



CHALDEAN DIOCESE
OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE U.S.A.

2025

ANNUAL REPORT



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PARISHES

| PARISHES | PRIESTS | CONTACT |
|---|--|---|
| Holy Cross est. 2013 | Msgr. Zouhair T. Kejbou, Pastor | 32500 Middlebelt Road Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 626-5055 |
| Holy Martyrs est. 2010 | Rev. Selwan Taponi, Pastor Rev. Wisam Matti, Parochial Vicar Rev. John Jaddou, Parochial Vicar Rev. Kevin Yono, Parochial Vicar | 43700 Merrill Road Sterling Heights, MI 48314 (586) 803-3114 |
| Mar Addai est. 1979 | Rev. Stephen Kallabat, Pastor | 24010 Coolidge Highway Oak Park, MI 48237 (248) 547-4648 |
| Mart Mariam est. 1986 | Rev. Ayad Hanna, Pastor Rev. Rodney Abasso, Parochial Vicar Rev. Milan Kakone, Priest in Residence | 2700 Willow Road Northbrook, IL 60062 (224) 415-3770 |
| Mother of God (Our Lady of Chaldeans Cathedral) est. 1948 | Rev. Bryan Kassa, Administrator Rev. Sanharib Youkhana, Parochial Vicar Rev. Perrin Atisha, Parochial Vicar Msgr. Faris Marrougi, Priest in Residence Rev. Aram Hanna, Priest in Residence | 25585 Berg Road Southfield, MI 48033 (248) 356-0565 |
| Our Lady of Perpetual Help est. 2013 | Rev. Rudy Zoma, Pastor | 11200 E. 12 Mile Road Warren, MI 48093 (586) 804-2114 |
| Sacred Heart est. 1975 | Rev. Fadi Philip, Pastor | 30590 Dequindre Road Warren, MI 48092 (586) 393-5809 |
| St. Ephrem est. 1947 | Rev. Hermiz Haddad, Pastor | 2537 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue Chicago, IL 60659 (773) 888-7984 |
| St. George est. 2000 | Rev. Fawaz Kako, Pastor Rev. Namir Narra, Parochial Vicar Rev. Eahab Ishak, Parochial Vicar Rev. Joseph Nannoshi, Parochial Vicar | 45700 Dequindre Road Shelby Township, MI 48317 (586) 254-7221 |
| St. Joseph est. 1981 | Rev. Sameem Balius, Pastor Rev. Patrick Setto, Parochial Vicar Rev. Fadie Gorgies, Parochial Vicar | 2442 E Big Beaver Road Troy MI, 48083 (248) 528-3676 |
| St. Paul est. 2014 | (Pastoral services are cared for by Holy Martyrs Parish) | 5150 E Maple Avenue Grand Blanc, MI 48439 (810) 820-8450 |
| St. Thomas est. 1999 | Rev. Pierre Konja, Pastor Rev. Muhannad Al Tawil, Parochial Vicar Rev. Matthew Zetouna, Parochial Vicar Rev. Marcus Shammami, Parochial Vicar | 6900 Maple Road West Bloomfield, MI 48322 (248) 788-2460 |
| Missions: | Immaculate Conception Chaldean Mission in Boston, MA Administered by Dcn. Sermed Ashkouri | |
| | Mar Shemmon Bar Sabbae Assyrian-Chaldean Catholic Church in Tbilisi, Republic Of Georgia Administered by Msgr. Benyamin Betyadegar, Pastor | |
| Bishops: | Most Rev. Francis Y. Kalabat, Bishop Most Rev. Ibrahim Ibrahim, Bishop Emeritus Retired Bishops in Residence: Most Rev. Gabriel Kassab Most Rev. Thomas Meram | |
| Retired Clergy: | Rev. Jirjis Abraham Rev. Manuel Boji Rev. Zia Marano | |

OUR DIOCESE

The Chaldean Diocese of St. Thomas the Apostle is an Eastern Rite diocese (eparchy) under the Chaldean Catholic Patriarchate of Babylon in Baghdad, Iraq. Once covering the entire United States, the diocese now serves about 200,000 U.S. Catholics in the eastern half of the country. Metro Detroit has the highest concentration of Chaldeans in the United States, and ten of the diocese's twelve parishes are in Michigan, with the other two parishes in Illinois.

DIOCESE STAFF

Most. Rev. Francis Y. Kalabat
Bishop

Rev. Marcus Shammami
Bishop's Secretary

Vincent Jarbow
Finance Officer

Renee Kakos
Accountant

Most. Rev. Ibrahim N. Ibrahim
Bishop Emeritus

Rev. Bryan Kassa
Director of Seminarians

Nadia I. Kallabat
Office Administrator

Khairy Foumia
Liturgical Translator

Rev. Ayad Hanna
Vicar General

Rev. Perrin Atisha
Director of Vocations
Vicar for Priestly Life

Lubna Seba
Tribunal Administrator
Administrative Assistant

Jason Alkamano, CPA
Finance Advisor

Rev. Pierre Konja
Judicial Vicar

DIOCESE INSTITUTIONS

Eastern Catholic Re-Evangelization Center (ECRC)

4875 W. Maple Road | Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

Administrators: Eva Jajjo & Candice Mansour

Phone: (248) 538-9903

www.ecrc.us | info@ecrc.us

Chaldean Manor: Housing for Elders

25775 Berg Road | Southfield, MI 48034

Administrator: Lamya Hedow

Phone: (248) 355-9491

chaldeanmanorsouthfield@gmail.com

Mar Eliya Retreat Center

751 W. Drahner Road | Oxford, MI 48371

Director & Property Manager: Mirna Ayar

Phone: (248) 266-5596

www.mareliya.com | retreat@chaldeanchurch.org

Chaldean Home of Sterling Heights

43482 Merrill Road | Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Administrator: Nohra Hailo

Phone: (586) 884-6560

chaldeanhome@gmail.com

Our Lady of the Fields Camp

7000 McClements Road | Brighton, MI 48114

St. George Shrine at OLF Camp

1391 Kellogg Road | Brighton, MI 48114

Executive Director: Michael Hickey

Phone: (248) 379-0943

<https://olf.camp> | office@olf.camp

Chaldean Voice Radio Program

25775 Berg Road | Ste. #324 | Southfield, MI 48034

Director: Shoki Konja

Phone: (248) 353-1083

www.chaldeanvoice.org

St. Thomas Montessori

4500 Arline Drive | West Bloomfield, MI 48323

Director: Melanie Asmer

Phone: (248) 862-0800

www.montessori.stccc.org | preschool@stccc.org

Mar Ibrahim Library

(Located inside Chaldean Community Foundation-West)

2075 Walnut Lake Road | West Bloomfield, MI 48322

Directors: Rev. Marcus Shammami & Khairy Foumia

library@chaldeanchurch.org

CHALDEAN SISTERS DAUGHTERS OF MARY IMMACULATE

Formation House

24900 Middlebelt Road | Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Phone: (248) 987-6731

www.chaldeansisters.com

Sacred Heart Convent

5159 Corners Drive | West Bloomfield, MI 48322

Phone: (248) 615-2951

St. George Convent

3973 Lisa Marie Drive | Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Phone: (586) 301-3993

St. Ephrem Convent

8822 Mason Avenue | Morton Grove, IL 60053

FINANCE REPORT

The 2024/2025 data below reflects net diocesan income from July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.
It does not include seminarian or priest retirement funds.

INCOME

| SOURCE | AMOUNT | PERCENTAGE |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|
| Fundraisers | \$895,741 | 37% |
| Parish Assessment | \$798,750 | 33% |
| Other Income | \$390,385 | 16% |
| Donations | \$275,345 | 11% |
| Annulment Processing | \$52,454 | 2% |
| Printing & Publishing | \$26,400 | 1% |
| Total | \$2,439,075 | |

EXPENSES

| SOURCE | AMOUNT | PERCENTAGE |
|--|-------------|------------|
| Salaries | \$551,371 | 32% |
| Diocese Office Operating Costs | \$410,485 | 24% |
| Professional Fees, Insurance, & Property Costs | \$348,503 | 20% |
| Fundraising | \$207,513 | 12% |
| Appeals Remitted | \$122,585 | 7% |
| Warren Diocesan Center | \$33,702 | 3% |
| Annulment Processing & Safety Environments | \$30,179 | 2% |
| Total | \$1,704,338 | |

NET INCOME

\$734,737

The Bishop's Office is committed to financial transparency. There is an annual third party audit. If you have financial questions or concerns, please contact the Bishop's Office.

2024 \$466,615

CLERGY & SEMINARIANS



**Most Rev.
Francis Kalabat**
Bishop



**Most Rev.
Ibrahim Ibrahim**
Bishop Emeritus



**Most Rev.
Gabriel Kassab**
Bishop (Retired)



**Most Rev.
Thomas Meram**
Bishop (Retired)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."
MATTHEW 5:16

29 PRIESTS

26 Active | 3 Retired
(in order of year ordained)



Rev. Stephen Kallabat
Pastor
Mar Addai



Rev. Jirjis Abraham
Retired



Rev. Manuel Boji
Retired



Msgr. Zouhair Kejbou
Pastor
Holy Cross



Rev. Sanharib Youkhana
Parochial Vicar
Mother of God



Rev. Zia Marano
Retired



Rev. Selwan Taponi
Pastor
Holy Martyrs



Msgr. Benyamin Betyadegar
Pastor
Mar Shemmon Bar Sabbae
(Georgia Mission)



Rev. Wisam Matti
Parochial Vicar
Holy Martyrs



Rev. Ayad Hanna
Pastor, Vicar General
Mart Mariam



Rev. Fadi Philip
Pastor
Sacred Heart



Rev. Muhannad Al Tawil
Parochial Vicar
St. Thomas



Rev. Sameem Balias
Pastor
St. Joseph



Rev. Rudy Zoma
Pastor
Our Lady of Perpetual Help



Rev. Fawaz Kako
Pastor
St. George



Rev. Hermiz Haddad
Pastor
St. Ephrem



Rev. Pierre Konja
Pastor, Judicial Vicar
St. Thomas



Rev. Matthew Zetouna
Parochial Vicar
St. Thomas



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Administrator
Director of Seminarians
Mother of God



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Parochial Vicar
St. Joseph



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Parochial Vicar
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Rev. Marcus Shammami
Parochial Vicar
Bishop's Secretary
St. Thomas



Rev. Namir Narra
Parochial Vicar
St. George



Rev. Eahab Ishak
Parochial Vicar
St. George



Rev. Joseph Nannoshi
Parochial Vicar
St. George



Msgr. Faris Marrougi
Priest in Residence
Mother of God



Rev. Aram Hanna
Priest in Residence
Mother of God



Rev. Milan Kakone
Priest in Residence
Mart Mariam



Dcn. Sermed Ashkouri
Immaculate Conception
Chaldean Catholic Boston Mission

Since 1989, our diocese has entrusted its seminarian formation to Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Michigan. Sacred Heart is recognized nationally and around the world as one of the leading centers in the New Evangelization.

13 SEMINARIANS
7 Graduate | 6 Undergraduate



Dcn. Brandon Elias
Synthesis Year



Dcn. Lucian Gumma
Synthesis Year



Matthew Bakkal
Theology III



Eddie Dickow
Theology III



Andrew Mattia
Theology I



Patrick Jaboro
Theology I



Rami Kina
Theology I



Michael Atto
Philosophy I



Stavro Mikha
Philosophy I



Alex Kas-Shamoun
Philosophy I



Aiden Kanno
Propaedeutic Year



Rio Sawa
Propaedeutic Year



James Elias
Propaedeutic Year

2024/2025 Priest Retirement Fund

Fiscal Year: July 2024 - June 2025

| Christmas Collection | Donations | Mass Offerings | Bishop's Dinner | Interest |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| \$44,650 | - | \$45,000 | \$60,000 | \$40,827 |
| Income \$190,477 | Expenses \$134,823 | Net Income \$55,654 | Net Value \$3,738,000 | |



2024/2025 Seminary Fund

Fiscal Year: July 2024 - June 2025

| Christmas Collection | General Donations | Easter Collection | Bishop's Dinner | Stride for Seminarians |
|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$89,299 | \$47,285 | \$179,090 | \$60,000 | \$129,670 |
| Income \$505,344 | Expenses \$463,600 | Net Income \$41,744 | Net Value \$3,334,000 | |

2025 SACRAMENTS

Baptisms & Confirmations

1,159

2022|1,071 2023|1,252 2024|1,276

1st Communions

1,028

2022|726 2023|1,063 2024|1,081

Marriages

452

2022|348 2023|548 2024|482

Funerals

365

2022|615 2023|336 2024|360



YEAR IN REVIEW

Ordinations 2026

The Diocese has been blessed this past year with the priestly ordinations of Fr. Ehab Ishak and Fr. Joseph Nannoshi, who were ordained on July 5, 2025, at Mother of God Chaldean Catholic Church. Both priests are currently assigned to St. George Chaldean Catholic Church in Shelby Township, where they faithfully serve the spiritual needs of the parish community and the Diocese as a whole.

As we look toward the future with hope, preparations are underway for the priestly ordination of Deacons Brandon Elias and Lucian Gumma on July 4, 2026, God willing. Additionally, Matthew Bakkal and Eddie Dickow are scheduled to be ordained to the diaconate in 2026, continuing the strong progression of vocations within the Diocese.

At present, we are blessed with 13 seminarians in formation. Their discernment and commitment are a testament to the vitality of our Church and the faith of our community. Through the generosity of our faithful and initiatives such as Stride for Seminarians, these men are able to dedicate themselves fully to their studies and spiritual formation without the burden of tuition costs. We remain deeply grateful for this support and ask for continued prayers for all those discerning and living out a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

For more information on vocations, please visit chaldeanchurch.org/vocations.



Search for Church and School

The Diocese continues its efforts to identify suitable properties or facilities for purchase to support the establishment of additional parishes and a future school to serve our expanding community. With nearly 200,000 Chaldean Catholics served each year, we remain dedicated to securing a location that best meets the needs of our faithful and provides greater accessibility to the Bloomfield Hills, Commerce Township, and Macomb Township areas. Guided by prayer and trust in God's providence, we seek discernment as we move forward in determining the appropriate timing and location for this important step. With faith and perseverance, we remain confident that the Lord will lead us in fulfilling the spiritual and pastoral needs of our growing community.



Chaldean Diocese Bible in a Year – A Year to Celebrate

From January 1 through December 31, 2025, the Chaldean Diocese journeyed through all of Sacred Scripture in the Chaldean Diocese Bible in a Year, faithfully completing 365 consecutive days of Bible readings under the pastoral guidance of Bishop Francis Kalabat and Fr. John Jaddou. Shared as daily audio reflections on YouTube, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts, this year-long initiative became a powerful spiritual companion for thousands of listeners. Throughout the year, the podcast was heard hundreds of thousands of times, generating over 84,000 hours of time spent in the Word of God. Listeners tuned in daily from across the United States, Canada, and beyond, with strong and consistent engagement reflecting a deep hunger for Scripture. Apple Podcasts alone showed exceptional listener loyalty, with the vast majority of listening coming from returning followers. This extraordinary response stands as a testament to the faithfulness of our community and the transformative power of God's Word when proclaimed daily. The Chaldean Diocese Bible in a Year was not simply a podcast—it was a shared spiritual journey that united the faithful, strengthened families, and deepened a love for Sacred Scripture throughout the year.



Mar Ibrahim Library

The opening of the Mar Ibrahim Library marked a significant milestone in the life of the Diocese, celebrating the preservation of Chaldean faith, history, and identity. Established with the generous support and collaboration of the Chaldean Community Foundation, the library is proudly housed in the Foundation's new building in West Bloomfield, Michigan. More than a collection of books, the library stands as a living witness to our heritage, housing ancient Aramaic manuscripts alongside contemporary theological and historical works. It serves as a place of learning, remembrance, and formation, honoring the legacy of our Church and those who safeguarded the faith across generations. In addition to its archival mission, the library will offer educational classes and programs to support ongoing faith formation and cultural education. Envisioned as a resource for the entire Chaldean community, the library reflects the Diocese's continued commitment to education, cultural preservation, and the transmission of faith for generations to come.



Mar Eliya Retreat Center

Mar Eliya Retreat Center joyfully celebrated its ribbon cutting and grand opening on Friday, September 25, 2025. Construction was completed in the spring of 2025, and the center has since become a vibrant place of spiritual renewal, faithfully hosting 18 retreats and welcoming more than 450 retreatants. This milestone marks a significant blessing for our community, as the retreat center continues to serve as a place of prayer, reflection, and formation.



Our Lady of Wisdom Homeschool

Our Lady of Wisdom Homeschool continues to support families through its cooperative and enrichment programs, serving a combined total of 72 students in 2025. The enrichment program is currently hosted at St. Thomas Chaldean Church and is scheduled to expand in 2026 with the addition of a second location at Holy Martyrs Chaldean Catholic Church, reflecting continued growth and demand. The program is a two-day a week dropoff providing students with additional academic, social, and faith-based learning opportunities. The cooperative program is held at Sacred Heart Chaldean Church, and moms stay on site and work together to provide social and educational support for their children. Together, these programs remain a vital resource for families seeking a faith-centered homeschool experience within our Diocese.





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