

Bishop Frank Yohana Kalabat heads the Chaldean Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle in Detroit. The eparchy is comprised of 12 parishes, serving a Chaldean Catholic population of approximately 200,000 people. Bishop Kalabat is the founder of the Metro Detroit-based Eastern Catholic Re-Evangelization Center. He was born in Kuwait and grew up in San Diego. The Eparchy is an important center for diaspora Iraqi Chaldeans to stay in touch with and support the Chaldean Church in Iraq proper, more than half of whose remaining approximately 250,000 faithful have sought refuge from the ravages of ISIS in Kurdish Iraq, home to the Chaldean Archdiocese of Erbil, the Kurdish capital.