



### **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**  
*(President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications 1984-2007; Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem 2007-2011; died 2011)*
  
- **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**  
*(Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia 1960-1961; died 1961)*
  - **Bishop Gerald V. McDevitt**  
*(Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia 1962-1980; died 1980)*
  - **Archbishop Gerald P. O’Hara**  
*(Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia 1929-1935; Bishop of Savannah, Georgia, 1935-1959; Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland 1951-1954; Apostolic Delegate to Great Britain 1954-1963; died 1963)*
  
- 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<sup>1</sup> 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)*

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<sup>1</sup> 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.