

**CARA Research Report
Current US Catholic Data**

	1965	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2016	2017
1. Total priests	58,632	59,192	58,909	58,398	57,317	52,124	49,054	45,699	41,399	39,993	37,192	37,181
2. Diocesan priests	35,925	37,272	36,005	35,627	35,052	34,114	32,349	30,607	28,094	27,182	25,760	25,757
Religious priests	22,707	21,920	22,904	22,771	22,265	18,010	16,705	15,092	13,305	12,811	11,432	11,424
Religious sisters	179,954	160,931	135,225	126,517	115,386	102,504	90,809	79,814	68,634	57,544	47,170	45,605
3. Priestly ordinations	994	805	771	593	533	595	511	442	454	459	548	504
4. Graduate-level seminarians	8,325	6,602	5,279	4,197	4,063	3,658	3,172	3,474	3,308	3,483	3,520	3,405
Parishes	17,637	18,224	18,515	18,794	19,244	19,620	19,331	19,236	18,891	17,958	17,233	17,156
Parishes without a resident priest pastor	549	571	702	791	1,051	1,812	2,161	2,843	3,251	3,353	3,499	3,552
% of diocesan priests active in ministry	94%	90%	88%	85%	84%	80%	76%	74%	70%	68%	63%	63%
5. Catholic population (<i>The Official Catholic L</i>)	46.3m	47.9m	48.7m	50.5m	52.3m	55.7m	57.4m	59.9m	64.8m	65.6m	67.7m	68.5m
6. Foreign-born adult Catholics (survey-based)	--	--	4.7m	4.1m	4.8m	5.6m	7.0m	10.9m	15.8m	13.2m	15.1m	16.9m

Only 5% of priests in the US identify as Hispanic or Latino. Hispanic Catholics make up 35% of US Catholics