

# The Republic of Uganda



# The Catholic Church in Uganda

ARCHDIOCESES / DIOCESES	PARISHES	POPULATION			PRIESTS		CATHOLICS PER PRIEST	RELIGIOUS	
		TOTAL	NUMBER OF CATHOLICS	CATHOLICS AS %	DIOCESAN	RELIGIOUS		MALE	FEMALE
KAMPALA ARCHDIOCESE	45	2,412,843	1,153,367	47.8%	211	39	4,613	221	525
KASANA-LUWEERO DIOCESE	14	586,117	187,950	32.1%	21	11	5,873	19	43
KIYINDA-MITYANA DIOCESE	23	725,400	317,763	43.8%	64	8	4,413	20	128
LUGAZI DIOCESE	20	978,952	413,417	42.2%	52	12	6,459	28	140
MASAKA DIOCESE	44	1,513,700	908,220	60.0%	183	4	4,856	114	308
GULU ARCHDIOCESE	23	886,800	447,600	50.5%	36	28	6,993	49	153
ARUA DIOCESE	28	1,223,857	587,600	48.0%	104	25	4,555	61	130
LIRA DIOCESE	18	1,750,200	980,000	55.0%	28	25	18,490	32	125
NEBBI DIOCESE	45	440,661	367,298	83.4%	44	14	6,332	1	23
MBARARA ARCHDIOCESE	25	1,950,000	900,000	46.2%	99	14	7,964	37	268
FORT PORTAL DIOCESE	18	1,176,244	548,244	46.6%	70	8	7,028	45	155
HOIMA DIOCESE	27	1,070,943	547,680	51.1%	83	8	6,018	19	139
KABALE DIOCESE	28	1,498,176	619,038	41.3%	85	13	6,316	19	184
KASESE DIOCESE	7	394,654	154,119	39.1%	20	7	5,708	11	27
TORORO ARCHDIOCESE	36	2,000,000	550,000	27.5%	58	13	7,746	24	146
JINJA DIOCESE	21	2,331,752	588,061	25.2%	48	34	7,171	157	114
KOTIDO DIOCESE	9	259,629	114,232	44.0%	10	13	4,966	16	24
MOROTO DIOCESE	10	362,791	152,372	42.0%	15	21	4,232	27	55
SOROTI DIOCESE	19	1,340,000	866,000	64.6%	33	8	21,121	8	47

ARCHDIOCESES / DIOCESES	ERECTED	PRESENT ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS	TOTAL AREA
KAMPALA ARCHDIOCESE	1880 (name changed 5 August 1966)	H.E. Emmanuel Cardinal Wamala Rt. Rev. Christopher Kakooza, Aux	1,407sq.mls. (3,644sq.kms.)
KASANA-LUWEERO DIOCESE	30 November 1996	Rt. Rev. Cyprian Lwanga	3,298sq.mls. (8,539sq.kms.)
KIYINDA-MITYANA DIOCESE	17 July 1981	Rt. Rev. Joseph Mukwaya	4,621sq.mls. (11,965sq.kms.)
LUGAZI DIOCESE	30 November 1996	Rt. Rev. Matthias Ssekamanya	1,774sq.mls. (4,594sq.kms.)
MASAKA DIOCESE	25 May 1939	Rt. Rev. John Baptist Kaggwa	8,226sq.mls. (21,299sq.kms.)
GULU ARCHDIOCESE	12 June 1923	Most Rev. John Baptist Odama	10,794sq.mls. (27,946sq.kms.)
ARUA DIOCESE	23 June 1958	Rt. Rev. Frederick Drandua	4,079sq.mls. (10,561sq.kms.)
LIRA DIOCESE	12 July 1968	Rt. Rev. Joseph Oyanga	4,646sq.mls. (12,030sq.kms.)
NEBBI DIOCESE	23 February 1996	Rt. Rev. Martin Luluga	1,969 sq.mls. (5,098 sq.kms.)
MBARARA ARCHDIOCESE	28 May 1934	Most Rev. Paul Bakyenga	4,241sq.mls. (10,980sq.kms.)
FORT PORTAL DIOCESE	21 February 1961	Rt. Rev. Robert Muhiirwa Rt. Rev. Joseph Mugenyi Sabiiti, Aux	3,689sq.mls. (9,553sq.kms.)
HOIMA DIOCESE	9 August 1965	Rt. Rev. Deogratias Byabazaire	6,643sq.mls. (17,200sq.kms.)
KABALE DIOCESE	1 February 1966	Rt. Rev. Callistus Rubaramira	2,058sq.mls. (5,330sq.kms.)
KASESE DIOCESE	6 March 1989	Rt. Rev. Egidio Nkaijanabwo	1,237sq.mls. (3,205sq.kms.)
TORORO ARCHDIOCESE	13 July 1894	Most Rev. James Odongo Rt. Rev. Charles Wamika, Aux.	3,413sq.mls. (8,837sq.kms.)
JINJA DIOCESE	10 June 1948	Rt. Rev. Joseph Willigers MHM	3,444sq.mls. (8,917sq.kms.)
KOTIDO DIOCESE	20 May 1991	Rt. Rev. Denis Kiwanuka	5,706sq.mls. (14,775sq.kms.)
MOROTO DIOCESE	22 March 1965	Rt. Rev. Henry Ssentongo	5,738sq.mls. (14,857sq.kms.)
SOROTI DIOCESE	29 November 1980	Rt. Rev. Erasmus D. Wandera	4,990sq.mls. (12,920sq.kms.)

**NOTE:** The first White Fathers, Fr. Lourdel and Bro. Amans, to arrive in Uganda crossed Lake Victoria and they landed at Entebbe on the 17th. February, 1879. They had an audience with Mutesa, the Buganda King, a few days later and gained permission to preach the Gospel. The first Catholics were baptised in 1880, but the White Fathers were forced to withdraw at the end of 1882 until their return in 1884. Today there are 46 White Fathers in Uganda and they are to be found in the Dioceses of Hoima, Jinja, Kabale, Kampala, Kasese, Kiyinda-Mityana, Mbarara, Moroto and Soroti.

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