
Diocese of Des Moines Impact Facts

Parishes are encouraged to share these impact facts in promoting the ministries and programs of the Diocese of Des Moines.

Clergy Care and Vocations (includes health care and retirement)

- 46 active priest with medical and insurance provided exclusively by the Diocese
- 36 retired priests with medical care and retirement income
- 34 international priests with US Citizenship and immigration services
- 13 Seminarian with formation and tuition expenses
- 61 Active and 52 Retired Deacons with training, education and support
- 21 Men in Diaconate Formation

Catholic Formation and Education

- 6,600 children receive a holistic education in our Catholic schools
- 16 Catholic Schools with professional training, supervision and oversight
- 9,185 children encounter Christ in parish faith formation
- 1,546 new members of the faith through Baptism
- 1,650 Communicants received the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time
- 1,392 Confirmands sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Ministries and Worship

- More than 40,000 Hispanic, Vietnamese, Burmese and various other Catholics with cultural outreach ministry needs
- 4 Catholic hospitals offering Mass, Communion and Anointing of the Sick
- 250 engaged couples undergoing marriage preparation
- 40 Active Youth Ministries
- 473 youth from 32 parishes pilgrimage to NCYC
- Active Young Adult programs and Young Catholic Network
- Disability Ministry providing ASL interpreting services, Adaptive resources, Disability Ministry Training and Adaptive Formation Resources

Parish Services and Administration

- Bishop's Office and Support
- Nearly 2,000 employees and volunteers undergo screening and training to ensure a safe environment for our children
- 1700 Employees, 800 with managed benefit plans
- 80 parishes across 23 counties with ministry and administrative services
- 31,000 Households receiving *The Catholic Mirror* via print and online
- Social Media

Catholic Charities and other Needs

- More than 21,000 served through Catholic Charities – food pantries, refuge, domestic violence, counseling, shelters and more