

# The Catholic Church in the United States At A Glance

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(Figures Represent the U.S. Catholic Church Through 2009 Unless Otherwise Indicated)

## Laity

There are **68,503,456** Catholics in the United States<sup>1</sup> (22% of the U.S. population), and **1.1 billion** Catholics worldwide<sup>2</sup>.

## New Church Members<sup>3</sup>

Infant Baptisms:**857,410**

Adult Baptisms:**43,279**

Received into Full Communion:**75,724**

## Dioceses and Archdioceses<sup>4</sup>

In the United States, there are **195** archdioceses and dioceses and one apostolic exarchate:

**145** Latin Catholic dioceses

**33** Latin Catholic archdioceses

**15** Eastern Catholic dioceses

**2** Eastern Catholic archdioceses

**1** apostolic exarchate for Syro-Malankara Catholic Church

Currently, **3** dioceses are vacant (*sede vacante*):

- Joliet
- Pittsburgh (Ruthenian)
- Rapid City

## Clergy and Religious

### United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is an assembly of the hierarchy of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

### Cardinals

There are **18 U.S. Cardinals** and **Cardinals designate**

- **6** Cardinals currently lead U.S. archdioceses
  - Cardinal Daniel DiNardo* - Galveston-Houston
  - Cardinal Francis George* - Chicago
  - Cardinal Roger Mahony* - Los Angeles
  - Cardinal Sean O'Malley* - Boston

*Cardinal Justin Rigali* - Philadelphia  
*Cardinal-designate Donald Wuerl* - Washington

- **4** U.S. Cardinals are not currently diocesan bishops  
*Cardinal-designate Raymond L. Burke* - Prefect, Apostolic Signatura  
*Cardinal John P. Foley* - Grand Master of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher  
*Cardinal Bernard F. Law* - Archpriest of St. Mary Major Basilica, Rome  
*Cardinal William J. Levada*, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
- **8** U.S Cardinals are retired  
*Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua* - Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia  
*Cardinal William Baum* - Major Penitentiary Emeritus  
*Cardinal Edward Egan* - Archbishop Emeritus of New York  
*Cardinal William Keeler* - Archbishop Emeritus of Baltimore  
*Cardinal Adam Maida* - Archbishop Emeritus of Detroit  
*Cardinal Theodore McCarrick* - Archbishop Emeritus of Washington  
*Cardinal James Stafford* - Major Penitentiary  
*Cardinal Edmund Szoka* - Former President, Pontifical Commission for Vatican City

## **Bishops**

There are **430** active and retired U.S. bishops in the United States:

- **259 Active Bishops:**
  - **5** Cardinal Archbishops
  - **29** Archbishops
  - **1** Coadjutor Archbishop
  - **153** Diocesan Bishops
  - **70** Auxiliary Bishops
  - **1** Coadjutor Bishop
- **171 Retired Bishops:**
  - **8** retired Cardinal Archbishops
  - **19** retired Archbishops
  - **94** retired Diocesan Bishops
  - **50** retired Auxiliary Bishops

## **Priests<sup>5</sup>**

There are **40,788** diocesan and religious-order priests in the United States.

- **27,614** diocesan priests
- **13,174** religious-order priests (Jesuits, Dominicans, Franciscans, etc.)

## **Seminarians<sup>6</sup>**

There are **5,131** seminarians enrolled in the United States.

- **3,319** enrolled in diocesan seminaries
- **1,812** enrolled in religious-order seminaries

## **Permanent Deacons<sup>7</sup>**

There are **17,165** men who are ordained as permanent deacons in the United States. A permanent deacon is a man, either married or single, who is ordained to the order of deacons, the first of three ranks in ordained ministry. They assist priests in administrative and pastoral roles.

## **Vowed Religious<sup>8</sup>**

- Sisters: **58,724**
- Brothers: **4,737**

## **Catholic Education<sup>9</sup>**

- Total Catholic elementary and high school enrollment: **2,119,341**
- Elementary Schools: **5,889** schools educating **1,507,618** students
- High Schools: **1,205** schools educating **611,723** students
- Colleges and Universities: **234** institutions educating **768,541** students<sup>10</sup>
- Non-residential Schools for Handicapped Persons: **66** schools educating **6,329** students
- Public School Students Receiving Religious Education: <sup>11</sup>
  - Elementary School students: **3,145,424**
  - High School students: **689,552**

## **Catholic Health Care<sup>12</sup>**

- Hospitals: **561** Catholic hospitals treated **86,525,713** patients
- Other Health Care Centers: **380** centers treated **6,332,721** patients
- Specialized Homes: **1,593** assisted **1,600,986** residents
- Residential Care of Children: **358** locations assisted **28,663** residents

## **Catholic Charities**

### **Social Services<sup>13</sup>**

More than **1,688** local Catholic Charities agencies and institutions provided services to **8,522,997** unduplicated individuals in need of help in 2004.

- **Provided Services that Build Strong Communities to 3,646,222 people**
  - Social support services 1,837,964
  - Education and enrichment 775,968
  - Socialization and neighborhood services 359,574
  - Health-related services 276,400
  - Services to at-risk populations 396,316
- **Provided Food Services to 6,287,891 people**
  - Food banks and food pantries 2,984,089

Soup kitchens 1,247,290  
Congregate dining 1,291,982  
Home delivered meals 274,253  
Other food services 490,277

● **Provided Services that Strengthen Families to 1,071,463 people**

Counseling and mental health services 387,856  
Immigration services 350,164  
Addiction services 94,027  
Refugee services 92,034  
Pregnancy services 98,064  
Adoption services 49,318

● **Provided Housing Related Services to 598,953 people**

Counseling and Assistance 203,063  
Temporary shelter 251,671  
Supervised living 70,121  
Permanent housing 52,384  
Transitional housing 21,715

● **Provided Other Basic Needs Services to 1,741,844 people**

Financial Assistance (not rent, mortgage, etc.) 176,304  
Clothing Assistance 592,899  
Utilities Assistance 330,721  
Assistance with Purchase of Prescriptions 47,484  
Additional Other Basic Needs Assistance 594,436

● **Provided Disaster Services to 331,727 people**

<sup>1</sup> *The Official Catholic Directory 2010*, P.J. Kenedy & Sons, New Providence, NJ. 2006

<sup>2</sup> Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, *Frequently Requested Catholic Church Statistics*

<sup>3</sup> *The Official Catholic Directory 2010, General Summary.*

<sup>4</sup> United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2009.

<sup>5</sup> *The Official Catholic Directory 2010, General Summary.*

<sup>6</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>8</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>9</sup> National Catholic Educational Association, *United States Catholic Elementary and Secondary 2009-2010 The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing*

<sup>10</sup> *The Official Catholic Directory 2010, General Summary.*

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<sup>12</sup> *The Official Catholic Directory 2010, General Summary.*

<sup>13</sup> Catholic Charities USA 2008 *Annual Survey At A Glance.*