# Mapping Regional and Institutional History with ArcGIS

### GALILEO Annual Conference 2022

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### Archdiocese of Atlanta: An Overview

- 1790s Earliest Catholic settlements in the area
- 1956 State of Georgia separated into two separate dioceses: Diocese of Savannah and Diocese of Atlanta
- 1962 Elevated to Archdiocese of Atlanta



## Archdiocese of Atlanta: An Overview

- 69 counties across north Georgia
- 102 parishes and missions
- 24 Catholic schools
- 20 closed Catholic schools
- About 1.2 million Catholics



# Why a Story Map?



- Easy way to field general history questions
- Shows the physical growth of the archdiocese over time
- Community stories linked to physical places
- Historic places tell the story not only of the Church but of the region

# Why ArcGIS?

- From free options to more robust paid versions
  - We used the free web-based 'Classic' version
- App variations with different features to suit your needs
  - We used the 'Map Journal' to present a narrative history alongside a changing map

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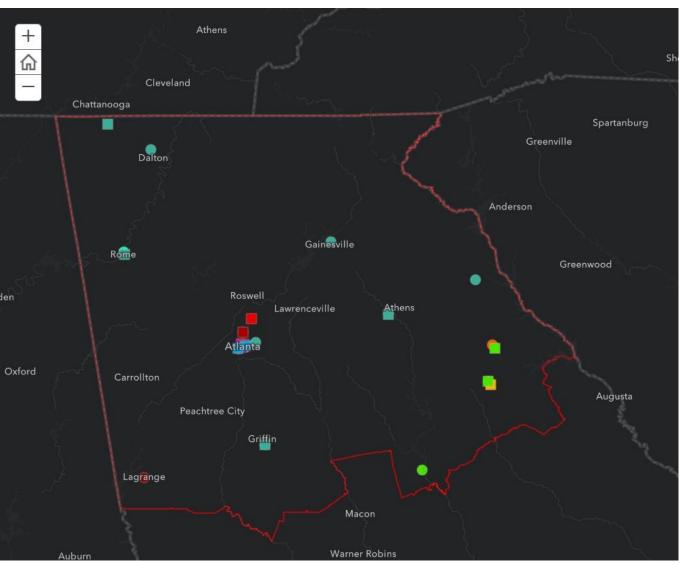
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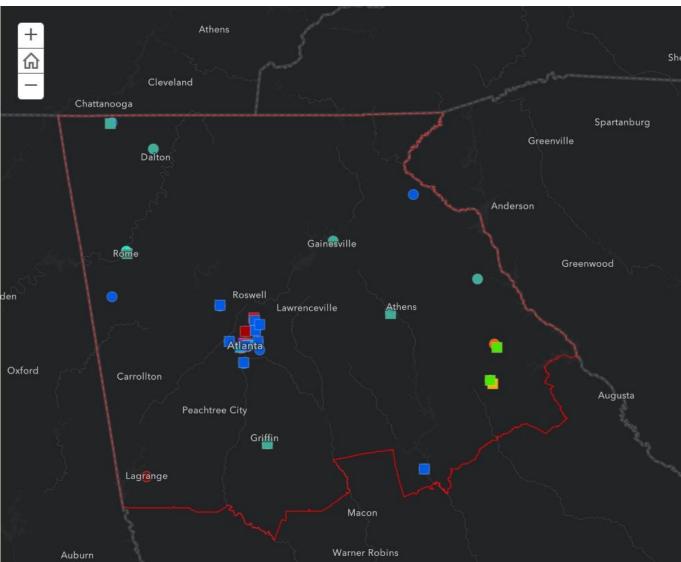
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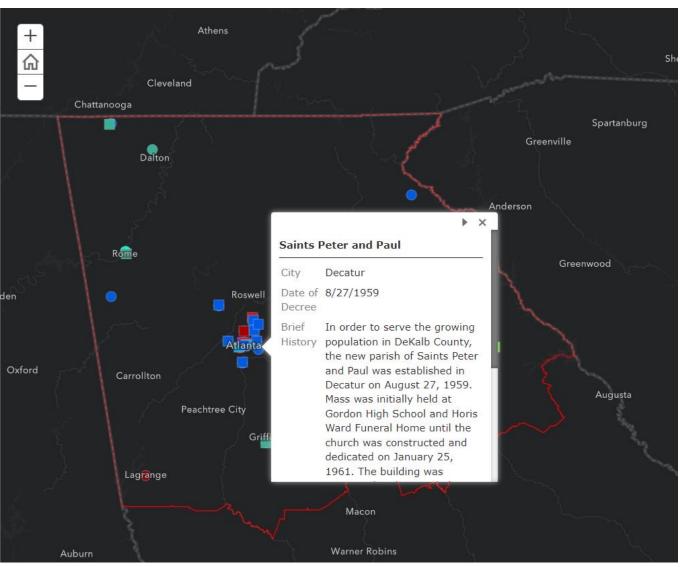
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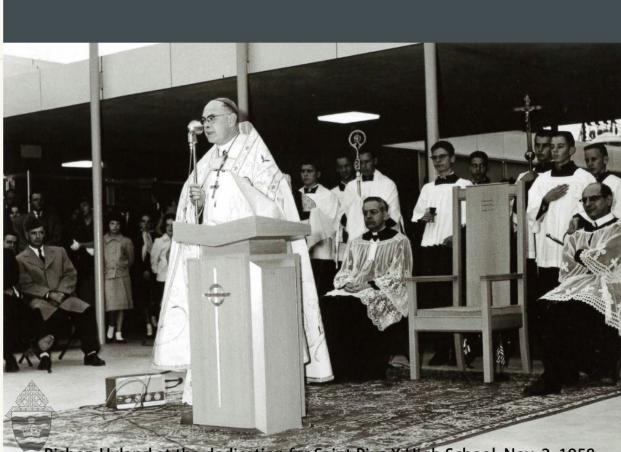
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### Office of Catholic Schools

When the Diocese of Atlanta was formed in 1956, the Office of Catholic Schools was established with Father Cornelius Maloney as the first Superintendent. He had previously been the Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Savannah-Atlanta before the two dioceses separated.

Work soon began on establishing new diocesan schools, including the state's first co-ed Catholic high school, Saint Pius X, in 1958. Two elementary schools also opened in the late 1950s, and Catholic education would continue to expand into the beginning of the next decade.

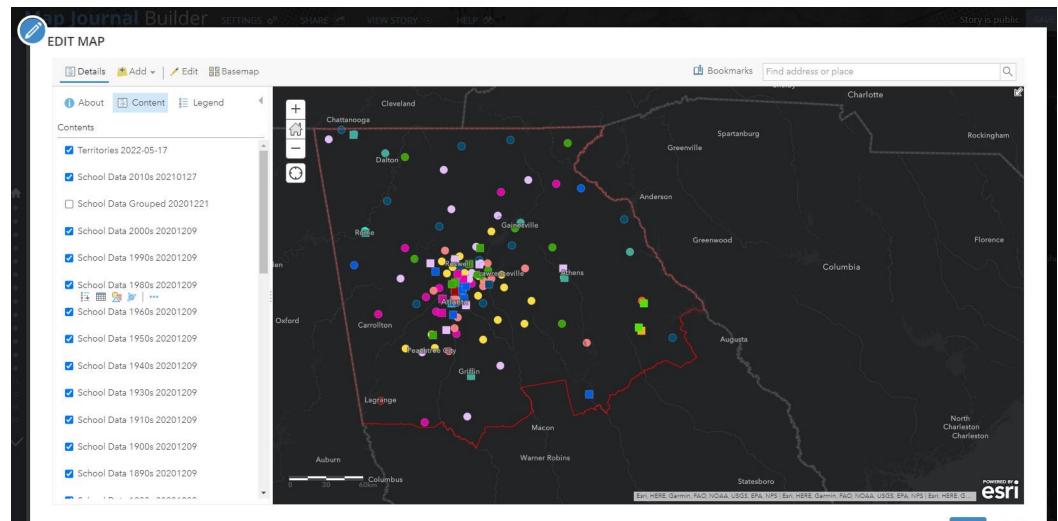


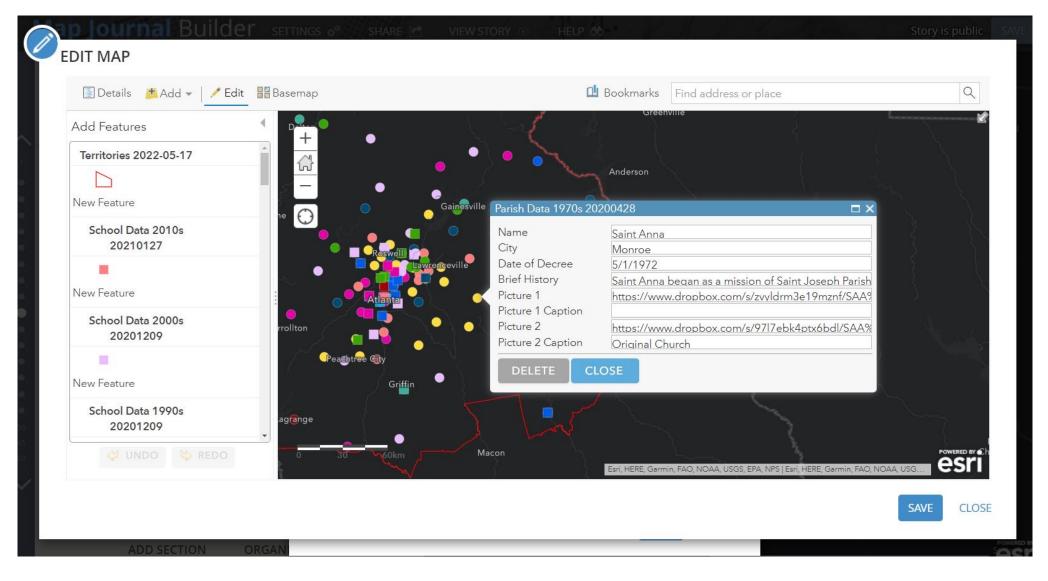
Bishop Hyland at the dedication for Saint Pius X High School, Nov. 2, 1958

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