parish status, the Mission founding date is noted as the establishment date.
- (04) Closed date refers to year when a Parish or Mission was formally closed (suppressed, merged, etc.) by official decree of the Bishop/Archbishop.
- (05) Brackets [] next to Parish name denotes that the Parish was erected as a National Parish or changed to a National Parishes by official decree of the Bishop/Archbishop.
- Mission status and Territorial Parishes with large ethnic populations are noted in parentheses ().

SOURCE MATERIAL:

- Official Canonical decrees of the AOH Bishops/Archbishops
- *Connecticut Catholic Directory* (1986-2016)
- *Harford's Catholic Legacy: Parishes* (1994)
- *Official Catholic Directory* (OCD – Kenedy directories) (1955-2019)
- Official AOH records and other creditable historical sources held within the AOH Archives collections