

Bishops from 1883 to the Present

Bishop John Baptist Brondel, born in West Flanders, Belgium in 1842 and ordained to the priesthood on December 17, 1864, was first appointed as administrator of Montana on April 7, 1882. He was consecrated bishop on March 7, 1884. The Vicariate of Montana was split into two dioceses in 1903. Bishop Brondel died on November 3, 1903.

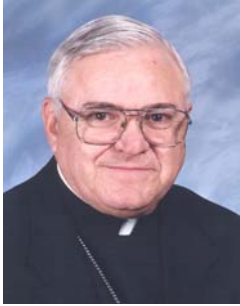
Bishop Mathias Clement Lenihan, born October 6, 1854, and ordained to the priesthood on December 20, 1879, was consecrated as the first bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls on September 21, 1904. He was installed on November 5, 1904 at St. Ann Cathedral in Great Falls and resigned as bishop on January 18, 1930. Bishop Lenihan died in Dubuque, Iowa on August 19, 1943.

Bishop Edwin Vincent O'Hara, born September 6, 1881, was ordained to the priesthood on June 10, 1905. He was consecrated the second bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls and installed on November 5, 1930 at St. Ann Cathedral in Great Falls. He was named Archbishop of the Diocese of Kansas City on April 15, 1939. Bishop O'Hara died on September 11, 1956 in Milan, Italy and was buried in Kansas City, Missouri.

Bishop William Joseph Condon, born April 7, 1895, was ordained to the priesthood on October 14, 1917 and became the third bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls. He was installed on October 26th, 1939 in St. Ann Cathedral, Great Falls. Having died on August 17, 1967, he was the first bishop buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls

Bishop Eldon Bernard Mathias Schuster, born March 10, 1911, was ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 1937 and consecrated as auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls on December 21, 1961 at St. Ann Cathedral in Great Falls. On December 2, 1967, Bishop Schuster was appointed the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls and installed on January 23, 1968 in St. Ann Cathedral in Great Falls. Died September 4, 1998, buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Great Falls.

Bishop Thomas Joseph Murphy, born October 3, 1932, was ordained to the priesthood on April 12, 1958. Named fifth bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls on July 5th, he was installed at McLaughlin Center, Great Falls on August 21, 1978. Bishop Murphy was named Co-adjutor Bishop of Seattle, Washington on May 26, 1987 and succeeded to the See on August 21, 1991. He died on June 26, 1997 in Seattle and was buried there.



Bishop Anthony Michael Milone, born September 24, 1932, ordained to the priesthood December 15, 1957. His Episcopal ordination as auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Omaha, Nebraska took place on November 11, 1981. He was appointed sixth bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings on December 14, 1987 and installed on February 23, 1988 at St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Great Falls. Bishop Milone retired in 2007, just before reaching the required age, due to health reasons. He returned to Omaha in June, 2007.