

Data Report - The Archdiocese of St. Louis Summary Overview

Installment #6



Number of Priests

At present the Archdiocese of St. Louis has a limited number of priests to appropriately serve parish pastoral needs. Priests serving in parishes need to be realigned to better provide pastoral care.

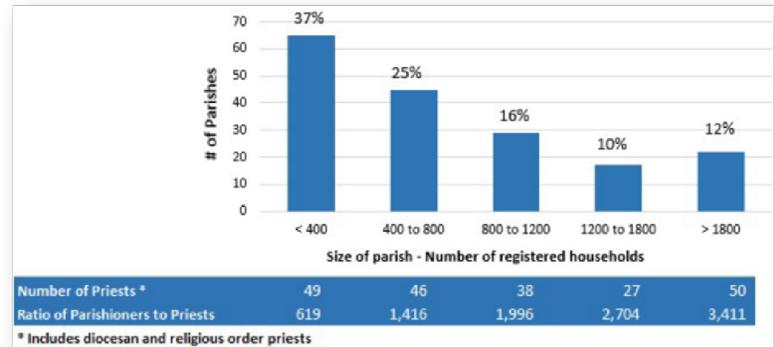
- 23% serve parishes smaller than 400 households (619 Catholics per priest)
- 22% serve parishes with 400 to 800 households (1416 Catholics per priest)
- 18% serve parishes with 800 to 1200 households (1996 Catholics per priest)
- 13% serve parishes with 1200 to 1800 households (2704 Catholics per priest)
- 24% serve parishes with over 1800 households (3411 Catholics per priest)

By 2026, we will have fewer diocesan priests to serve in parishes than the number of parishes we have.

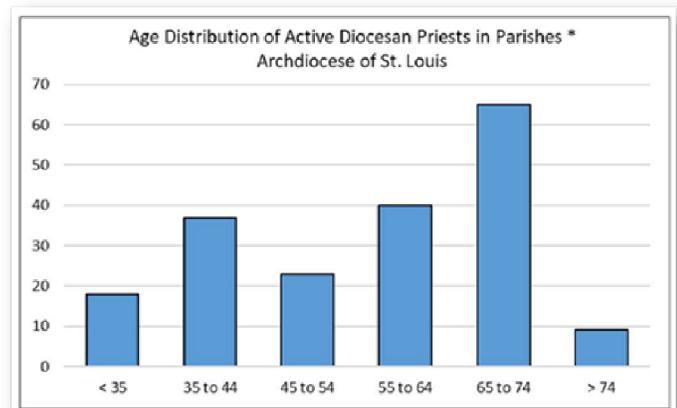
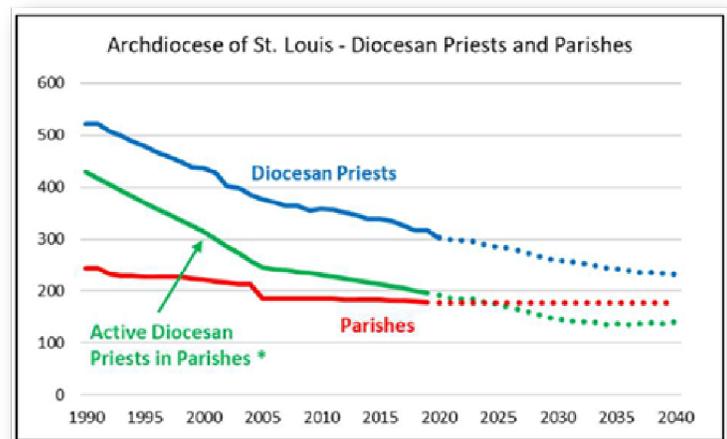
Age Distribution of Active Diocesan Priests in Parishes

Within the archdiocese, of St. Louis, this year, 2022, we ordained only 2 new priests. Here is what else we are looking at:

- Two currently active pastors are 90 years old, another is 82, and 3 others are already 75.
- 27 currently active pastors will turn 75 in the next 5 years
- In total, 33 currently active pastors are due to retire within 5 years
- 41 more priests, currently either pastors or full-time senior associates, are over 65 and will retire within the next 10 years
- Only 27 priests currently serving full-time in parishes are under 50 years old.



Diocesan Priests and Parishes



Seminarians: possible ordinations in the coming years if they all see it through

- 2023 = 4 currently transitional deacons
- 2024 = 0 currently 2nd year Theology
- 2025 = 3 currently 1st year Theology
- 2026 = 9 currently College Seniors and Pre-Theology 2
- 2027 = 10, currently College Juniors and Pre-Theology 1
- 2028 = 2, currently College Sophomores
- 2029 = 4, currently College Freshmen
- 32 total in formation plus 4 currently on a pastoral internship year

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- 88% of our parishioners have never invited a man to priesthood
- 85% of our parishioners have never invited another to consider a vocation to religious life

Consider the opportunities you may have to impact these statistics and the reality we face!

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