## TAUNTON DEANERY



# Dennery Profile

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\*

TOTAL NUMBER OF

18%
INCREASE
SINCE 1990

RITES OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION)

27%
DECREASE

**SINCE 1990** 

TOTAL PRIESTS

**32%** 

DECREASE SINCE 1990

### DIOCESAN TRENDS

TOTAL NUMBER OF CATHOLICS IN THE DIOCESE

27%

**DECREASE SINCE 1990** 

RITES OF INITIATION (BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION)

65%

DECREASE SINCE 1990

ACTIVE DIOCESAN PRIESTS\*\*

57%

**DECREASE SINCE 1990** 

#### DEANERY TRENDS

MASS ATTENDANCE

30/0

DECREASE FROM 2017-2018

RITES OF INITIATION

400/0

DECREASE FROM 2009- 2019

FAITH FORMATION

110/0

DECREASE FROM 2015-2018

1.5%
ANNUALIZED DECLINE 2006-2020