



One In Faith ACC Communication

History of Active Priests in the St. Cloud Diocese

1999 - 92 active priests serving parishes in the diocese

2025 - 57 active priests serving parishes in the diocese

Projection of active priests 5 years from now:

- best case scenario is approximately 48 including active priests of retirement age

Projected ordinations to the priesthood:

- best case scenario is 14 ordinations in the next 10 years.
 - 5 of these men are in major seminary of which 90% are typically ordained
 - 9 of these men are in minor seminary of which 75% typically discern out of the seminary

Projected priests of retirement age over the next 10 years—17

History of Parishes in the St. Cloud Diocese

1999 - 139 parishes

Currently - 131 parishes

In summary - the number of active priests has decreased by almost 40% since 1999 while the number of parishes has decreased by only 6% in that same time period.

Per Diocese 7/3/25



Watch for follow up information from the listening sessions soon.

We continue to ask for your prayers for the parishioners of the One In Faith community, ACC All Things New planning committee, parish staff, diocesan All Things New planning team, and Bishop Neary as we move forward.

