

Montealm, Gratiot and Saginaw counties, and west of the east boundaries of Saginaw and Bay counties.

The first Bishop of this Diocese is the Right Rev. Joseph Henry Richter, who was promoted to his present office by Papal brief dated January 30, 1883, and consecrated in St. Andrew's Cathedral of this city on April 22 of that year. Father McManus remained at the cathedral until his death from an accident, December 29, 1885. Other assistants at St. Andrew's were the Rev. J. F. Lovett from the fall of 1883 to 1884; the Very Rev. C. J. Roche, October, 1884, to September, 1887, transferred to Essexville, Mich., as pastor. Whilst at the cathedral, he was the first Vicar-General of the diocese, and was its administrator during the Bishop's first visit to Rome in 1885; the Rev. John G. Sanson, March 17, 1886, to February, 1888, when he became pastor of St. Mary's church, West Bay City, Mich.; the Rev. H. Frencken, appointed September, 1887, who took charge of St. Joseph's (Holland) church on Rumsey street, City, on February 10, 1889, and has been its pastor ever since; the Rev. Joseph Benning, appointed in February, 1888, and transferred as pastor St. Mary's church, corner First and Turner streets, Nov. 2, 1893; the Rev. Thomas L. Whalen, appointed June 24, 1884, was made assistant to Rev. Thos. Rafter at St. James' church, Bay City, in the summer of 1890; the Rev. John A. Schmitt, of the American College in Rome, appointed in August, 1889, took temporary charge of St. Mary's church early in June, 1891, and remained there until Nov. 2, 1893, when he replaced Fr. Joseph Benning at the cathedral. Rev. Bernard Goosens, appointed in January, 1889, and transferred to the pastorate of Maple Valley in August, 1889; Rev. Napoleon N. Poulin arrived at the cathedral from the Grand Seminary, Montreal, Can., April 17, 1890, and remained until the Spring of 1892, when he became the first pastor of the church of the Holy Family for the French Catholics in Saginaw. Rev. James Byrne came from St. James' church, Bay City, to replace Fr. Thos. L. Whalen in August, 1890. He became the first resident pastor at Cascade, Kent Co., Nov. 1, 1891, taking charge of Cascade and Bowne, hitherto attended from the cathedral. The Rev. John E. Troy was ordained June 24, 1891, and remained at the cathedral until he became pastor at Hemlock, Mich., March 1, 1896. From April 11 to July 6, 1893, whilst the Rt. Rev. Henry Joseph Richter was on his second trip to Rome, the