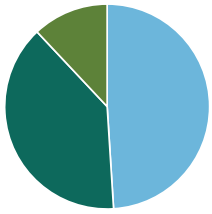


# FACT SHEET

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



**49%**  
DECLINE  
IN REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

**39%**  
INCREASE

**12%**  
THE SAME

**59%**  
PARISHES REPORT  
*negative net operating balance*

**60%**  
OF PARISHIONERS  
*are over the age of 60*

ONLY  
**9-12%**  
ARE  
YOUNGER

**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

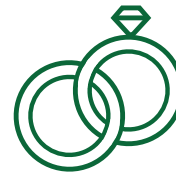


**59%**  
OF PARISHES

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*

