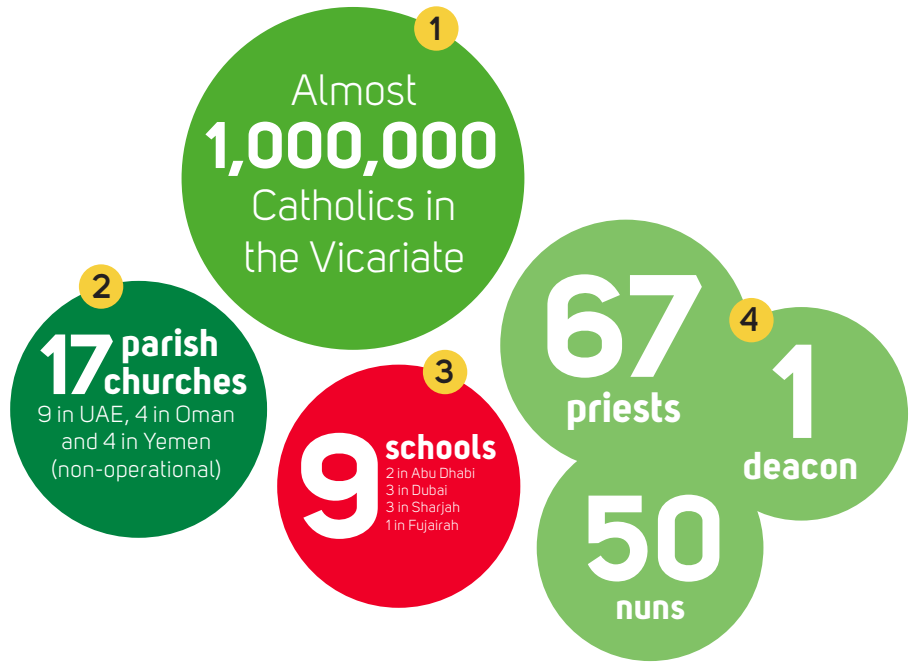


# FACTS

## ABOUT

- ❖ The Apostolic Vicariate of Southern Arabia (AVOSA) is a territorial jurisdiction of the Catholic Church covering the countries of United Arab Emirates, Oman and Yemen.
- ❖ The present Apostolic Vicar is Bishop Paul Hinder OFM Cap. who hails from Switzerland.
- ❖ The office of the Apostolic Vicar is based in St. Joseph's Cathedral in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates.



## A BRIEF HISTORY



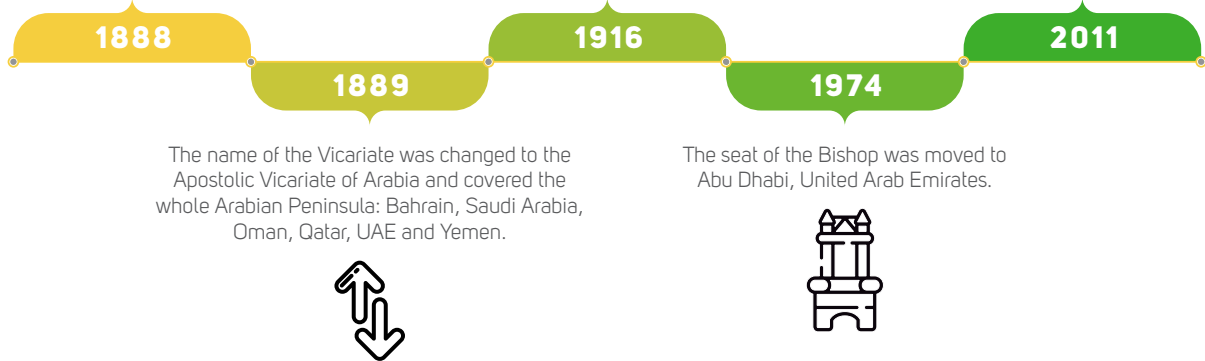
The first Vicariate in Arabia was established as the Apostolic Vicariate of Aden by Pope Leo XIII to tend to the care of the Catholics in the region.



The Vicariate was entrusted to the Capuchins of the Tuscan Province in Florence, Italy.



The Apostolic Vicariate of Arabia was divided into two: the Vicariates of Northern Arabia and Southern Arabia. With the Ius Commissionis, the responsibility to find mission personnel for Northern and Southern Vicariates was given to the General Superior of the Capuchin Franciscan Order.



## HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES

- ❖ Soon after the Vicariate took shape, the region had its first schools in the busy port of Aden.
- ❖ Humanitarian initiatives for the destitute and suffering including leprosariums and homes for the aged (some of which still continue to this day)

## OFFICES AND STAFF

- ❖ Headquartered in Abu Dhabi with administrative offices for dealing with pastoral, liturgical, ministerial, catechetical and canonical matters

## UPCOMING PROJECTS

- ❖ New Catholic School in Ras Al Khaimah
- ❖ New Church in Ruwais

