

**STEP
01**

Aug. - Nov. 2021

Priests review DRAFTs

All parishes host 2 sessions for parishioners to review DRAFTs

**STEP
02**

Nov. - Dec. 2021

Diocese and CLI analyze feedback and make revisions

**STEP
03**

Jan. - Mar. 2022

Priests and Parish Leaders review second DRAFTs

**STEP
04**

Apr. - May 2022

Commission receives feedback and makes recommendations to Bishop

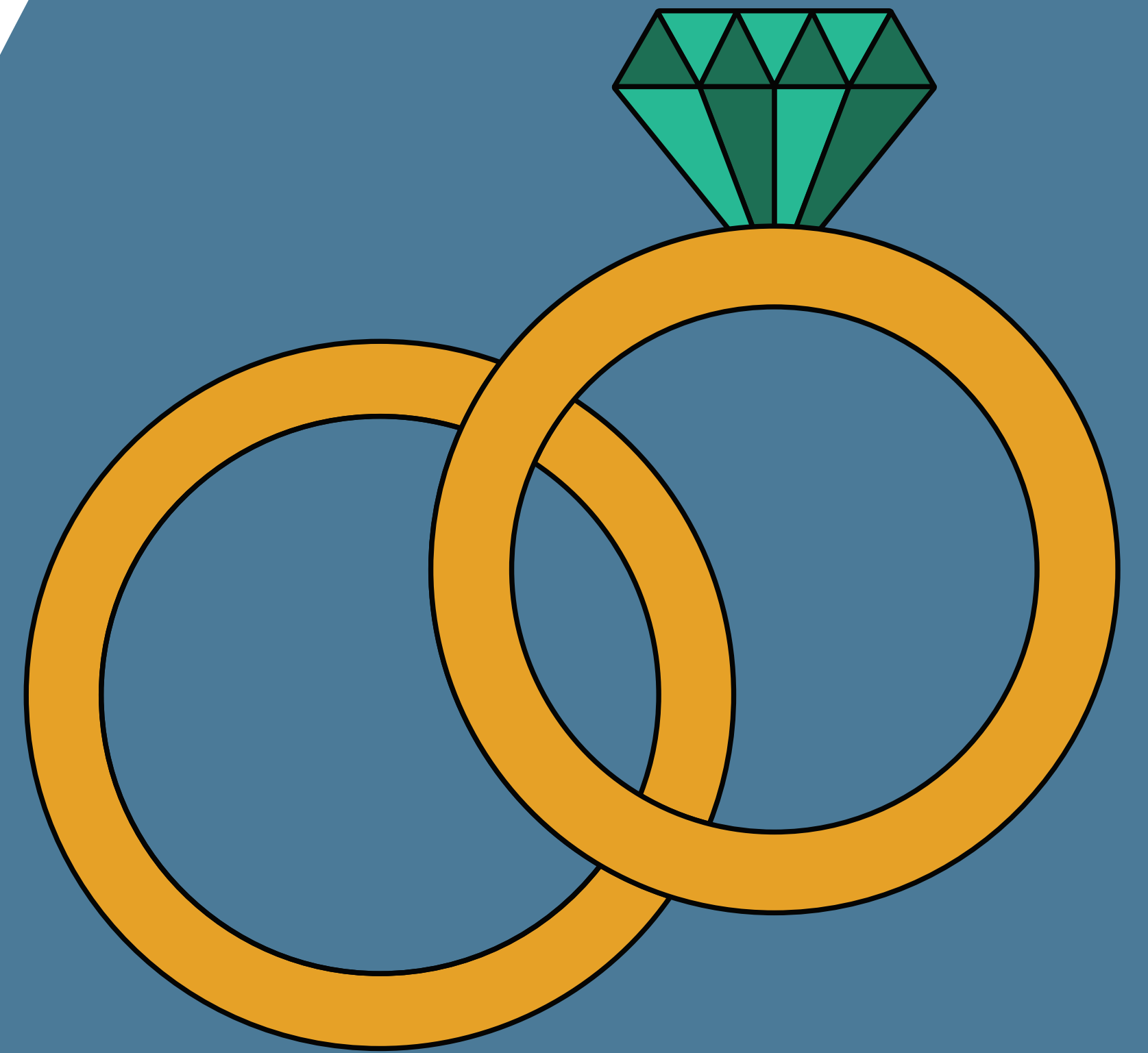
**STEP
05**

May - July 2022

Bishop discerns with Presbyteral Council and shares decisions including timeline execution

Since 1990
Catholic marriages
are down

55%



1 in 5

Children baptized
DO NOT receive
First Communion



2 in 5

Children baptized are
NOT Confirmed



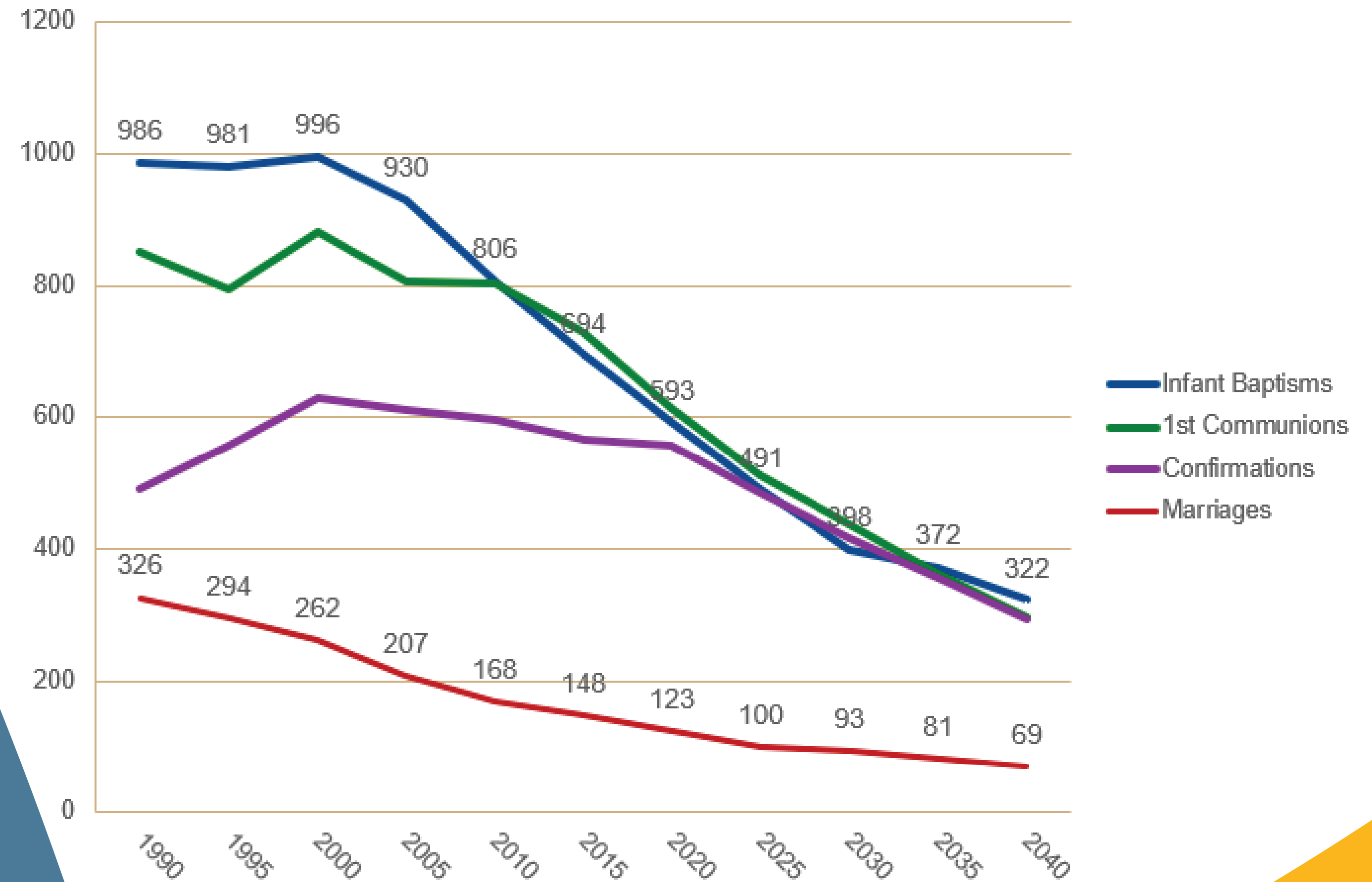
85%

of children Confirmed
STOP practicing their
faith by age 21



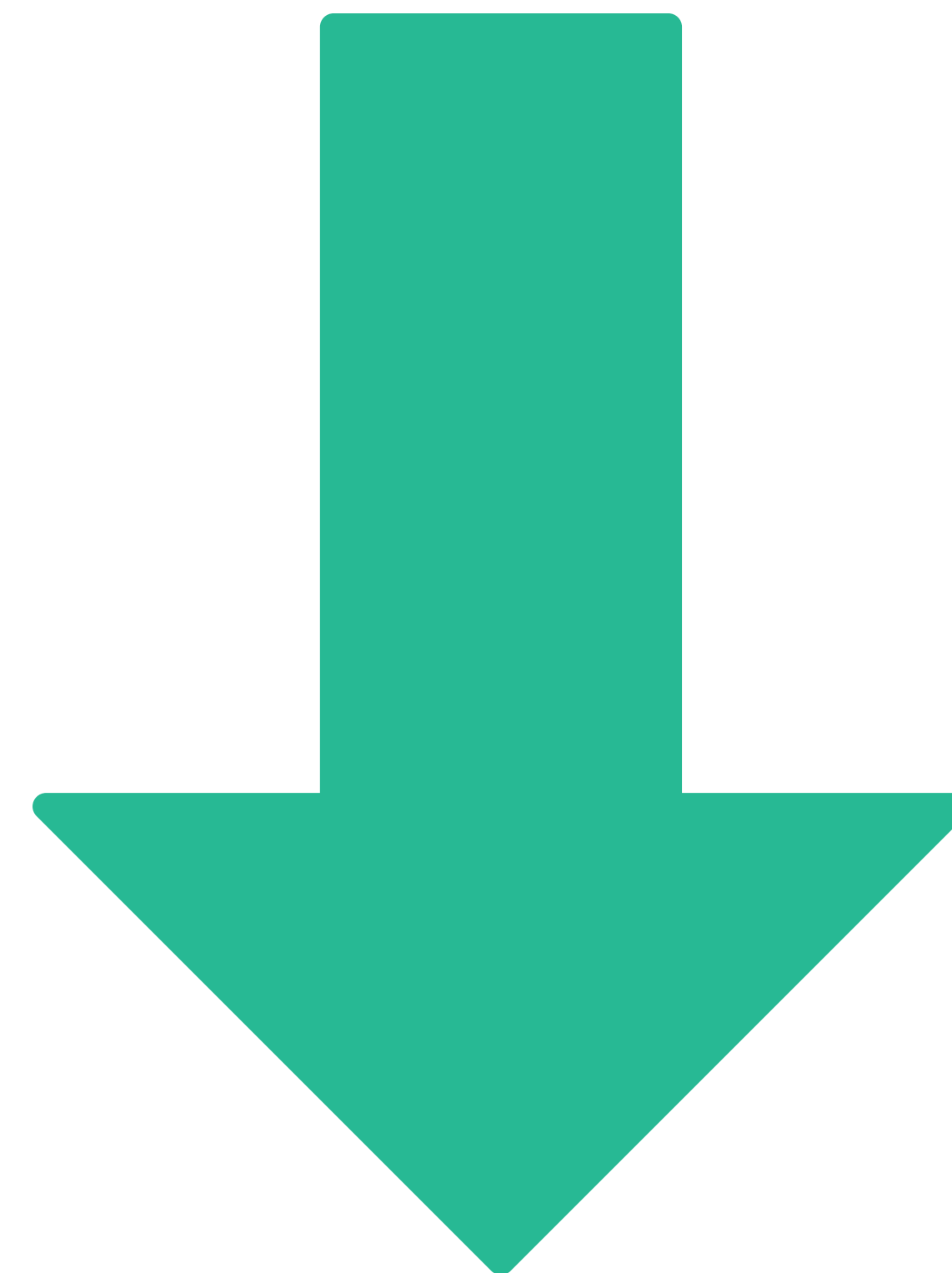
Sacramental Decline

U.S. Catholic Church
Sacramental Forecast
1990 - 2040 (000's)



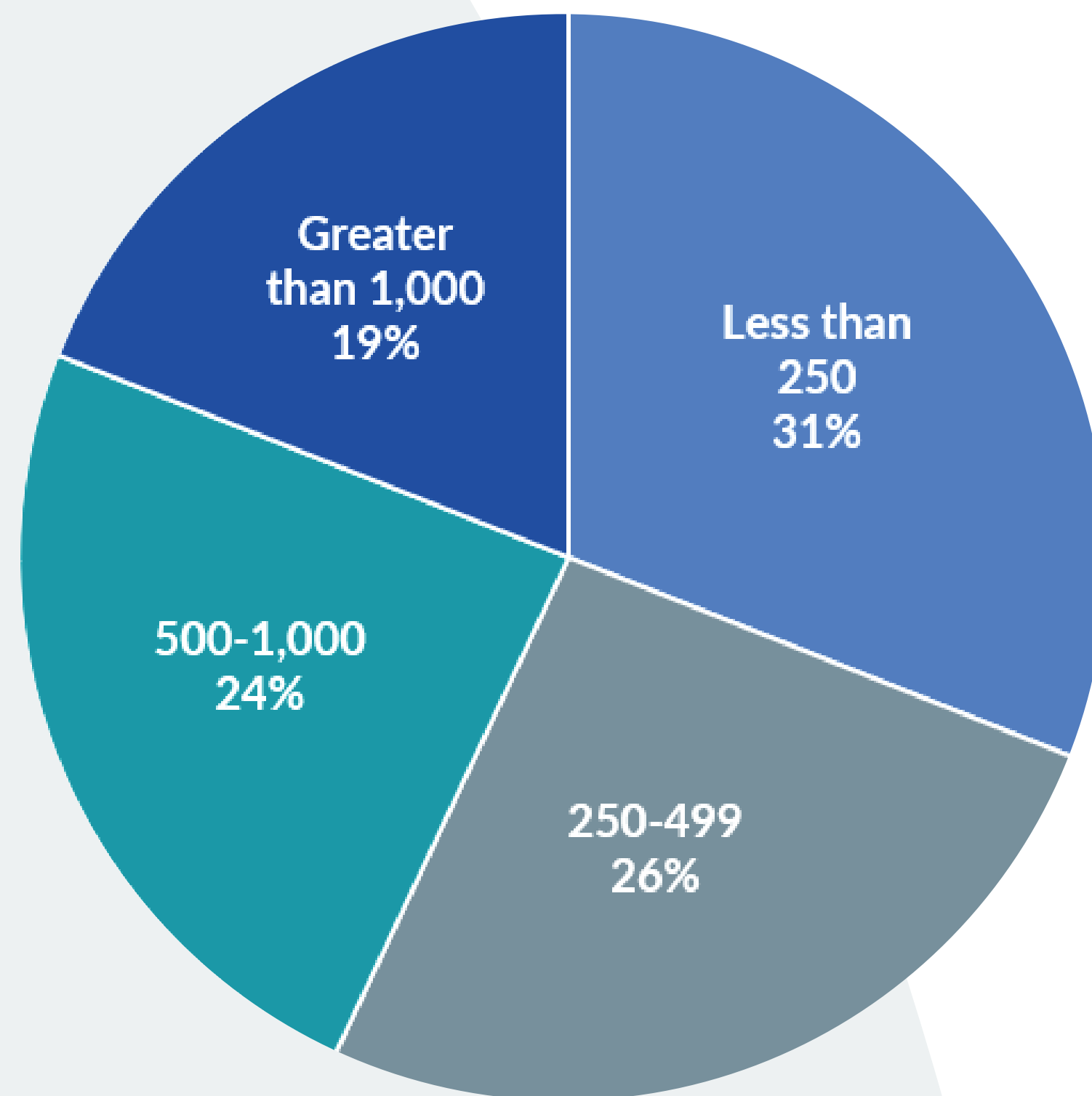
Columbus Mass Attendance
DECLINED 18% IN

10 yrs



Smaller parishes have fewer financial resources

Percent of Parishes by 2019 Weekend Attendance



More than half of parishes have fewer than 500 people at Mass on the weekend.

These parishes average annual offertory is between \$131k - \$279k.

Parishes with at least 500 attendees have at least double, if not triple the resources to invest in maintenance but more importantly ministry and outreach.

Columbus priests available in 6-8 years

Projected number of active priests 2030 (Including religious and newly ordained)

80

Reduce for priests not assigned to parishes or on leave (10%)

(8)

Priests available for parish ministry

72

Parishes with 2 priests assumed (>1,500 weekly attendance)

(12)

Priests available for assignment as pastors

60

Six priorities

for evangelization in the Diocese of Columbus



- Parish as a place of formation for missionary disciples
- The ongoing formation of schools' staff and faculty as missionary disciples
- The missionary and pastoral care of all the higher educational centers in the diocese
- Social and digital media for evangelization
- The support and utilization of lay missionaries and apostolates
- The development of a soft-entry evangelization ministry and center for outreach to seculars and "nones."

Missionary Disciples

Joy of the Gospel 120:

In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples. All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are “disciples” and “missionaries”, but rather that we are always “missionary disciples”.



THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.

EG120

The Parish plan for Evangelization

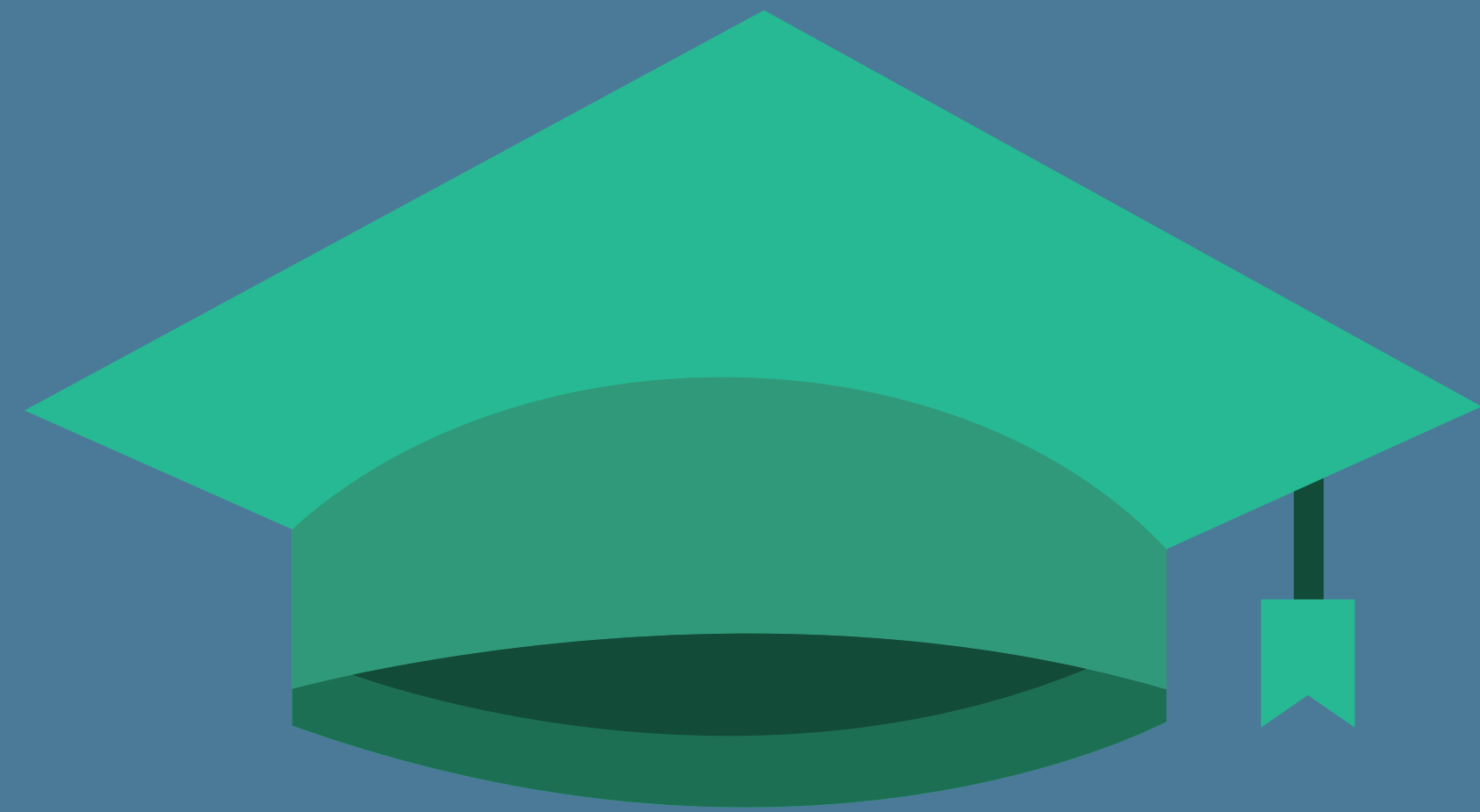
- Support and equip priests for the work of forming parishes as places of missionary disciple formation.
- Support and equip pastors and their staffs and parish leaders of forming parishes as places of missionary disciple formation.
 - Options and support for parish leadership training models
- Support parishes in developing their own strategies to address the six elements of missionary disciple formation.
 - Taking a strategic approach to parish formation
 - Options and support for training in models for each of six elements



Six Elements of Missionary Disciple Formation



- Kerygmatic Encounter: An opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ, receive the call to conversion and discipleship, and to respond
- Ongoing spiritual formation in how to pray and sacramental centered living
- Missional Training in how to share the Faith more effectively
- Small Group Community
(including new models Youth, Men's, Women's and Family Ministries)
- Ongoing Catechesis
(including new models for Parish Youth Catechesis and RCIA)
- Ongoing Scripture Study



University Evangelization

Expansion of FOCUS and SPO
at OSU and Columbus Metro

Catholic Student Housing

Expansion of FOCUS to
ONU and Shawnee State

Regional Campus Missionaries

Student Leadership Formation