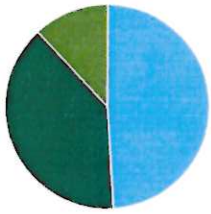


FACT SHEET

According to reports from 160 parishes, we are seeing...



49%

DECLINE
IN REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

39%

INCREASE

12%

THE SAME

59%

PARISHES REPORT
negative net operating balance

60%
OF PARISHIONERS
are over the age of 66

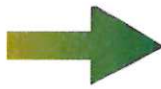
THE DIOCESE FACES MULTIPLE CRITICAL CHALLENGES:

- Financial strain due to Chapter 11
- Significant priest shortage
- Declining Mass attendance
- Decline in younger congregation
- Excess property maintenance

SACRAMENTALS ARE DOWN

52%
OF PARISHES

ONE BAPTISM
A MONTH WITH
59% PARISHES
HAVE A STEADY
DECLINE



59%
OF PARISHES

ARE
EXPERIENCING
A STEADY
DECLINE IN
BAPTISMS

76%
OF PARISHES

IN S. ERIE
& N. ERIE WITH
LESS THAN
ONE MONTHLY
BAPTISM



24%
DECREASE

IN MARRIAGES FROM
2020 TO 2023 IN THE
DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

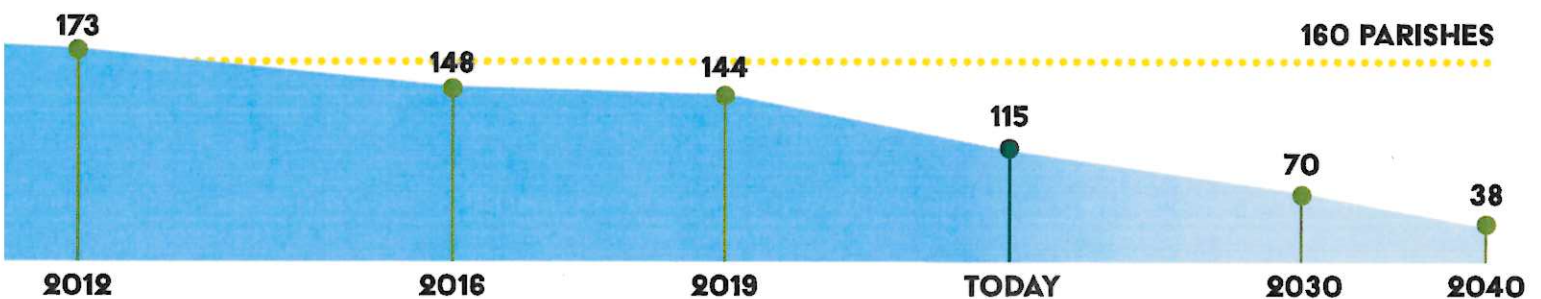
PRIEST SHORTAGE

The number of diocesan priests available are declining.

76
IS THE AVERAGE AGE
of our Diocesan priests



2030
63%
OF DIOCESAN PRIESTS
will be between age of 65 and 70



Recommendations for Family #21

1. Projected number of active priests for this family by 2030 = 1
2. Based upon scoring and metrics, it is recommended that the family rightsize and reshape this family evaluating the following recommendations:
 - a. Continue the merger of St. Lawrence parish with Blessed Trinity with the sale of the St. Lawrence property.
 - b. SS. Columba Brigid Parish is recommended to merge with St. Stanislaus.
 - c. An evaluation of necessary property. The Family Promise program at SS. Columba Brigid needs to be considered in this decision.
 - d. Hispanic ministry will move to St. Stanislaus with a Spanish Mass being offered on Sundays.
 - e. Monitor Blessed Trinity and St. Martin de Porres on a yearly basis to determine viability.

Justification

1. The St. Lawrence merger is already underway.
2. SS. Columba Brigid location to St. Stanislaus is 1.1 miles.
3. Strategic decision to bring communities together because of their location and allow SS. Columba Brigid to expand ministry of St. Stanislaus.
4. Monitoring of the other two parishes in this family on a yearly basis will be essential so that at the first sign of non-viability the situation can be addressed.