



Diversity in the Archdiocese of Atlanta

Major cultural groups in the Archdiocese of Atlanta

Vietnamese Catholics
Brazilian Catholics
Hispanic Catholics
Korean Catholics
African Americans Catholics (Black Catholics born in the US)
Nigerian Catholics
Gambian Catholics
Haitian Catholics
Eritrean Catholics
Ethiopian Catholics
African Francophone Catholics (Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Senegal, Republic of the Congo, Togo)
Black Catholics from other Caribbean Countries and from Central and South America

Masses in Spanish in the Archdiocese of Atlanta: 121

Masses in Portuguese in the Archdiocese of Atlanta: 2

Masses in Igbo celebrated by Nigerian Catholics: 20

Masses in Creole celebrated by Haitian Catholics: 53

Masses in French celebrated by Catholics from Togo, Ivory Coast, Republic of Congo, Senegal, and Cameroon: 15

Gambians have one major celebration during the course of the year. The Celebration is called "Sang Marie", an indigenous Gambian name for the Feast of the Assumption. The Mass is said in English, but the music liturgy is sung in a mixture of languages, several Gambian dialects, English, and Latin.

Diversity Breakdown of attendance at the 2008 Eucharistic Congress:

Vietnamese Catholics 1000

Hispanic Catholics: 8,000

Nigerian Catholics: 200

Haitian Catholics: 350

Francophone African Catholics (Togolese, Ivoirians, Cameroonians, Senegalese, Congolese, etc.): 200

Gambian Catholics: 100

African American Catholics: 400

Source: Archdiocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministry and Hispanic Ministry Office.

Catholic Communications Office

680 West Peachtree Street, N.W. • Atlanta, Georgia 30308-1984
(404) 888-7810 • Fax (404) 978-2770 • www.archatl.com