

## Pastoral Planning Information Provided by the Diocese of Rochester

Excerpts from information provided September 2004 (DOR Office of Pastoral Planning) to representatives from each of the parishes/faith communities in our planning group.

**Diocesan Overview:**    **12 Counties**                      **7,500 square miles area**

**151 parishes**                      ...    **119,000 registered households**                      ...    **380,000 Catholics**

**126 non-retired diocesan priests** (11 order priests & 19 externs in Diocesan assignments)

Only **57%** of parishes are **traditional** stand-alone parishes.

- Assumptions for Projections of Number of Priests (Center for Applied Research on the Apostolate at Georgetown University)
  - a) **retirement** stays at age **70**.    and    b) **15** ordinations every **ten** years (historic rate).  
-there is some service after retirement age.
- In the United States there is 1.3 priest(s) for every one thousand Catholics.

### Policies (DOR):

- No priest will say more than **3** Masses of Sunday Obligation including Saturday evening Mass.
- Every parish must have a weekly Sunday Eucharist as long as this is possible and practical.
- No pastor, priest administrator, or pastoral administrator will be assigned to more than three parishes or be responsible for more than three Sunday worship sites.
- a cluster of two or three parishes with a single pastor is not the norm under canon law.  
Any cluster should be moving toward becoming a single canonical parish.

### Diocesan data about Saints Peter & Paul

Households:	2001: 81	2002: 102	2003: 74
Attendance:	no data	114	92
Baptisms:	12	5	2
Deaths:	2	3	1

Special Circumstances: The pastoral administrator (Sr. Suzanne Hoffman, SSJ) of RCC-19 (Emmanuel Church of the Deaf; Good Counsel, St. Augustine and St. Monica) is serving as pastoral administrator of Saints Peter and Paul with a pastoral associate (Sr. Pat Flass, SSJ) providing site leadership.