

CATHOLICISM IN AMERICA

- *1634 The "Ark" and the "Dove" reach Maryland with first settlers for Baltimore's colony*
- *1642 Virginia outlaws priests and disfranchises Catholics*
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- *1647 Massachusetts Bay Colony enacts an anti-priest law*

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- *1648, Margaret Brent appeared before the assembly*
- *1649 Maryland's general assembly passes an act of religious toleration for all Christians*
- *1654 The Puritan regime repeals the act of religious toleration in Maryland*
- *1683 Governor Thomas Dongal and New York assembly enact religious toleration for all Christians*

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- *1692 The Church of England established by law in Maryland*
- *1718 Disfranchisement of Catholics in Maryland*
- *1733 Property secured by Joseph Greateon, S.J. for St. Joseph's Chapel, Philadelphia, the center of first public Catholic worship from the penal days to the American Revolution*

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- *1745 The Jesuits establish a school for boys at Bohemia Manor, Cecil County, Maryland*
- *1755 The Catholic inhabitants of Acadia expelled to the American colonies*
- *1775 The Continental Congress denounces Catholicism to George III and to the British people*
- *1775 Washington suppresses the army's celebration of Guy Fawkes Day*

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- 1776 Charles Carroll appointed with Benjamin Franklin and Samuel Chase as commission of Congress to seek the aid of Canada with Father John Carroll accompanying the commissioners
- 1776 Virginia the first state to vote full religious freedom in its bill of rights
- 1776 Charles Carroll signs the Declaration of Independence for Maryland

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- 1776 Commodore John Barry's Lexington takes the Edward, the first capture in actual battle of a British warship by a regularly commissioned American cruiser
- 1777 New York's constitutional convention bars Catholics from office through an oath foreswearing all foreign powers, "ecclesiastical as well as civil"
- 1784 John Carroll appointed by the Holy See as superior of the American Catholic missions

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- 1785 Lay trustees secure legal incorporation of St. Peter's Church, New York
- 1787 Daniel Carroll of Maryland and Thomas FitzSimons of Pennsylvania sign the Constitution of the United States
- 1789 Pope Pius VI erects the Diocese of Baltimore and names John Carroll the first bishop

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- 1790 Carroll consecrated in England as first Bishop of Baltimore
- 1791 French Sulpicians open first seminary in United States, St. Mary's in Baltimore
- 1791 Georgetown Academy begins classes
- 1806 New York legislature repeals oath against foreign ecclesiastical powers

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- 1808 Baltimore made the first metropolitan see of the United States with Bardstown (Kentucky), Boston, New York, and Philadelphia as its first suffragan dioceses.
- The new diocese of Bardstown covered almost the entire Northwest Territory, south to New Orleans and as far north as Detroit.

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- 1809 Mother Elizabeth Bayley Seton establishes the first native American sisterhood at Emmitsburg, Maryland
- 1810 First meeting of the American hierarchy
- 1812 The first two native Catholic sisterhoods in the new West founded in Kentucky
- 1813 Confessional secrecy upheld by New York Court of General Sessions.

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- 1822 First Catholic newspaper founded in Charleston by Bishop England
- 1829 American bishops hold the First Provincial Council of Baltimore
- 1830 A group of Protestant ministers launch the Protestant, an anti-Catholic weekly which spearheads the nativist movement
- 1834 The Ursuline Convent at Charlestown, Massachusetts, is burned by a nativist mob

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- 1836 Publication of the Awful Disclosures of the Hotel Dieu Nunnery of Montreal by Maria Monk
- 1836 President Jackson nominates Roger Brooke Taney as Chief Justice of the United States
- 1844 Philadelphia rioters provoked by nativists burn two Catholic churches and kill thirteen persons
- 1845 ; beginning of the potato famine in Ireland



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- *“The whole continent of North America appears to be destined by Divine Providence to be peopled by one nation, speaking one language, professing one general system of religious and political principles, and accustomed to one general tenor of social usages and customs. For the common happiness of them all, for their peace and prosperity, I believe it is indispensable that they should be associated in one federal Union.”*

John Quincy Adams

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- Manifest Destiny Doctrine was based on the idea that America had a divine providence. It had a future that was destined by God to expand its borders, with no limit to area or country.
- "It was white man's burden to conquer and Christianize the land"
- Part of the Manifest Destiny was that America was to be Anglo-Saxon Protestant

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