



## Renew My Church: Data Dashboard



### U.S. CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Catholic marriages are down 55% since 1990
- Baptisms went from 986,000 to 694,000 (-30%)
- 1 in 5 children baptized do not receive 1st Communion
- 2 in 5 children baptized are not confirmed
- 85% of children confirmed stop practicing their faith by age 21
- Millennials are less religious than preceding generations

### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

- **27% Decline in Mass attendance:** 150,000+ fewer people attend Mass each Sunday compared to 20 years ago.
- **Significant population shifts:** Areas of Chicago that were once predominantly Catholic with a parish for each ethnic group now have fewer people and fewer Catholics but often the same number of facilities as in the past.
- **Fewer priests to serve our communities:** More than 180 priests will retire in the next decade with fewer priests being ordained per year (5-6 in each of the past two years) to replace them.
- **An aging infrastructure:** Many parishes are significantly underinvesting in building repairs, leading to challenges with building upkeep that take time and resources away from ministry.

### OUR GROUPING (St. Collete, Mission San Juan Diego, St. Theresa & St. Thomas of Villanova)

- **Local Demographics:**
  - ◊ Total population continues to grow
  - ◊ Hispanic and Asian populations continue to increase
  - ◊ Age group 65+ continues to grow as a share of the area’s population
- **Grouping Mass Attendance:**
  - ◊ 15% decline in Mass attendance over 20 years
  - ◊ 33% of total Mass attendance at Spanish language Masses in 2017;
  - ◊ 8.7 % at Polish language Masses

### ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH

- **Parish Mass Attendance:**
  - ◊ Mass attendance is ~14% lower than 20 years ago
  - ◊ 30% of total Mass attendance was at Polish language Mass in 2017
- **Sacraments and Funerals July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017:**

	Parish	Median in diocese	Highest 25% in diocese
Infant Baptisms	107	48	90
First Communions (Youth)	163 *	52	90
Confirmations (Youth)	145 *	43	74
Weddings	11	9	18
Funerals	65	28	50

\* Includes Chopin Polish School