



Analysis of Diocesan Data from 2015-2021

Source of Information: Official Catholic Directory

Healthy Criteria Points:

1. Ordaining 1 new priest for every 100,000 Catholics in diocese per year
2. Diocese has enough seminarians to support ordinations needed, determined in point #1
3. Fewer than 15% of priests are extern priests (not incardinated into a diocese, e.g., missionary priest)
4. Fewer than 15% of parishes without a resident priest

Healthy (meets or exceeds all above criteria)

13 Dioceses

- Covington, Kentucky
- Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
- Lafayette-in-Indiana, Indiana
- Lafayette, Louisiana
- Lake Charles, Louisiana
- Lansing, Michigan
- Lexington, Kentucky
- Louisville, Kentucky
- Monterey, California
- Peoria, Illinois
- The Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter
- Worcester, Massachusetts
- Youngstown, Ohio

Borderline Healthy (needs improvement in one of the four above criteria)

36 Dioceses

- Arlington, Virginia
- Alexandria, Louisiana
- Biloxi, Mississippi
- Birmingham, Alabama
- Bismarck, North Dakota
- Cleveland, Ohio
- Columbus, Ohio
- Denver, Colorado
- Evansville, Indiana
- Fargo, North Dakota
- Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana
- Grand Island, Nebraska
- Grand Rapid, Michigan
- Houma-Thibodeaux, Louisiana
- Kansas City-St Joseph, Missouri
- Lincoln, Nebraska
- Madison, Wisconsin
- Marquette, Michigan
- Memphis, Tennessee
- Miami, Florida
- Mobile, Alabama
- Nashville, Tennessee
- Knoxville, Tennessee
- Ogdensburg, New York
- Patterson, New Jersey
- Pensacola-Tallahassee, Florida
- St Augustine, Florida
- St Louis, Missouri
- Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Savannah, Georgia
- Shreveport, Louisiana
- Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- Steubenville, Ohio
- Tyler, Texas
- Washington, District of Columbia
- Wichita, Kansas

Maintaining (needs improvement in two of the four above criteria)

76 - Dioceses

Unhealthy (needs improvement in three or more of the following criteria)

Unhealthy Criteria Points:

1. Not ordaining 1 new priest for every 100,000 Catholics in diocese per year
2. Diocese does not have enough seminarians to support ordinations needed, determined in point #1
3. More than 50% of priests are extern priests (not incardinated into a diocese, e.g., missionary priest)
4. More than 50% of parishes without a resident priest

52 - Dioceses

- Amarillo, Texas
- Austin, Texas
- Beaumont, Texas
- Boston, Massachusetts
- Bridgeport, Connecticut
- Brooklyn, New York
- Colorado Springs, Colorado
- El Paso, Texas
- Fairbanks, Alaska
- Fort Worth, Texas
- Fresno, California
- Galveston-Houston, Texas
- Great Falls-Billings, Montana
- Green Bay, Wisconsin
- Greensburg, Pennsylvania
- Hartford, Connecticut
- Honolulu, Hawaii
- Juneau, Alaska
- Laredo, Texas
- Las Vegas, Nevada
- Los Angeles, California
- Lubbock, Texas
- Manchester, New Hampshire
- New York, New York
- Oakland, California
- Orange, California
- Orlando, Florida
- Palm Beach, Florida
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Phoenix, Arizona
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Portland, Maine
- Portland, Oregon
- Rapid City, South Dakota
- Rockefeller Center, New York
- Sacramento, California
- Salt Lake City, Utah
- San Antonio, Texas
- San Bernadino, California
- San Diego, California
- San Francisco, California
- San Jose, California
- Santa Rosa, California
- Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Seattle Washington
- Stockton, California
- Superior, Wisconsin
- Syracuse, New York
- Tucson, Arizona
- Venice, Florida
- Wilmington, Delaware
- Winona-Rochester, Minnesota

*Does not take into account retirement rate of priests, as that number is not published.