The Catholic Church in the United States At a Glance
(Figures represent the U.S. Catholic Church, 2018-2019, unless otherwise indicated)

Laity
There are 76.3 million Catholics in the United States and 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide.

Dioceses and Archdioceses
In the United States, there are 195 archdioceses/dioceses and one 1 apostolic exarchate, and 1 personal ordinariate:
- 145 Latin Catholic dioceses
- 32 Latin Catholic archdioceses
- 15 Eastern Catholic dioceses
- 2 Eastern Catholic archdioceses
- 1 Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
- 1 Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is an assembly of the hierarchy of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Clergy and Religious
36,580 - priests
3,553 - graduate-level seminarians
2,088 - permanent deacons
44,117 - religious sisters
3,897 - religious brothers

Catholic Education
Total Catholic elementary and high school enrollment: 1,789,363.
Elementary/Middle Schools: 5,092 schools educating 1,239,449 students.
High Schools: 1,197 schools educating 549,914 students.
Catholic degree-granting institutions of higher education in the United States: 249
Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)vi
USCCB’s Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) is the world’s largest refugee resettlement agency. In 2018, Migration and Refugee Services provided assistance in the following categories:

Refugee Resettlement:
- MRS resettled 6,621 individuals in FY 2019 into 54 dioceses in the U.S.
- Largest refugee populations resettled by MRS in 2019 were Congolese, Burmese, Afghan, and Ukrainian.
- 1,158 volunteers in over 90 parishes and 111 community partnerships across the United States supported Parishes Organized to Welcome Immigrants and Refugees (POWIR) Program run by MRS, which funds a selected set of diocesan resettlement agencies each year to develop parish and community partnerships that support a wide range of newcomer populations.

Children’s Services:
- USCCB played a key role in helping reunite families that were separated at the southern border during the summer of 2018.
- The full report on USCCB’s involvement in helping reunite families may be accessed here.
- 1,715 unaccompanied children who arrived in the United States in FY 2018 were served.
- Provided family reunification services for 907 children while they were undergoing immigration proceedings. 356 of whom were provided foster care and shelter.
- Served 132 new clients in Unaccompanied Refugee Minor (URM) Program, including unaccompanied children who arrived in the United States without legal status, children who became eligible for immigration status, and unaccompanied children who arrived as refugees.
- 100% of those served through the URM program.

Human Trafficking:
- The “Dignity of Work” program, funded by the Office for Victims Services at the U.S. Department of Justice offers specialized employment services for up to 150 victims of trafficking who are both foreign nationals and U.S. citizens.
- Victims of trafficking were assisted in the cities of Atlanta, Cleveland, Los Angeles, Houston, Newark, and Philadelphia through the local Catholic Charities sites. Dignity of Work accompanies survivors in accessing job readiness, employment services, and in overcoming barriers to dignified employment.
- The Amistad Movement is a faith-based grassroots trafficking prevention campaign focused on immigrant empowerment and civic engagement to combat modern-day slavery. USCCB’s Amistad model has formed over 2,500 immigrants as “Peer Educators” to raise awareness and disseminate information about how to identify, respond to, and report potential cases of trafficking.
- “Stop Human Trafficking and Exploitation. Protect, Help, Empower, and Restore Dignity” (SHEPHERD) is a program by the USCCB that educates lay and religious leaders about human trafficking from a Catholic perspective, equipping them with needed knowledge and skills to combat forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation at the local level. In FY 2019, over 125 parishes, diocesan
groups, schools, and community groups were identified as SHEPHERD communities.

- The Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking (CCOAHT), convened by USCCB/MRS, encompasses 40 Catholic organizations working to combat slavery. The coalition works to curve the demand for products tainted with modern-day slavery. CCOAHT’s “Labeling for Lent” campaign encourages Catholics to leverage their purchasing power by pressing seafood companies to eliminate forced labor from their supply chains.

- Bridging Refugee Youth and Children’s Services: Bridging Refugee Youth and Children’s Services (BRYCS) strengthens the capacity of refugee-serving and mainstream organizations across the U.S. to empower and ensure the successful development of refugee children, youth, and their families.

- Through the website and clearinghouse and a 9,000-member strong list serve, BRYCS increases information-sharing and collaboration among refugee-serving agencies and provides technical knowledge to improve effectiveness of services.

- The issues BRYCS seeks to engaged in include child welfare, family strengthening, health and wellness, and youth development. Through funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office for Women’s Health and in partnership with the Catholic Health Association, BRYCS also seeks to address the issue of Female Genital Cutting (FGC) in refugee communities by promoting these resources among their networks of medical providers to improve care to women who have undergone the procedure.

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1 Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) – “Frequently Requested Catholic Church Statistics”
2 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - Bishops and Dioceses, as of September 17, 2019
3 CARA – “Frequently Requested Catholic Church Statistics”
4 National Catholic Educational Association, United States Elementary and Secondary Schools data, 2018-2019
5 Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities - FAQ; from 2017-2018