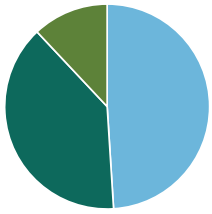


FACT SHEET

According to reports from 160 parishes, we are seeing...



49%
DECLINE
IN REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS

39%
INCREASE

12%
THE SAME

59%
PARISHES REPORT
negative net operating balance

60%
OF PARISHIONERS
are over the age of 66

THE DIOCESE FACES MULTIPLE CRITICAL CHALLENGES:

- Financial strain due to Chapter 11
- Significant priest shortage
- Declining Mass attendance
- Decline in younger congregation
- Excess property maintenance

SACRAMENTALS ARE DOWN

52%
OF PARISHES

ONE BAPTISM
A MONTH WITH
59% PARISHES
HAVE A STEADY
DECLINE

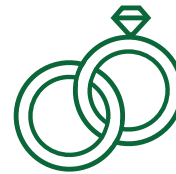


59%
OF PARISHES

ARE
EXPERIENCING
A STEADY
DECLINE IN
BAPTISMS

76%
OF PARISHES

IN S. ERIE
& N. ERIE WITH
LESS THAN
ONE MONTHLY
BAPTISM



24%
DECREASE

IN MARRIAGES FROM
2020 TO 2023 IN THE
DIOCESE OF BUFFALO

PRIEST SHORTAGE

The number of diocesan priests available are declining.

76
IS THE AVERAGE AGE
of our Diocesan priests



2030
63%
OF DIOCESAN PRIESTS
will be between age of 65 and 70

