



REALITIES THE CHURCH IS FACING

IN 2019

FAITHFUL SERVANTS



We are blessed with about 73 priests in active ministry in our parishes, along with many retired priests who continue to serve the people of God.

MANY YEARS OF SERVICE



There are 13 priests active in parish ministry who are at least 71 years old. In addition, 24 priests are 61-70 years old. Over half of our priests are 61 & above.

DOUBLE DUTY



About 40% of our priests have multiple ministries, parishes, and/or worship sites on their list of responsibilities.

ATTENDANCE DECLINE



Since the year 2000, Mass attendance has decreased over 50% in the diocese.

THE CHURCH HALF FULL



There are 234 Masses celebrated each weekend throughout the diocese. The building is less than half full in 77% of these.

COME HOLY SPIRIT!



All baptized disciples of Christ need to pray for our priests and for vocations and use their time, talents, and treasure to support their local communities of faith.