



2019 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	67
Active Outside Diocese	1
Retired, Sick, Absent	30
Number of Diocesan Priests	98
Religious Priests	49
Total Priests in Diocese	147
Extern Priests	24
Permanent Deacons	73
Brothers	4
Sisters	32
Seminarians	26
Parishes	79
Under Direction of Resident Diocesan Clergy	47
Under Direction of Resident Religious Priests	24
Administered by Non-resident Priests	8
Administered by Lay People	0
Missions	18
Pastoral Centers	4

High Schools	
Diocesan and Parish	2
Total Students	1,612
Private High School	1
Total Students	194
Elementary Schools	
Diocesan and Parish	27
Total Students	7,447
Catechesis/Religious Education	
High School Students	5,216
Elementary Students	15,745
Total Students Under Catholic Instruction	30,240
Teachers (Full- and Part-time)	
Clergy	4
Religious Sisters	5
Lay Teachers	621
Baptisms	
Infant Baptisms	4,064
Minor Baptisms	1,139
Adult Baptisms	248
First Communions	4,976
Confirmations	4,055
Received into Full Communion	273
Marriages	
Catholic	626
Interfaith Marriages	287
Total Marriages	913
Deaths	1,345
Total Catholic Population	237,281
Total Population	5,032,241

Source(s):

2019 Official Catholic Directory