

ARCHDIOCESAN FIREARMS POLICY

The Archdiocese of Chicago is committed to providing safe environments for the community. In the midst of a culture of violence, the Church is a staunch voice to call us to be a place of peace.

The Archdiocese has long had a best practice restricting the presence of firearms in our facilities. Most of our buildings display signage, consistent with the laws of the State of Illinois, indicating that these weapons are prohibited on the premises. Cardinal Cupich recently distributed a Policy aimed at updating and clarifying the Archdiocese's position on the prohibition of firearms on all property it owns and controls.

The Archdiocese respects the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and recognizes the right to lawfully possess a firearm for personal protection, hunting, or other sports. The Archdiocese has sought to balance the rights of all who visit our properties with the need to protect children, the elderly and other vulnerable populations. However, this Policy is rooted in the belief that our churches and community spaces are intended to be sacred sites where people come to gather, pray, and worship God. There are exceptions to this policy for law enforcement officers, and authorized security personnel.

For more information about this Policy, please visit [archchicago.org](https://www.archchicago.org).

