

# Summary of Selected Data for the Chester County Vicariate, 1999-2003, as of December 31, 2003

Vicariate:

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## 1. Demographic Profile

|                                 | <b>1999-2003</b>   |                    |                    |                    |                    | <b>Change</b> | <b>%</b> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------|
|                                 | <b><u>1999</u></b> | <b><u>2000</u></b> | <b><u>2001</u></b> | <b><u>2002</u></b> | <b><u>2003</u></b> |               |          |
| Registered Population           | 128,603            | 131,451            | 136,072            | 144,499            | 147,243            | + 18,640      | + 14%    |
| Registered Households           | 42,554             | 43,901             | 45,321             | 46,848             | 46,960             | + 4,406       | + 10%    |
| Parishes <sup>(A)</sup>         | 29                 | 30                 | 30                 | 30                 | 30                 | + 1           | + 3%     |
| Priests Assigned <sup>(B)</sup> | 44                 | 45                 | 43                 | 41                 | 41                 | - 3           | - 7%     |
| Reg. Population/Priests         | 2923/1             | 2921/1             | 3164/1             | 3524/1             | 3591/1             |               |          |
| Reg. Households/Priests         | 967/1              | 976/1              | 1054/1             | 1143/1             | 1145/1             |               |          |

## 2. Selected Sacraments/Services and Worship

|                          | <b>1999-2003</b>   |                    |                    |                    |                    | <b>Change</b> | <b>%</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------|
|                          | <b><u>1999</u></b> | <b><u>2000</u></b> | <b><u>2001</u></b> | <b><u>2002</u></b> | <b><u>2003</u></b> |               |          |
| Infant Baptisms          | 2,097              | 2,083              | 2,125              | 2,063              | 2,178              | + 81          | + 4%     |
| Marriages <sup>(C)</sup> | 590                | 615                | 567                | 528                | 517                | - 73          | - 12%    |
| Funerals                 | 757                | 759                | 755                | 819                | 864                | + 107         | + 14%    |
| Baptism/Funeral Ratio    | 2.77               | 2.74               | 2.81               | 2.52               | 2.52               |               |          |
| Mass (October Count):    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |               |          |
| Number of Masses         | 134                | 137                | 136                | 138                | 140                | + 6           | + 4%     |
| Avg. Wknd. Attendance    | 43,360             | 44,673             | 47,243             | 48,212             | 46,769             | + 3,409       | + 8%     |
| % Attending              | 34%                | 34%                | 35%                | 33%                | 32%                |               |          |

## 3. Parish Religious Education Programs

|   | <b>1999-2003</b>   |                    |                    |                    |                    | <b>Change</b> | <b>%</b> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------|
|   | <b><u>1999</u></b> | <b><u>2000</u></b> | <b><u>2001</u></b> | <b><u>2002</u></b> | <b><u>2003</u></b> |               |          |
| Preschool                                   | 1,037              | 850                | 672                | 606                | 620                | - 417         | - 40%    |
| Elementary (K-6)                            | 8,993              | 8,843              | 9,502              | 9,458              | 9,438              | + 445         | + 5%     |
| Junior High (7-8)                           | 882                | 806                | 913                | 1,058              | 1,674              | + 792         | + 90%    |
| Senior High (9-12)                          | 462                | 417                | 321                | 458                | 476                | + 14          | + 3%     |
| Adults: <sup>(D)</sup>                      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |               |          |
| Catechumens <sup>(Never Baptized)</sup>     | 64                 | 46                 | 57                 | 71                 | 30                 | - 34          | - 53%    |
| Candidates <sup>(Profession of Faith)</sup> | 110                | 136                | 111                | 120                | 91                 | - 19          | - 17%    |

## 4. Parish School Enrollment

|  | <b>1999-2003</b>      |                       |                       |                       |                       | <b>Change</b> | <b>%</b> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------|
|  | <b><u>1999-00</u></b> | <b><u>2000-01</u></b> | <b><u>2001-02</u></b> | <b><u>2002-03</u></b> | <b><u>2003-04</u></b> |               |          |
| Total Enrollment (all grades) <sup>(E)</sup> | 5,659                 | 6,132                 | 6,348                 | 6,512                 | 6,469                 | + 810         | + 14%    |
| Non-Catholic Enrollment                      | 91                    | 84                    | 113                   | 81                    | 107                   | + 16          | + 18%    |

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, 2004).

(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) Corrections made to enrollment figures for 1999-00 and 2000-01.