



African American Catholics in the United States

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At a Glance...

African Americans in the United States	36.0 million ¹
African American Catholics	2.5 million ²
African American Catholic Parishes	798 ³
African American Catholic Bishops	12 ⁴
Dioceses Headed by African American Bishops	6 ⁵
African American Priests	225 ⁶
African American Seminarians	26 ⁷
African American Religious Sisters	400 ⁸
African American Religious Brothers	75 ⁹
African American Deacons	437 ¹⁰
Diocesan Offices for African American Catholic Ministry	71 ¹¹

¹ U.S. Census Bureau Report: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2003pubs/p20-541.pdf>

² Estimate by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Secretariat for African American Catholics

³ Estimate by the National Black Catholic Congress

⁴ U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Secretariat for African American Catholics

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⁶ Estimated by National Black Catholic Congress

⁷ Estimated by National Black Catholic Seminarians Association

⁸ Estimated by the National Black Sisters' Conference

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¹⁰ The CARA Report – Vol. 11, No.4 Spring 2006

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