



Diocese of Erie General Statistics
(As of August 27, 2024*)

Number of Active Diocesan Priests	87**
Number of Retired Diocesan Priests	37**
Number of Parishes.....	76
Number of Permanent Deacons	61
Number of Erie Seminarians at St. Mark Seminary	3
Number of Erie Seminarians in Major Seminary	3
Number of Women Religious	179
Number of Catholic Schools (excluding universities).....	29
Number of Students in Catholic Schools (K-12)	4,844
Number of Religious Education Students outside of Catholic Schools.....	4,615***
Number of Infant/Child Baptisms (up to 7 years).....	721***
Number of Adult Baptisms (7 years and older).....	70***
Number Received into Full Communion.....	51***
Number of Funerals.....	1,995***

*In general, these statistics are updated every January and July.

**The numbers given for active and retired priests are to be used only in those categories – they are not to be combined to give what appears to be a total number of priests. This is the specific direction of Bishop Persico. We are not to publish any total number of priests in the diocese, not because we are being secretive, but because the number can be misleading in various ways, including by giving the appearance of there being more priests actively working in the diocese than is accurate.

***Number from fiscal/academic year 2022-2023 (July 1-June 30) – based on data available on January 18, 2024.