FALL RIVER DEANERY PROFILE





Our most vibrant parishes are welcoming communities focused on outreach, service and life-long formation rather than simply maintenance and survival. These parishes are driven to build mission-centered disciples. As the diocese works with parishes on revitalization efforts, we are sharing a few baseline trends across the US, our diocese and your parish. We hope this provides helpful perspective to begin conversations in your parish.

NATIONAL TRENDS*

TOTAL NUMBER OF CATHOLICS
IN THE US

29%

RITES OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION)

26%

TOTAL PRIESTS

9%

DECREASE SINCE 2015

DIOCESAN TRENDS

TOTAL NUMBER OF CATHOLICS IN THE DIOCESE

996
DECREASE SINCE 2015

RITES OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION)

3796 DECREASE SINCE 2015 **ACTIVE DIOCESAN PRIESTS****

29%

DECREASE SINCE 2015

Fall River Deanery Trends

MASS ATTENDANCE

570/0

AVERAGE WEEKLY
DECREASE 2017-2023

RITES OF INITIATION

470/0

DECREASE FROM 2009-2023

FAITH FORMATION

39%

DECREASE FROM 2015-2023

2.4% ANNUALIZED 2016-2022