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Power Point Available:

- usccb.priestly life and ministry
- http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/priesthood/priestly-life-and-ministry/index.cfm

Clergy

- Guidelines for Receiving Pastoral Ministers
- 2014 and 2015 Annual Themes
- Document: "Preaching the Mystery of Faith: The Sunday Homily"
- PPF 5
- CCLV Guidelines on the Use of Psychology in Seminary Admissions
- National Directory on the Permanent Diaconate

2014 Annual Theme

The Sacrament of Confession:

- Priest as confessor
- Priest as penitent
- The seal of confession

2015 Annual Theme

Marriage and the Pastoral Care of the Family

Consecrated Life

- 2015: Year of Consecrated Life
- Information on Asociacion de Religiosas Hispanas en Estados Unidos (ARHEU)

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Vocations

- Hispanic Vocations
- Youth, Young Adults and Campus Ministry & Vocations

Future of Care and Ongoing Formation of Priests

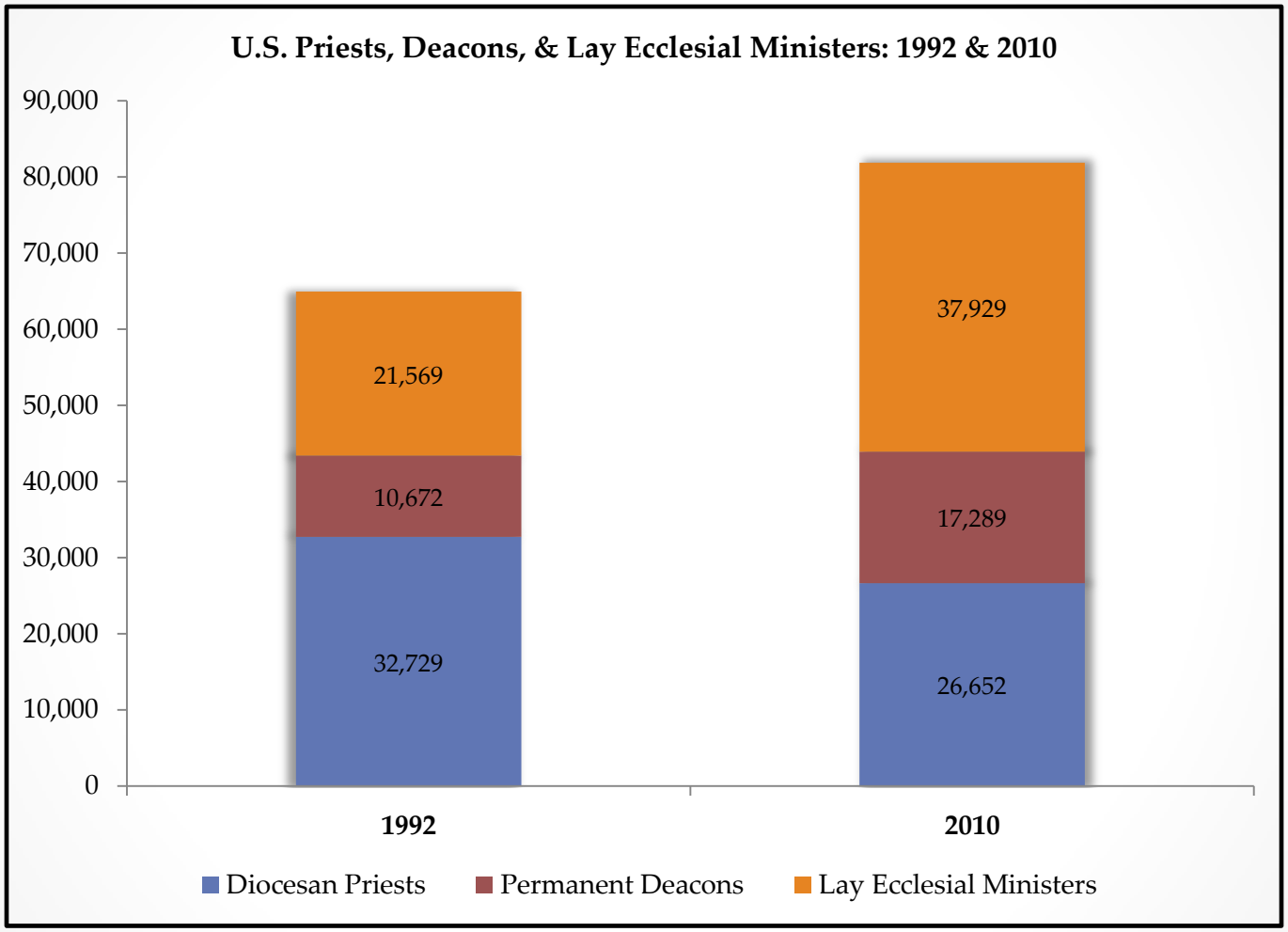
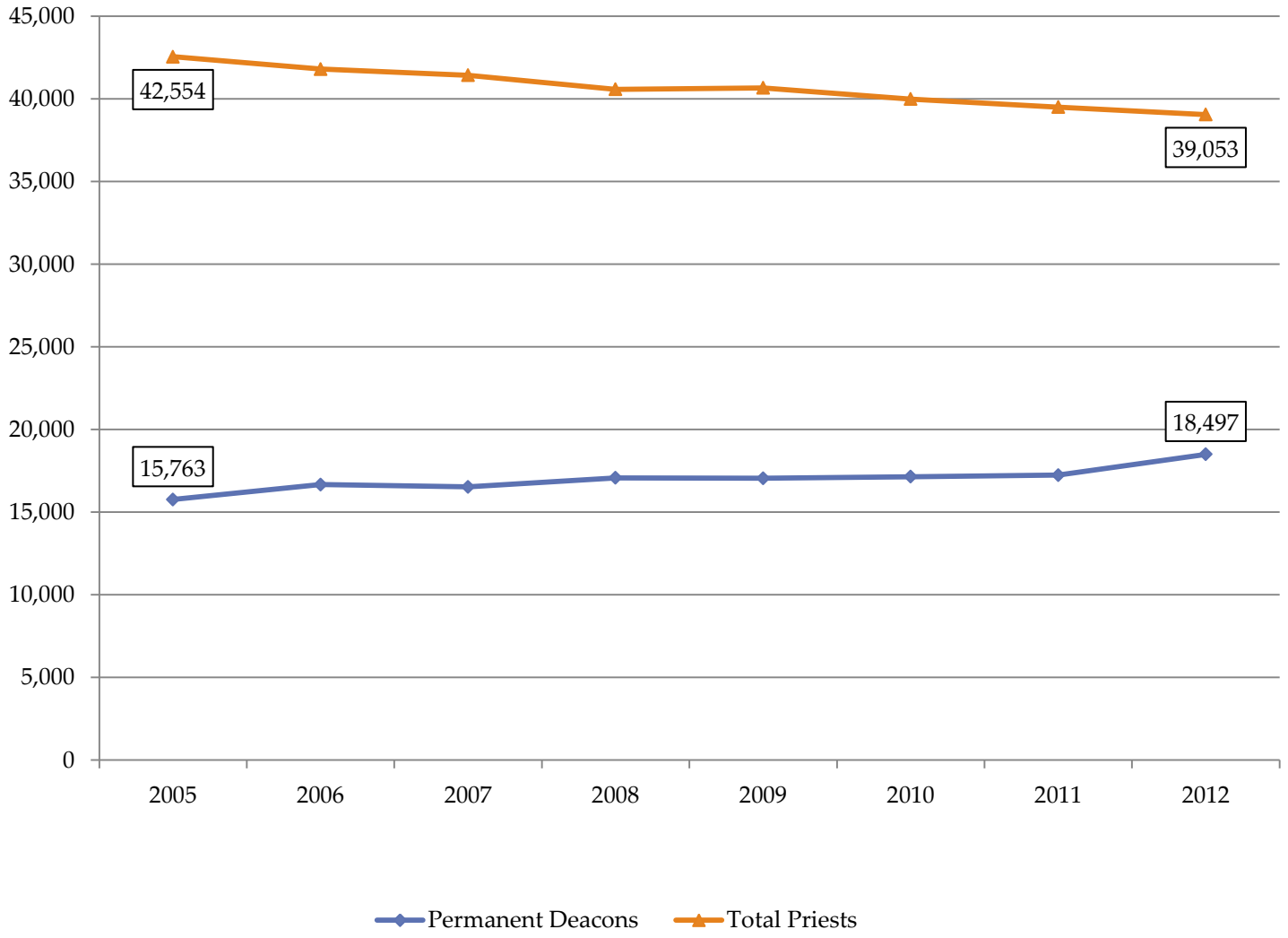
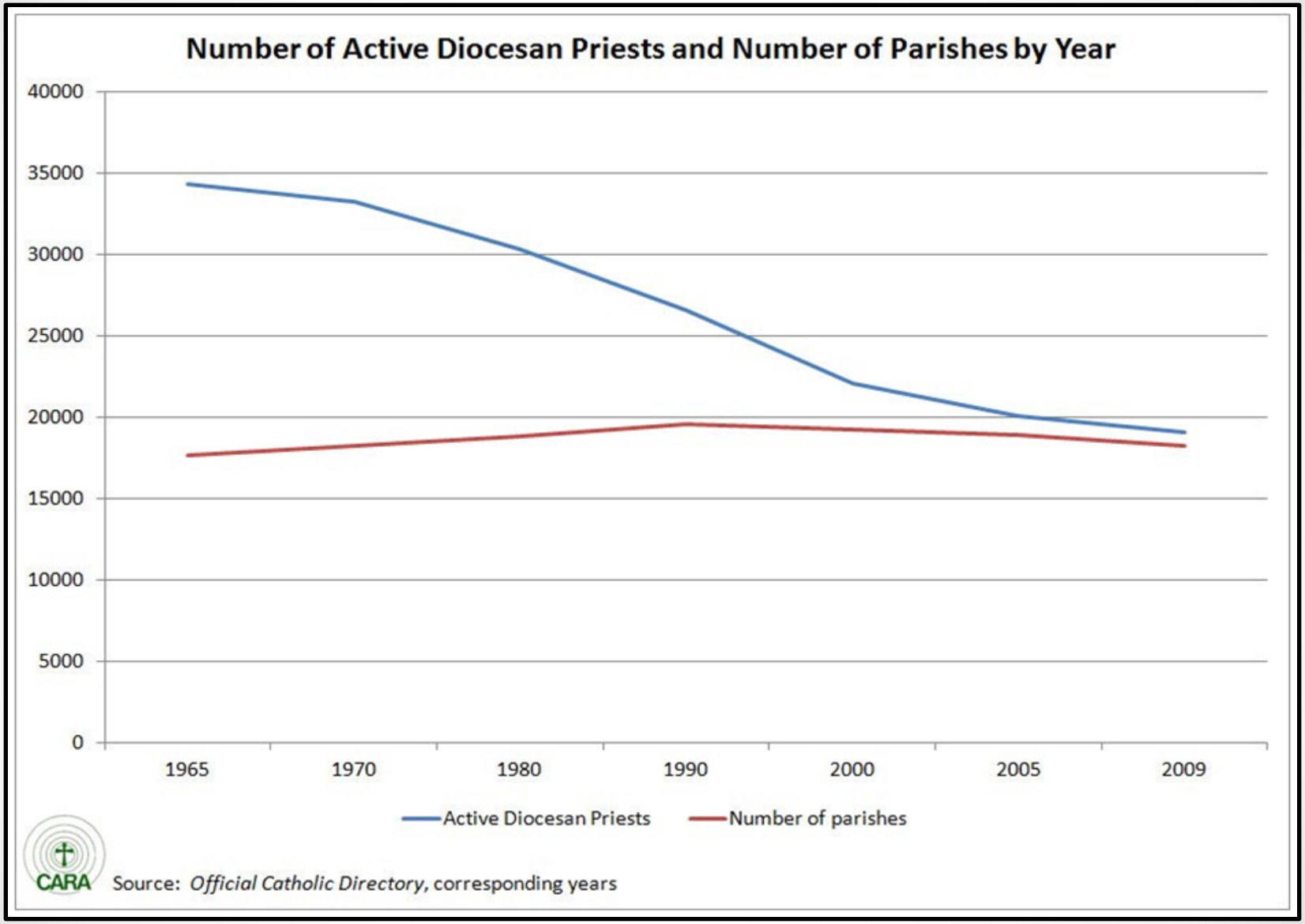
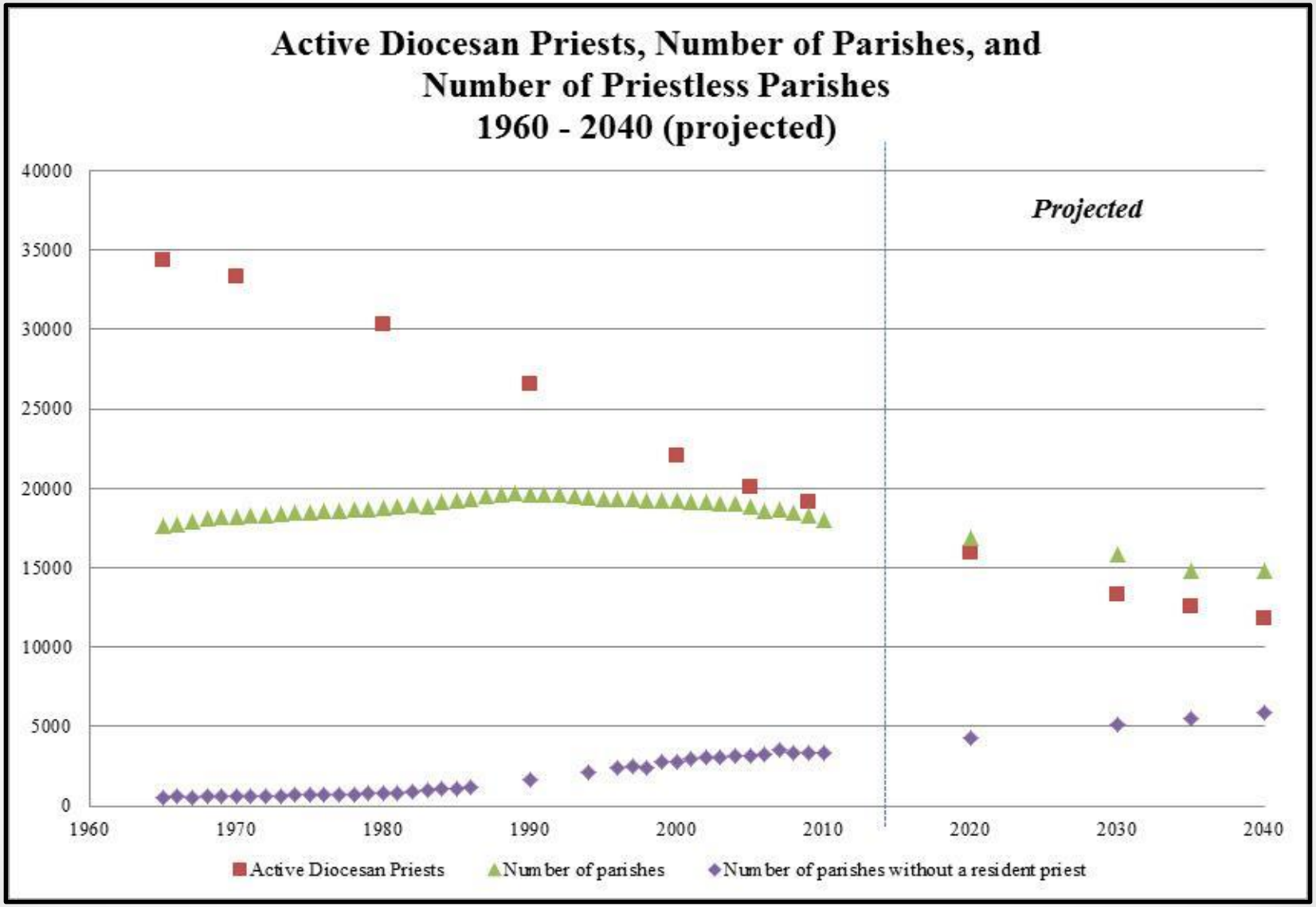
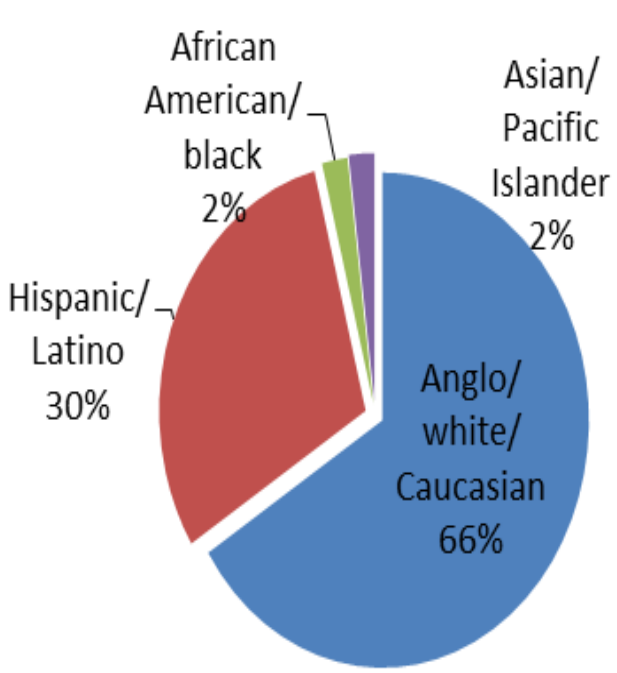

U.S. Priests, Deacons, & Lay Ecclesial Ministers: 1992 & 2010
90,000
80,000
70,000
60,000
50,000
40,000
30,000
20,000
10,000
0
21,569
10,672
32,729
37,929
17,289
26,652
1992
2010
Diocesan Priests
Permanent Deacons
Lay Ecclesial Ministers

Figure 1: Priests and Deacons in the United States

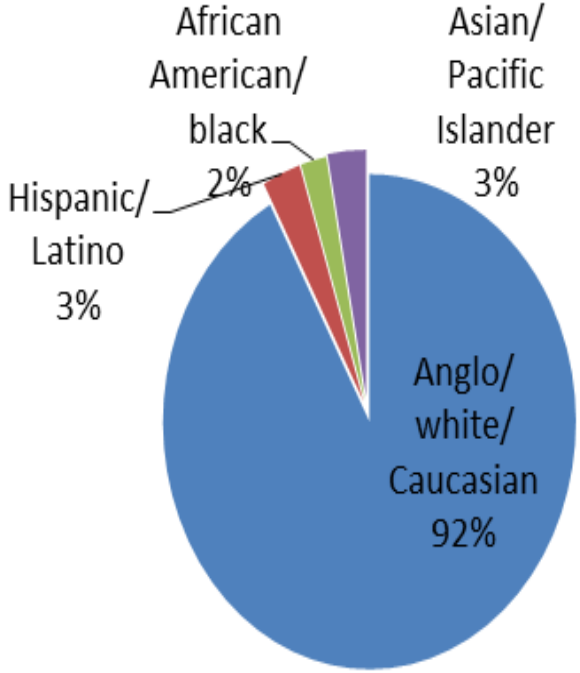



Number of Active Diocesan Priests and Number of Parishes by Year
40000
35000
30000
25000
20000
15000
10000
5000
0
1965
1970
1980
1990
2000
2005
2009
Active Diocesan Priests
Number of parishes
CARA
Source: Official Catholic Directory, corresponding years


Active Diocesan Priests, Number of Parishes, and
Number of Priestless Parishes
1960 - 2040 (projected)
Projected
40000
35000
30000
25000
20000
15000
10000
5000
0
1960
1970
1980
1990
2000
2010
2020
2030
2040
Active Diocesan Priests
Number of parishes
Number of parishes without a resident priest



Catholics



Priests

Retired Priests

- 1970: 3% of priests were retired
  10% of priests over 65
- 2009: 22% are retired or semi-retired
  Over 40% are over 65

Priests in the "Middle Years"

- "There is a clear dip in happiness" (Rossetti)
- Workload an issue
  - 42.3% of all priests agree or strongly agree that they feel overwhelmed by their workload
  - For those ordained 10-19 years: 54.9%

Younger Priests

- "In the first years of priesthood, rates of depression, anxiety, and burnout are higher"
- "The challenges facing the newly ordained today are not a lack of work or not feeling needed. Rather, it is too much work, too much responsibility too fast, and being at risk for burning out" (Rossetti)

Are we configured or structured at the national level in the most optimal way to provide the necessary level of ongoing care and formation for our priests?

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