

# Summary of Selected Data for the Chester County Vicariate, 1998-2002, as of December 31, 2002

Vicariate:

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## 1. Demographic Profile

						<b>1998-2002</b>	
	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
Registered Population	123,640	128,603	131,451	136,072	144,499	+ 20,859	+ 17%
Registered Households	40,828	42,554	43,901	45,321	46,848	+ 6,020	+ 15%
Parishes <sup>(A)</sup>	29	29	30	30	30	+ 1	+ 3%
Priests Assigned <sup>(B)</sup>	44	44	45	43	41	- 3	- 7%
Reg. Population/Priests	2810/1	2923/1	2921/1	3164/1	3524/1		
Reg. Households/Priests	928/1	967/1	976/1	1054/1	1143/1		

## 2. Selected Sacraments/Services and Worship

						<b>1998-2002</b>	
	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
Infant Baptisms	1,894	2,097	2,083	2,125	2,063	+ 169	+ 9%
Marriages <sup>(C)</sup>	550	590	615	567	528	- 22	- 4%
Funerals	771	757	759	755	819	+ 48	+ 6%
Baptism/Funeral Ratio	2.46	2.77	2.74	2.81	2.52		
Mass (October Count):							
Number of Masses	134	134	137	136	138	+ 4	+ 3%
Avg. Wknd. Attendance	42,455	43,360	44,673	47,243	48,212	+ 5,757	+ 14%
% Attending	34%	34%	34%	35%	33%		

## 3. Parish Religious Education Programs

						<b>1998-2002</b>	
	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
Preschool	956	1,037	850	672	606	- 350	- 37%
Elementary (K-6)	8,305	8,993	8,843	9,502	9,458	+ 1,153	+ 14%
Junior High (7-8)	867	882	806	913	1,058	+ 191	+ 22%
Senior High (9-12)	407	462	417	321	458	+ 51	+ 13%
Adults: <sup>(D)</sup>							
Catechumens <sup>(Never Baptized)</sup>	64	64	46	57	71	+ 7	+ 11%
Candidates <sup>(Profession of Faith)</sup>	138	110	136	111	120	- 18	- 13%

## 4. Parish School Enrollment

						<b>1998-2002</b>	
	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1999-00</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
Total Enrollment (all grades)	5,354	5,666	6,133	6,348	6,512	+ 1,158	+ 22%
Non-Catholic Enrollment	98	91	84	113	81	- 17	- 17%

Notes:

(A) Reports number of parishes as of July 1 of each year, using current vicariate boundary definitions.

(B) Includes priests "assigned to the pastoral ministry of the parish" as reported from the Office For Clergy (June, 2003). Does not include 1 extern priest.

(C) Marriages include all those witnessed by a priest and convalidation by renewal of consent.

(D) Includes only baptisms for catechumens and only confirmations for candidates.

(E) Revised 2002 Infant Baptisms.