NEW BEDFORD DEANERY



Our most vibrant parishes are welcoming communities focused on outreach, service and life-long formation rather than simply maintenance and survival. These parishes are driven to build mission-centered disciples. As the diocese works with parishes on revitalization efforts, we are sharing a few baseline trends across the US, our diocese and your deanery. We hope this provides helpful perspective to begin conversations in your deanery.

NATIONAL TRENDS*

INCREASE SINCE 1990 RITES OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION)

DECREASE SINCE 1990 **TOTAL PRIESTS**

SINCE 1990

DIOCESAN TRENDS

TOTAL NUMBER OF CATHOLICS IN THE DIOCESE

DECREASE SINCE 1990

RITES OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION)

DECREASE SINCE 1990

ACTIVE DIOCESAN PRIESTS**

DECREASE SINCE 1990

DEANERY TRENDS

RITES OF INITIATION DECREASE FROM 2009- 2019

FAITH FORMATION 13% DECREASE FROM 2015-2018

REVENUE 0.9% ANNUALIZED DECLINE 2016-2020