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Announcement

1972 June 4th 2022

Deacon Dale Steffes

Is celebrating "50" years as a

Permanent Deacon

St. John Vianney Parish
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

For this 50¹⁹⁷² cent coin I am asking you
to pray 50 Hail Mary's (Rosary)
for my family before or on June 4th
Sandy and my children had to support my Church duties

Please use my rosary recipe

3rd Joyful – Incarnation - Changed the World
5th Sorrowful – Crucifixion - Saved the World
1st Glorious – Resurrection – Proved Hereafter
3rd Glorious – Pentecost - Formed the Church
5th Luminous - Eucharist - Christ is Present

Please confirm if you intend to or have already prayed
Thanks, otherwise you can just return my 50 cent coin
It cost 58 cents postage to mail this 50 cent coin
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(Coin reads "In God we Trust")

Deacon Dale has been a knight for 71 years, more than
50 % of the 140 years of the Knights of Columbus



Fifty Years
of
Catholic
Permanent Deacons
In
Texas

1972 – 2022

By Deacon Dale Steffes

My Golden Anniversary

Celebrating Deacon Dale Steffes' 50th Anniversary

(Sandy and Dale joined St. John Vianney parish in February, 1968)

At St. John Vianney Catholic Parish, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, Texas 77079

Saturday, June 4, 2022, (Pentecost)

5:30PM SJV Mass is for Sandy and Dale.

Sandy and I would like to be the gift bearers.

Go to ARS chapel for photos (where I was ordained) and renew deacon vows.

Go to Brennan's of Houston for dinner afterwards.

Joined by family members that are available?

Five Children & Spouses, 14 Grandchildren and 1 Grandchild-in-law? Dates?

Saturday, August 13, 2022 Deacon Convocation at St. Mary's Seminary
Cardinal DiNardo will recognize the 50th Anniversary of Diaconate in Gal-Hou Archdiocese

Host a Summit on the Theology of the Diaconate, Later, Similar to:
Vatican Summit on Theology of the Priesthood. Cardinal Marc Ouellet, Rome, 2 17-19 22

Distribute these two data reports: In April, for Pre Anniversary Notice

- **Texas Dioceses Data on 125th year. Without Deacons.**
- **Texas Dioceses Data on 175th year. With Deacons.**

To:

- Texas Catholic Herald
- Deacon Digest
- Catholic Media, etc.
- Texas Bishops
- Deacon Leaders of Texas Dioceses
- USCCB

Continue my efforts on my three (addictions) Manifestos
Religion, Politics (Gov.) Energy

Deacon Dale has **Determination, **I**ntegrity, and **F**aith**

(Similar to St. John Vianney's goals: Living Faith, Changing Lives, Making a Difference)

That is Deacon Dale's **DIFerence**

Diocese of Galveston (Texas) started in 1847

Celebrating 175 years

Permanent Deacons in Texas started in 1972

On the Texas Catholic Church 125th Year

Celebrating 50 years

Texas Catholic Leadership

The following table shows the 77 Catholic Bishops that have led the Texas Catholics for the last 175 years. Ten of them have served two dioceses. See transfers.

As the Texas population increased, Texas was divided into new dioceses. The table shows the year each diocese was formed. Today there are 15 dioceses in Texas. There are 254 counties in Texas. Each diocese serves select counties. One county is split between 2 dioceses.

The following page illustrated how Bishops are appointed.

The following table shows the appointed Nuncios from Rome and the Popes for the 175 years. Then a table of Texas Governors and U.S. Presidents during the same 175 time.

To better understand what these Bishops had to deal with, review a high school text book on:

World History -- United States History -- Texas History.

Texas became a U.S. state in 1845. Two years later, Texas became a diocese in 1847.

Next is Deacon Dale's research on the Catholic statistics for the 175th anniversary in Texas.

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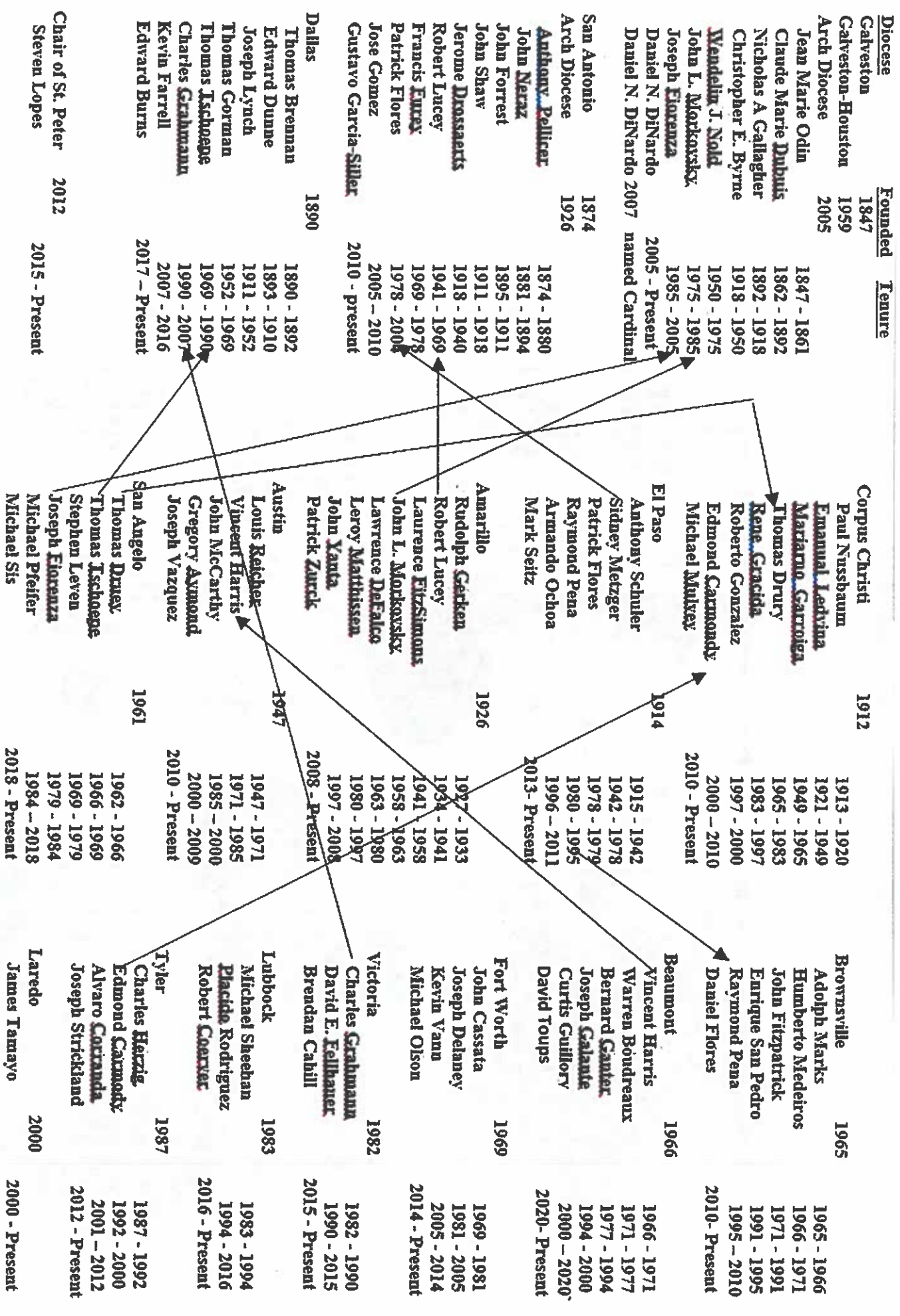
Which is the year the Texas Catholic church started the diaconate.

The Diocese did not celebrate the 100th anniversary because of the Texas City Explosion. The Church did celebrate the 150th Anniversary in Galveston in 1997.

Dioceses of Texas



Diocese of Galveston was started in 1847, Celebrating 175 years

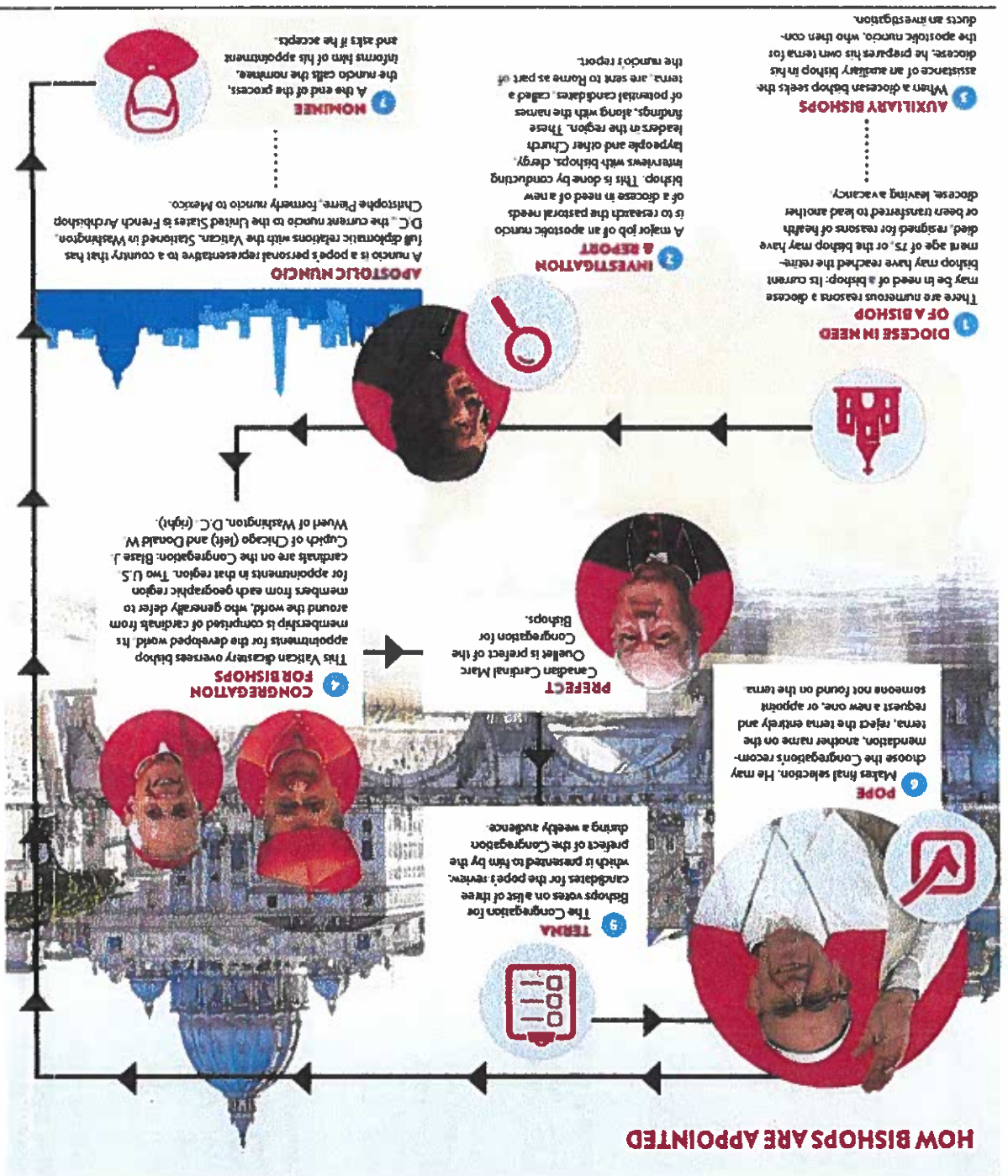


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Nuncio's to the United States

Apostolic Delegate

Francesco Satolli	Jan 1893	1896
Sebastinao Martinelli	Apr 1896	1902
Diomede Falconio	Sep 1902	1911
Giovanni Bonzano	Feb 1912	Dec 1922
Pieto Biondi	Dec 1922	Mar 1933
Amieto Cicognani	Mar 1933	Nov 1959
Egido Vagnozzi	Dec 1958	Jan 1968
Luigi Raimondi	Jun 1967	Mar 1973
Jean Jadot	May 1973	Jun 1980
Pio Laghi	Dec 1980	Jan 1984

Apostolic Pro-Nuncio

Pio Laghi	Mar 1984	Apr 1990
Agostino Cacciavillan	Jun 1990	Nov 1998

Apostolic Nuncio

Gabriel Higuera	Dec 1998	Dec 2005
Pietro Sambì	Oct 2005	Jul 2011
Carlo Viganò	Oct 2011	Apr 2016
Christophe Pierre	Apr 2016	Present

Popes during Texas Catholic History, Years

Pius IX	Mar 1846	Feb 1878
Leo XIII	Feb 1878	Jul 1903
Pius X	Aug 1903	Aug 1914
Benedict XV	Sep 1914	Jan 1922
Pius XI	Feb 1922	Feb 1939
Pius XII	Mar 1939	Oct 1958
John XXIII	Oct 1958	Jun 1963
Paul VI	Jun 1963	Aug 1978
John Paul I	Aug 1978	Sep 1978
John Paul II	Oct 1978	Apr 2005
Benedict XVI	Apr 2005	Feb 2013
Francis	Mar 2013	Present

**Governors during Texas Catholic
History, Yrs.**

J. Pinckney Henderson	Feb 1846	Dec 1847
George T. Wood	Dec 1847	Dec 1849
Peter Hansbrough Bell	Dec 1849	Nov 1853
J. W. Henderson	Nov 1853	Dec 1853
Elisha M Pease	Dec 1853	Dec 1957
Hardin R. Runnels	Dec 1857	Dec 1859
Sam Houston	Dec 1859	Mar 1861
Edward Clark	Mar 1861	Nov 1861
Francis R. Lubbock	Nov 1861	Nov 1863
Pendleton Murrah	Nov 1863	June 1865
Andrew Hamilton	Jun 1865	Aug 1866
James W. Throckmorton	Aug 1866	Aug 1867
Elisha M. Pease	Aug 1867	Sep 1869
Edmund J. Davis	Jan 1870	Jan 1874
Richard Coke	Jan 1874	Dec 1876
Richard B. Hubbard	Dec 1876	Jan 1879
Oran Roberts	Jan 1879	Jan 1883
John Ireland	Jan 1883	Jan 1887
Lawrence Sullivan Ross	Jan 1887	Jan 1891
James Stephen Hogg	Jan 1891	Jan 1895
Charles A. Culberson	Jan 1895	Jan 1899
Joseph D Sayers	Jan 1899	Jan 1903
S.W.T. Lanham	Jan 1903	Jan 1907
Thomas M. Campbell	Jan 1907	Jan 1911

Oscar Branch Colquitt	Jan 1911	Jan 1915
James E. Ferguson	Jan 1915	Aug 1917
William Pettus Hobby	Aug 1917	Jan 1921
Pat Morris Neff	Jan 1921	Jan 1925
Miriam A. Ferguson	Jan 1925	Jan 1927
Dan Moody	Jan 1927	Jan 1931
Ross S. Sterling	Jan 1931	Jan 1933
Miriam A. Ferguson	Jan 1933	Jan 1935
James V. Allred	Jan 1935	Jan 1937
W. Lee O'Daniel	Jan 1939	Aug 1941
Coke R. Stevenson	Aug 1941	Jan 1947
Beaford H Jester	Jan 1947	Jul 1949
Allan Shivers	Jul 1949	Jan 1957
Price Daniels	Jan 1957	Jan 1963
John Connally	Jan 1963	Jan 1969
Preston Smith	Jan 1969	Jan 1973
Dolph Briscoe	Jan 1973	Jan 1979
William P. Clements	Jan 1979	Jan 1983
Mark White	Jan 1983	Jan 1987
William P. Clements	Jan 1987	Jan 1995
Ann W. Richards	Jan 1991	Jan 1995
George W. Bush	Jan 1995	Dec 2000
James "Ric" Perry	Dec 2000	Jan 2015
Gregory W. Abbott	Jan 2015	Present

**U.S. Presidents during Texas
Catholic History.**

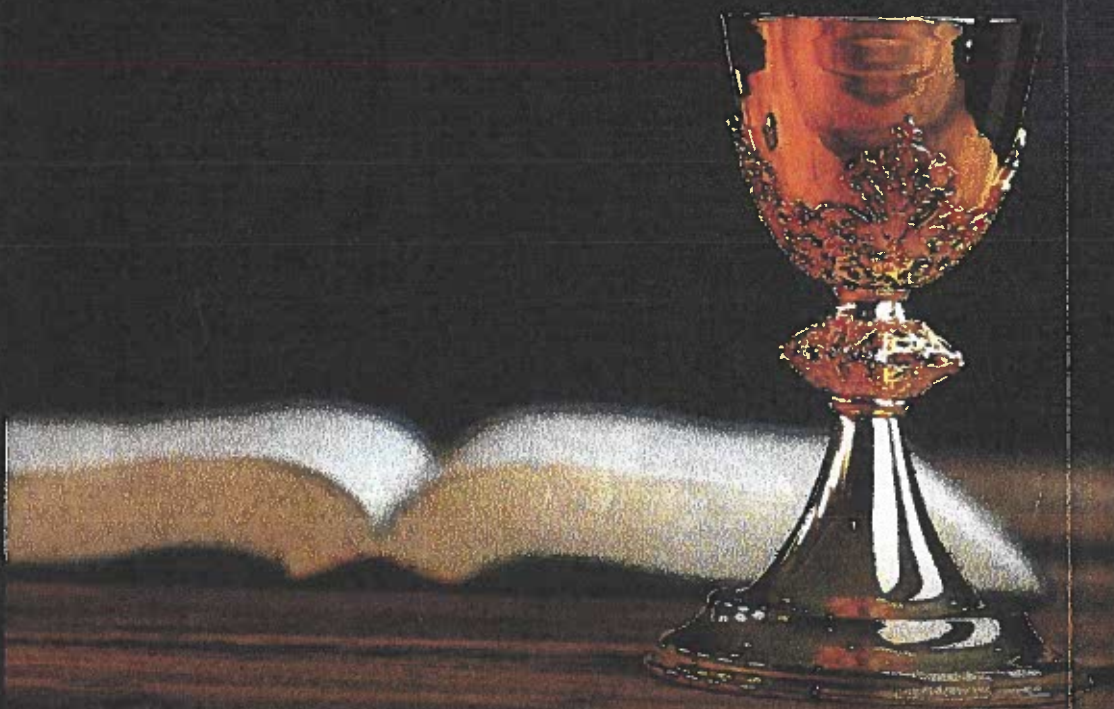
James K Polk	1845	1849
Zachary Taylor	1849	1850
Millard Fillmore	1850	1853
Franklin Pierce	1853	1857
James Buchanan	1857	1861
Abraham Lincoln	1861	1865
Andrew Johnson	1865	1869
Ulysses S. Grant	1869	1877
Rutherford B. Hayes	1877	1881
James A. Garfield	1881	1881
Chester A. Arthur	1881	1885
Grover Cleveland	1885	1889
Benjamin Harrison	1889	1893
Grover Cleveland	1893	1897
William McKinley	1897	1901
Theodore Roosevelt	1901	1909
William Howard Taft	1909	1913
Woodrow Wilson	1913	1921

Warren G Harding	1921	1923
Calvin Coolidge	1923	1929
Herbert Hoover	1929	1933
Franklin D. Roosevelt	1933	1945
Harry S. Truman	1945	1953
Dwight D. Eisenhower	1953	1961
John F. Kennedy	1961	1963
Lyndon B. Johnson	1963	1969
Richard Nixon	1968	1974
Gerald Ford	1974	1977
Jimmy Carter	1977	1981
Ronald Reagan	1981	1989
George H. W. Bush	1989	1993
Bill Clinton	1993	2001
George W. Bush	2001	2009
Barack Obama	2009	2017
Donald Trump	2017	2021
Joe Biden	2021	Present

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Comparison to Texas fifty years earlier

The Texas Diocese's 125th Year (1972)

Area, Population, Pop/²Mile, Catholics, % Catholic
Parishes, Priests, Catholics/Priest, Sisters

Data as of 1971

Source for Information: Official Catholic Directory

Diocese (In founding Order)	Area ² Mile (1000)	Total Pop. (1000)	Pop./ ² Mile	Catholic Pop. (1000)	% Cath.	Parishes No.	Priests No.	Cath's /priest	Sisters No.	Perm. Deacon	Deacon /Priest Ratio
Gal-Hou	15.0	2,340	156	320	13.6%	117	367	872	597		
San Antonio	33.0	1,250	38	533	42.6%	152	436	1222	1705		
Dallas	21.2	2,290	108	111	4.8%	52	211	526	432		
Corpus Christi	18.1	555	31	180	32.4%	72	167	1079	328		
El Paso*+N.M.	26.6 TX	650	24	200	30.7%	71	214	935	374		
Amarillo	44.5	703	16	64	9.1%	56	98	653	120		
Austin	22.1	938	42	138	14.7%	81	172	802	180		
San Angelo	42.0	556	13	62	11.1%	42	71	873	52		
Brownsville	4.2	375	89	264	70.4%	57	124	2129	183		
Beaumont	11.7	586	50	91	15.5%	33	81	1123	142		
Ft. Worth	23.9	1,280	54	67	5.2%	47	102	657	200		
Texas	262.8	11,523	44	2,030	15.7%	780	2,043	994	4,313	0	

Year Formed

Victoria	(1982)
Lubbock	(1983)
Tyler	(1987)
Laredo	(2000)
Chair St. Peter	(2012)

(THIS TABLE SHOWS SOME PERSPECTIVE ON THE TEXAS DIACONATE ROLE)

The Texas Diocese's 175th Year
Area, Population, Pop/²Mile, Catholics, % Catholic
Parishes, Priests, Catholics/Priest,
Sisters, Deacons, Deacon/Priest Ratio
Data as of 2020

Source for Information: Official Catholic Directory

Diocese (In founding Order)	Area ² Mile (1000)	Total Pop. (1000)	Pop. ² Mile	Catholic Pop. (1000)	% Cath.	Parishes No.	Priests No.	Cath's /priest	Sisters	Perm. Deacon	Deacon /Priest Ratio
Gal-Hou	8.8	7,401	841	1700	23%	146	391	4,347	395	376	96%
San Antonio	23.1	2,773	120	812	29%	134	364	2,225	550	339	93%
Dallas	7.5	4,416	588	1321	30%	69	197	6,700	66	21	11%
Corpus Christi	11.3	595	53	297	50%	69	126	4,722	136	105	83%
El Paso	26.6	900	34	720	80%	58	99	7,272	107	28	29%
Amarillo	25.8	472	18	39	8%	38	39	1,000	87	63	161%
Austin	22.1	3,458	156	638	18%	102	192	1,801	70	238	124%
San Angelo	37.4	872	23	132	15%	45	56	2,357	14	80	142%
Brownsville	4.2	1378	328	1171	85%	72	108	1,275	60	103	95%
Beaumont	7.8	636	81	81	8%	42	62	1,883	19	43	69%
Ft. Worth	23.9	3,750	15	1100	29%	91	127	8,661	48	24	19%
Victoria	9.6	279	29	71	25%	50	49	1,448	70	51	104%
Lubbock	23.3	494	21	136	36%	62	63	2,158	26	65	103%
Tyler	23.4	1,458	62	124	9%	52	92	1,347	50	93	101%
Laredo	10.9	382	35	348	91%	32	49	7,102	52	32	65%
Chair, St. Peter Texas	265.7	29.264	110	8,690	30%	1,062	1,954	4,447	1543	1,661	85%

Data per Deacon Dale Steffes' research
 Celebrating

50 Years of Permanent Deacons supporting the Gal-Hou Archdiocese

United States Permanent Deacon Seniority

Per Deacon Dale Steffes research, as of 11 3 18 (281 497 2179)

<u>1969</u>	Rochester, N.Y	1	Bishop Fulton Sheen, ordained Michael Cole, since died (585 328 3210) email - Cole left church, returned to Anglican.
<u>1970</u>	Kansas City	1	(Deacon Paul Mueller, <u>10 4 18</u> cell 816 665 2329, confirmed
	Monterey, CA	1	(Deacon David Ford, 831 373 4345, for info) Did not know
<u>1971</u>	Detroit	13	Cardinal Deardon (Erin 313 596 7149) (None Living , email)
	Baltimore	6	Cardinal O'Boyle June 12 th Living: George Evans Dea. Digest
	Wash, DC	16	(tel 301 853 4577) Dianne, ^{DIED FEB 2022} might still be living, ??
	St. Tom. H. S.	1	Canadian Cardinal ordained Jim Riebeck (Jim died 2015)
<u>1972</u>	Gal-Hou	<u>38</u>	Bishop Morkovsky <u>5 Ordinations, early June</u> ← <i>7 as of 10-25-21</i>
<u>1972 Class of Gal-Hou was in the first 77 U.S. Deacons. As 11 3 2018, 10 are still living.</u>			
	Baltimore	?	Ordained 2 nd class in July, 1972, Ed Stoop still listed
	Chicago	97	Cardinal Cody, Ordinations in Dec, 1972 <i>7 still living</i>

DEACON DALE STEFFES | ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

After two years of formation, Deacon Dale Steffes was one of 38 men ordained June 4, 1972, in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston's first class of deacons. Deacon Steffes has five children with his wife, Sandra, 14 grandchildren and a threefold love of religion, community and energy.

Deacon Steffes' contribution to the Church leans heavy on theology as well as his great insight into purpose and prioritization of life. His knowledge of energy, oil and the history of Texas' dioceses has made him well-known in his local and statewide community.

He has administered more than 2,000 baptisms and witnessed 300 weddings; he has been chaplain to hospitals, a grand knight in the Knights of Columbus, was an original member of the Galveston-Houston diaconal counsel and tithes his time, giving 17 hours a week in service.

Deacon Steffes, 85, said he does all this

to achieve his main goal: the salvation of his soul and others. He notes that this is the most important thing in life and hopes it will be the top priority for us all. He has a wise saying about life: "You only lose when you stop trying. ... My life is not only about winning, but making a difference."

This is why he has a profound love for the Rosary, service and the Blessed Sacrament. This led to eucharistic adoration for a Knights of Columbus convention when Houston hosted it, as well as a campaign for eucharistic adoration dedicated to priestly vocations.

For more than 45 years, Deacon Steffes has made a dynamic contribution to the Church and to the diaconate through his emphasis on purpose/prioritization focusing on the Eucharist, salvation and participating in the threefold mission of the Church — evangelization, sacraments and teaching.



The Diaconate in Galveston-Houston

First class ordained: **1972**

Permanent deacons today: **419**

Deacons ordained in 2017: **18**

The Most Reverend _____
Bishop of _____

Thanks to the Diocese _____ for replying to my request for information.

The diaconate was approved by Vatican II in 1964 in Lumen Gentium.
Diaconate started first in 1965 in Europe (Sandy and I attended their 50th Ann. in Rome in 2015)
Was approved in 1968 for the United States (Sandy and I attended the 50th Ann. in New Orleans in 2018)
In 1970, Galveston-Houston started classes
In 1972, Galveston-Houston ordained first deacons in Texas (38)

The following table lists the first ordination classes' year for each diocese and number still living.
These are "First Class" Deacons, Second Class deacons don't like this classification.
Each Bishop decides on having deacons.
My native State of Kansas did not have deacons until 2011, so I could not do baptisms and weddings for my family.
The Diocese of Laredo was not formed until 2000.
I am just recording some deacon history for Texas.
As you can see, I still have two dioceses that have not responded.
When I complete my study, I will make a copy for your diocese.

Texas Living, First Class Deacons, by Diocese

<u>Diocese</u>	<u>First Ord. Yr.</u>	<u>No. Ordained</u>	<u>No. still living</u>	<u>Ordained Yr's</u>
Gal-Hou	1972	38	7	50
San Antonio	1972		0	
Dallas	1973	2	0	
San Angelo	1976	30	2	46
Amarillo	1977		3	45
Lubbock	1977	14	1	45
Corpus Christi	1977	12	2	45
Ft. Worth	1978	6	3	44
El Paso	1979	20	3	43
Beaumont	1979	5	0	
Brownsville	1980	21	7	42
Austin	1984	25	4	38
Tyler	1992		2	30
Chair, St. Peter	2018	1	1	4

Still need data

Laredo
Victoria

Yours in Christ in the Eucharist

Deacon¹⁹⁷² Dale Steffes

Deacon Dale's Three Exceptional Manifestos

- A Plan to make the **Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston** the EXCEPTIONAL diocese in the Western Hemisphere.

Eucharistic Adoration Sodality

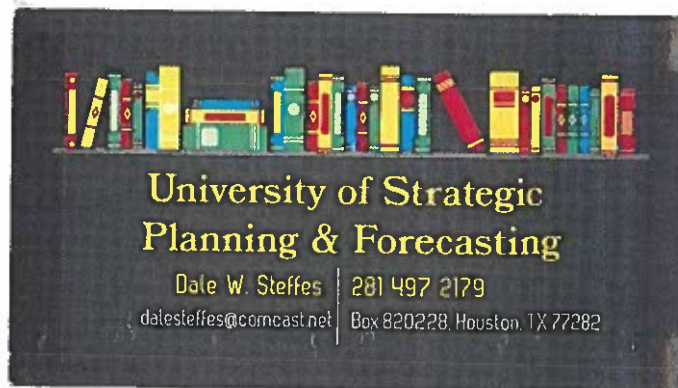
- A Plan to make **HOUSTON** the EXCEPTIONAL city in the United States.

Inclusive Diversity Chamber of Commerce



- A Plan to make World Energy Ministers Association the EXCEPTIONAL energy organization in the World.

World Energy Ministers Association



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Religion

Politics (Government)

Energy

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Deacon Dale's credentials for each Plan and Goal.

Religion

- **Catholicity:** Catholic 89 yrs. Knight 71 yrs. Husband 59 yrs. SJV Parishioner 54 yrs. Deacon 50 yrs. Led the weekly Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help for 34 yrs.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** 1AM Thurs. 40 yrs. Organized Adoration for 5 TX State KofC Conventions, 2009, 2012, 2015, 2018, 2021, 4th degree 3053 assembly named: **Eucharistic Adoration**
- **Sacraments:** Baptisms >2,000, Weddings >100, Funerals >100.
- **Family:** Wife Sandy, (Married at St. Monica, Detroit, 1963), 5 children, 14 grandchildren.
- **Schooling:** St. Joseph, (Franciscan Nuns) Olpe, KS 12 yrs. Kansas State - Mechanical Engr. (1958) Business Adm. (1959) University of St. Thomas (Houston) Theology (1972)
- **Initial Class of Gal-Hou Deacons, Ordained 1972 (one of eight longest ordained deacons in U.S.)**
- **Played a role in getting a Cardinal for Texas and a New Cathedral for Houston in 2007**

Goal - Ordain 25 Priests every year, Have Adoration for 10,000 hr/week

Political (Government)

- **Offices:** Precinct Chairman, Chaplain-Harris County Republican Party, President of Ashford Homeowners Association
- **Candidate:** Houston, Dist. G., Mayor Texas, State Rep. Railroad Comm. **United States**, President
- **Korea Veteran.** 2 yrs.
- **Offered U.S. National Energy Stability Policy** that would have saved U.S. \$5 Trillion (1986).
- **Offered an Iraq Stability Plan** to President Bush that would have changed the Middle East and the World.
- **Played a role in changing Texas from Blue to Red in 1978.**

Goal - Raise the standard of living for all Houston Residents.

Energy

- **Profession:** CPO (Chief Planning Officer) for Energy Countries and Companies, (150 clients)
- Panhandle Eastern, 5 yrs. Planning & Forecasting Consultants, 49 yrs.
- **Organized 1st National Energy Seminar for NABE (11 5 1971)**
- **Created 1st Electronic U.S. energy model, on IBM 360, 1971**
- **Proposed the WEMA in 1998 at the World Energy Congress in Houston.**
- **Forecasting: Oil Price Record; Exceptional. 1985: \$15 oil for 15 yrs. 2005: \$65 oil for 5 yrs.**
- **Author: The Energy Answer.**
Energy Outlook bi monthly column for Journal of Commerce, 8 yrs.
- **Current Study, An Algorithmic Global Energy Study for 2030, 2040, & 2050.**
- **Played a role in establishing Houston as the World Energy Capital in 1971**

Goal – Develop the Third World Economically via Energy

Fifty Year History
of
The Permanent Deacon 1972 Class
In
Archdiocese of Gal-Hou
1972 – 2022

Dale Steffes's religion history in Olpe, Ks
and as a
Permanent Deacon
at
St. John Vianney Parish
Houston, Texas
1933 – 2022

Both histories are by Deacon Dale and Sandy Steffes