## NEW BEDFORD DEANERY





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%

**DECREASE SINCE 2015** 

TOTAL PRIESTS

9%

**DECREASE SINCE 2015** 

## DIOCESAN TRENDS

TOTAL NUMBER OF CATHOLICS IN THE DIOCESE

99/0
DECREASE SINCE 2015

RITES OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION)

37%
DECREASE SINCE 2015

ACTIVE DIOCESAN PRIESTS\*\*

29%

DECREASE SINCE 2015

New Bedford Deanery Trends

MASS ATTENDANCE

29%

AVERAGE WEEKLY
DECREASE 2018-2023

RITES OF INITIATION

470/0

DECREASE FROM 2009-2023

FAITH FORMATION

410/0

DECREASE FROM 2015-2023

2.8%
ANNUALIZED 2016-2022