

**Diocese of Syracuse**

240 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13202

Background Information on 22 February 2015

**General Overview**

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**Chart 1: Diocesan Priests 1974 to Present: (current)**

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015 Feb</u>
TOTAL PRIESTS	400	401	377	368	340	288	281	273	251	222	212	202
Active Under 45	203	171	134	106	69	27	25	20	17	14	16	16
Active Age 45-69	161	192	190	206	217	171	164	123	106	91	72	80
Active Age 70 & above	36	39	53	58	54	29	24	42	46	30	43*	41 + rjc
Retired [Those in the diocesan priest retirement system]							68	88	82	87	81	76

- 2015 Count, 16 are over 75; the July 2015 count will match.

**Chart 2: Diocesan Priests by current assignment**

Presently we have:	<u>1 Jan 1993</u>	<u>July 1998</u>	<u>July 2001</u>	<u>July 2005</u>	<u>July 2008</u>	<u>July 2011</u>	<u>July 2013</u>	<u>Feb 2015</u>
Bishops	2	2	2	1 act/1ret	1/1	1 & 2 ret	1	1
Pastors	161	154	148	135	116	105	97	93
Parochial Vicars	41 + 4 spir	18	18	11	13	5	10	10
Specialized Ministry	65	37	28	21	24	15	9	9
Outside the Diocese	12	15	11	9	10	5	7	8
Sick leave/LOA/waiting	10	6	5	3	2	3	6	4
Sabbatical		3	1	4	2	1	-	1
Total	295	235	213	185	169	135	129	126
Total with Retired	340	298	281	273	251	222	212	202
Active Diocesan Priests*	273	211	196	168	155	126	117*	113*

Currently active inside the Diocese includes Bishops, Pastors, Parochial Vicars, and Specialized Ministries.

**2013 Projection of the number of priests available for assignment**

A cautionary note for the readers of this table is that this is a simple straight line projection based on birthdates of those who are clergy serving between the ages of 26 and 75, the Canonical retirement age on 7/1/2013. All incardinated diocesan priests are included in this accounting without regard for the location of their assignment (out-of-diocese or current situation (personal or sick leave)).

<u>Category:</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Active Priests:	140		133							
Under 45	14	14	15	15	15	14	13	12	10	9
Age 45-69	90	86	79	71	68	67	66	63	60	56
Age 70-75	16	17	23	28	29	25	24	19	17	19
Total 26-75	120	116	117	114	112	106	103	94	87	84
Projected Ordinations:	-	-	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	[2021 [0]; 2022 [1]]

**Note: Other active members of the Presbyterate, who are not noted in this planning projection, are generously serving beyond their 75<sup>th</sup> year.**

Note 2: This projection raises the question of the pastoral implications of assigning priests in a geographic distribution based on size of the active Catholic population in each county.

**Active Permanent Deacons [data is based on the age on 1 July]**

	<u>Total</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>South</u>	
Over 75	10	--	2	5	3	
70-75	6	1	1	4	0	
45-70	<u>48</u>	3	13	24	8	
	64					retired 17      on-leave 6

Diocesan Data shared by parishes for publication in the National Catholic Directory [The Kenedy Directory]

<b>Diocese</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1979</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Act. 2010</b>	<b>Act. 2013</b>	<b>Worthy of Note</b>
Baptism: Infants	7864	7882	7397	7290	6963	5699	4601	3655	3130	2877	
Baptism: Adults	479	725	595	144	345	425	308	221	102	130	new Tracking starts 89
IntoFull Communion				289	547	612	528	411	252	335	new Tracking starts 89
First Eucharist				5537	6118	4734	4763	3846	3233	3102	Tracking starts 89
Confirmation				4657	4180	3946	4245	3896	3177	2819	Tracking starts 89
Marriages	3876	3535	3789	3343	2718	2083	1681	1310	1015	933	
Funerals	3948	4197	4425	4832	4565	4365	4417	4037	3822	4139	
DHS/Students	13 w. 6238	7 w. 4609	7 w. 3359	6 w.2248	5 w. 2878	5 w. 2113	5 w. 2285	5 w. 2366	5 w. 1548	4 w 1392	Dio High Schools
DES/Students	69/19112	64/15982	62/12659	57/9622	52/9797	43/10554	29/6096	24/5064	19w 3970	18 w.2649	Dio Elem Schools
HS RE	14495	5883*	10765	9922	8056	8058	6500	8399	6351	5386	79 add Confirmands
Elem RE	52939	45333	34747	29394	33291	33291	28939	24562	20152	15111	
Sisters	906	798	696	620	551	497	378	338	301	213	Note: OFS Court St
Deacons, permanent	0	27	41	49	59	67	78	90	82	70	

Notations:

- The data spans 38 years
- The data fields for those received into full Communion with the Church, First Eucharist and Confirmation were added in 1989
- The DHS and DES categories are related to Diocesan Catholic High and Elementary schools. The data are #of school/number of students
- In the statistics of the Sisters, we note our gratitude for the presence of all of the orders and note that the Motherhouse for the Franciscan Sisters is located on Court Street.
- As reported by the NYS Department of Education and youth serving organizations, there has been a significant drop in the total number of youth available to participate in all levels of activity. This decline began prior to the year 2000 and extends for at least another decade.