THE CRYPT OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

- The crypt is comprised of 39 vaults and is located below the main altar of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

- It has been the final resting place for Philadelphia’s Roman Catholic Bishops and Archbishops since 1869.

- Eight of the eleven deceased former Ordinaries (governing Bishops and Archbishops of Philadelphia) are buried in the crypt.

- **Bishop Michael F. Egan, O.F.M.**
  *(First Bishop of Philadelphia 1808-1814; died 1814)*

- **Bishop Henry Conwell**
  *(Second Bishop of Philadelphia 1819-1842; died 1842)*

- **Archbishop James F. Wood**
  *(Fifth Bishop and First Archbishop of Philadelphia 1860-1883; died 1883)*

- **Archbishop Patrick J. Ryan**
  *(Sixth Bishop and Second Archbishop of Philadelphia 1884-1911; died 1911)*

- **Archbishop Edmond F. Prendergast**
  *(Seventh Bishop and Third Archbishop of Philadelphia 1911-1918; died 1918)*

- **Cardinal Dennis J. Dougherty**
  *(Eighth Bishop and Fourth Archbishop of Philadelphia 1918-1951; died 1951)*

- **Cardinal John J. Krol**
  *(Tenth Bishop and Sixth Archbishop of Philadelphia 1961-1988; died 1996)*

- **Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua**
  *(Eleventh Bishop and Seventh Archbishop of Philadelphia 1988-2003; died 2012)*
• Three deceased former Ordinaries are not buried in the crypt.

  • **Bishop Francis P. Kenrick**  
    (Third Bishop of Philadelphia 1842-1851; Archbishop of Baltimore 1851-1863; died 1863; Interred at the Basilica of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Baltimore, Maryland)

  • **Saint John Nepomucene Neumann, C.Ss.R.**  
    (Fourth Bishop of Philadelphia 1852-1860; died 1860; Beatified 1963; Canonized 1977; Interred at The National Shrine of Saint John Neumann, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

  • **Cardinal John F. O’Hara, C.S.C.**  
    (Ninth Bishop and Fifth Archbishop of Philadelphia 1951-1960; died 1960; Interred at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana)

• Two priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who were elevated to the Cardinalate and held posts within the Vatican Curia are buried in the crypt.

  • **Cardinal Francis J. Brennan**  
    (Dean of the Roman Rota 1959-1968; Prefect of the Congregation for the Discipline of the Sacraments 1968; died 1968)

  • **Cardinal John P. Foley**  

• **Bishop Martin N. Lohmuller** will be the fourth Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia buried in the crypt. The three previously interred Auxiliary Bishops are listed below.

  • **Bishop Cletus J. Benjamin**  

  • **Bishop Gerald V. McDevitt**  

  • **Archbishop Gerald P. O’Hara**  

• One priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who was elevated to the Episcopacy and served as a bishop outside the Archdiocese is buried in the crypt.

  • **Bishop James J. Carroll**  
    (Bishop of Nueva-Segovia, Philippines, 1908-1913; died 1913)
Four additional priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are buried in the crypt.

- **Reverend Francis J. Clark**  
  *(Rector of the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul\(^1\) 1913-1918; died 1918)*

- **Reverend Monsignor James A. Corcoran**  
  *(Rector of Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary 1872-1873; died 1889)*

- **Reverend Francis P. O’Neill**  
  *(Pastor of Saint James the Greater Parish, Philadelphia, 1843-1882; died 1882)*

- **Reverend Monsignor Maurice A. Walsh**  
  *(Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia 1883-1884; died 1888)*

---

\(^1\) The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul was formally dedicated as a Basilica on September 27, 1976. During Father Clark’s tenure as Rector it was known as the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul.