

# 2000 U.S. Census Data - Report 3

Cluster: 61  
Vicariate: Delaware

FS#: 2810

Parish: **St. Katharine of Siena**

## 1. Detailed Age Breakdown for ALL People Living Within Parish Boundaries

Church Trends	Generational/ Age Cohorts	Birth Year	Age	Population Count						
				Total	Male	Female				
Post-Vatican II	5,153 23.9%	Millennial	2000	< 1	245	122	123			
			1999	1	267	137	130			
			1998	2	252	127	125			
			1997	3	251	110	141			
			1996	4	269	134	135			
			1995	5	246	125	121			
			1994	6	263	138	125			
			1993	7	243	136	107			
			1992	8	278	142	136			
			1991	9	268	136	132			
			1990	10	271	145	126			
			1989	11	273	127	146			
			1988	12	251	134	117			
			1987	13	252	117	135			
			1986	14	259	135	124			
			1985	15	235	117	118			
			1984	16	278	137	141			
			1983	17	261	141	120			
1982	18	491	206	285						
Vatican II	5,179 24.0%	Gen. X	1981	19	680	280	400			
			1980	20	549	219	330			
			1979	21	532	223	309			
			1976-78	22-24	870	453	417			
			1971-75	25-29	1,220	626	594			
			1966-70	30-34	1,328	636	692			
Vatican II	6,127 28.4%	Boomer	1961-65	35-39	1,603	774	829			
			1956-60	40-44	1,556	751	805			
			1951-55	45-49	1,548	726	822			
			1946-50	50-54	1,420	647	773			
Pre-Vatican II	3,715 17.2%	Post War	1941-45	55-59	1,233	600	633			
			1939-40	60-61	396	182	214			
			1936-38	62-64	521	246	275			
			1934-35	65-66	312	151	161			
			1931-33	67-69	455	231	224			
			1926-30	70-74	798	369	429			
			Pre-Vatican II	1,374 6.4%	G.I.	1921-25	75-79	657	269	388
						1916-20	80-84	398	134	264
Bef. 1916	85+	319				93	226			
<b>21,548</b>	100%	<b>21,548</b>	100%	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>21,548</b>	<b>10,176</b>	<b>11,372</b>			

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 1; (August 2001).

**Notes:**

- (a) Data are calculated by assigning each census block to a geography and aggregating all data for that geography.
- (b) Percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding.
- (c) Age reported as of April 1, 2000; Birth Year calculated by approximation.

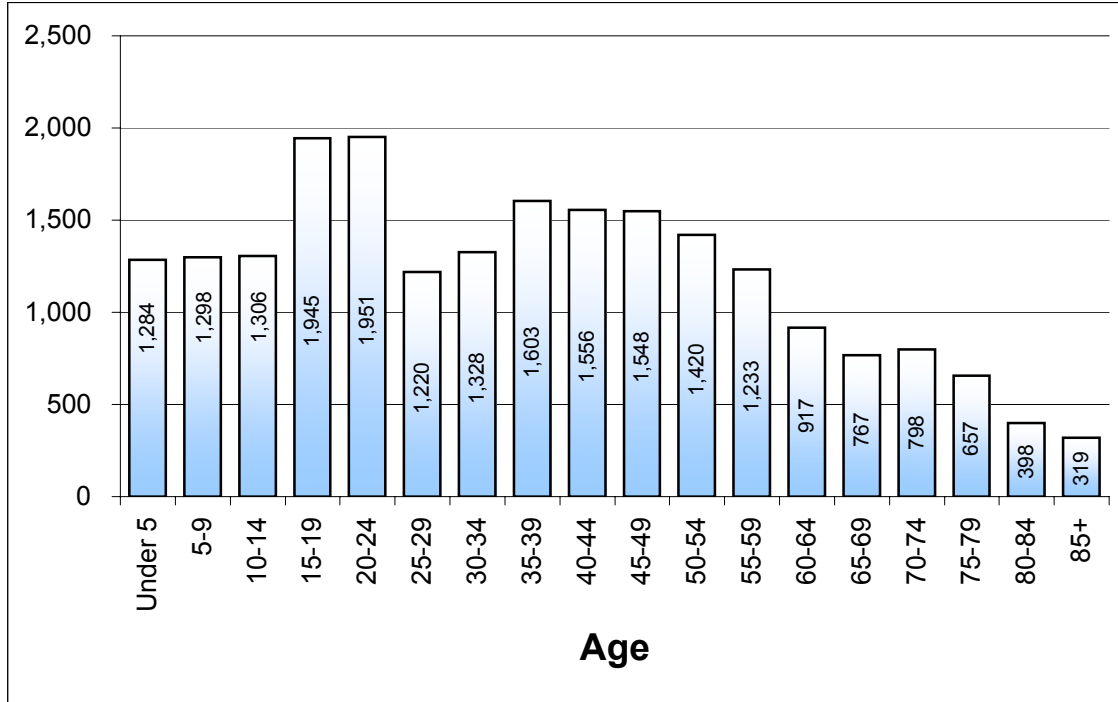
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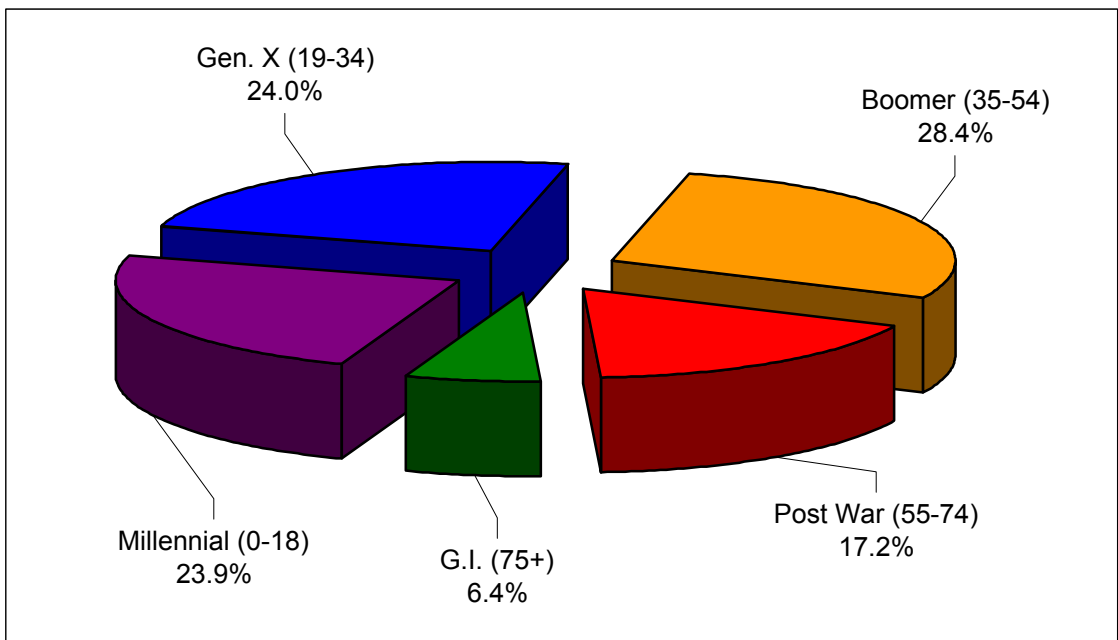
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## 2. Five-Year Age Categories for ALL People Living Within Parish Boundaries



## 3. Generational Cohorts (Age) for ALL People Living Within Parish Boundaries



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Pastoral leaders need to help people of every age and generation understand and appreciate the different gifts that each of them brings to the life of the parish. Age affects the way people think and act in two ways:

First, there is a **“life cycle experience”** of doing similar things at similar ages. We start out as children, we go to school, start working, leave home and frequently get married, have children, get older, retire, and die.

Second, there is a **“generational cohort effect”** which causes a group of people who have grown up (turned 18) around the same time to think and behave in ways that are different than their parents or their children.

Because of their ages, people differ not only in life cycle experience (some are buying houses and having babies while others are retiring and selling their houses), but also in the characteristics of their generation (some are attracted by institutions and are interested in preserving order; some are more interested in the individual and developing their own support networks).

This report describes the age of *all* the people living within the geographical territory, not just the Catholic people. It also associates the age of the people with their generation.

## Characteristics of Generational Cohorts in the U.S. in 2000

**G. I. Generation (age 75+)** - Born 1901-1925. Age 18 between 1919-1943.

*Heros*

<p>Ž Civic Values and Building</p> <p>Ž Expanding Affluence</p>	<p>Ž Institutions Over Individuals</p> <p>Ž Conserving Values</p>
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This “building generation” survived the Depression and fought World War II. They then created many of the social and religious institutions of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Post War Generation (age 55-74)** - Born 1926-1945. Age 18 between 1944-1963.

*Artisans*

<p>Ž Loyalty to Order and Establishment</p> <p>Ž Negotiators, Adaptive</p> <p>Ž Compromise</p>	<p>Ž Avoid Risk</p> <p>Ž Fine-tune change</p> <p>Ž Preserve Values</p>
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Sometimes called the “Silent Generation” because they conformed to the world that their elder GI’s built.

Those born before 1940 can also be seen as the **“pre Vatican II Council” generations**. The Catholic people were frequently city dwellers who experienced many forms of anti Catholicism which they combated by forming into “Catholic ghetto(s) comprised of Catholic neighborhoods, schools, hospitals, newspapers and social groups . . . Pre Vatican II Catholics grew up with Latin Masses, novenas, Benedictions, priests facing the altar (not the people) and Gregorian chant.”

**Boomer Generation (age 35-54)** - Born 1946-1965. Age 18 between 1964 -1983.

*Prophets*

<p>Ž Focused on Individual Development</p> <p>Ž Idealism</p> <p>Ž Start Change &amp; Break From Past</p>	<p>Ž Individuals Over Institutions</p> <p>Ž Liberal Values</p> <p>Ž Risk Takers</p>
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This generation grew up in the turbulent 1960's and 1970's and rebelled against most things established by the GI generation.

Those born between 1941 and 1960 are also known as the “**Vatican II generation.**” They grew up in the pre Vatican II Church but, in their childhood through early adult years, the changes called for in Vatican II were implemented in their parishes just as the social movements of the 1960's plunged society into turmoil. This generation is most likely to have mixed feeling about authority (vs. making up their own mind) and institutional commitment (vs. personal spirituality).

**Generation X (age 19-34)** - Born 1966-1981. Age 18 between 1984 -1999. *Nomads*

Z	Emphasis on Autonomy	Z	Reactive, Pragmatic and Creative
Z	Sustaining Values	Z	Self-forming Networks

This generation grew up during a period of high divorce rates, relatively low value placed on children, and serious social problems. This pragmatic group is pessimistic and interested in issues of identity. They are less likely to make long term commitments.

**Millennial Generation (age 18 and younger)** - Born 1982-present. Age 18 between 2000 - ? .

Identified by some authors as the next “GI” type generation. They may be expected to be a confident, achievement oriented group, more interested in building community and institutions than the generations immediately before them.

Those born since 1961 can also be recognized as “**post Vatican II Council**” generations. They have always had Mass in the language of the people. Their religious education was more likely to be conducted by lay persons, not priests or sisters. They have been encouraged to take responsibility for their own faith journeys. They are least likely to depend on Church authority and most likely to think of their faith in personal, not institutional, terms.

Note: The dividing lines between generations are rough approximations. The divisions in this report have been selected to accommodate the Census data available and approximate generational groups identified by various authors.

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