



2017 Fact Sheet

Diocese of Raleigh

Established December 12, 1924, and comprises 54 eastern North Carolina counties across 32,000 square miles.

Most Reverend Luis Rafael Zarama
Bishop of Raleigh

Bishop	1
Retired Bishops	0
Priests	
Diocesan Active	64
Active Outside Diocese	4
Retired, Sick, Absent	26
Number of Diocesan Priests	94
Religious Priests	50
Total Priests in Diocese	144
Extern Priests	29
Permanent Deacons	73
Brothers	3
Sisters	33
Seminarians	26
Parishes	79
Under Direction of Resident Diocesan Clergy	45
Under Direction of Resident Religious Priests	24
Administered by Non-resident Priests	9
Administered by Lay People	1
Missions	18
Pastoral Centers	5

High Schools	
Diocesan and Parish	2
Total Students	1,579
Private High School	1
Total Students	200
Elementary Schools	
Diocesan and Parish	27
Total Students	7,576
Catechesis/Religious Education	
High School Students	4,433
Elementary Students	16,476
Total Students Under Catholic Instruction	30,290
Teachers (Full- and Part-time)	
Clergy	9
Religious Brothers	1
Religious Sisters	5
Lay Teachers	853
Baptisms	
Infant Baptisms	4,150
Minor Baptisms	753
Adult Baptisms	163
First Communions	5,278
Confirmations	3,359
Received into Full Communion	292
Marriages	
Catholic	653
Interfaith Marriages	280
Total Marriages	933
Deaths	1,224
Total Catholic Population	219,720
Total Population	4,924,663

*Source(s):
2017 Official Catholic Directory*