

**Bulletin Article for Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Charles Borromeo, St. John the Evangelist,
St. Lawrence, St. Leo the Great, St. Mark**

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Pastoral Planning: Sharing Our Reality—Number and Ages of Diocesan Priests

Currently the Diocese of Rochester has 86 parishes within 12 counties stretching from Lake Ontario south to the PA border and from Brockport to Auburn. These parishes are served by diocesan priests as well as a small number of religious order priests and priests from other dioceses. As of September 2022, only 34 of 133 diocesan priests were under the age of 60, while 52 were over the age of 75. The retirement age for priests has been gradually increasing to 75. We have 4 projected ordinations in the next 5 years. Three parishes are led by pastoral administrators: one deacon (St. Mark, Greece), one woman religious (St. Marianne Cope, Henrietta/Rush) and one layperson (St. Luke, Geneseo/Mt. Morris/Nunda/Retsof). Three parishes have assigned priests from religious orders: the pastor of Mary Mother of Mercy (Interlaken/Ovid/Trumansburg) and parochial vicars at Holy Family, Gates and St. Joseph, Penfield. More detailed information and the definition of terms are available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce> or from your parish office.