



# 2021 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*

<b>Bishop</b>	<b>1</b>
Retired Bishops	0
<b>Priests</b>	
Diocesan Active	60
Active Outside Diocese	4
Retired, Sick, Absent	35
Number of Diocesan Priests	99
Religious Priests	48
Total Priests in Diocese	147
Extern Priests	21
<b>Permanent Deacons</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Brothers</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Sisters</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Seminarians</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Parishes</b>	<b>80</b>
Under Direction of Resident Diocesan Priests	42
Under Direction of Resident Religious Priests	23
Administered by Non-resident Priests	14
Administered by Lay People	1
<b>Missions</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Pastoral Centers</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>High Schools</b>	
Diocesan and Parish	2
Total Students	1,660
Private High School	1
Total Students	194
<b>Elementary Schools</b>	
Diocesan and Parish	27
Total Students	7,173
<b>Catechesis/Religious Education</b>	
High School Students	4,747
Elementary Students	13,777
Total Students Under Catholic Instruction	27,569
<b>Teachers (Full- and Part-time)</b>	
Clergy	2
Religious Sisters	11
Lay Teachers	661
<b>Baptisms</b>	
Infant Baptisms	2,855
Minor Baptisms	444
Adult Baptisms	120
<b>First Communions</b>	1,735
<b>Confirmations</b>	1,958
<b>Received into Full Communion</b>	252
<b>Marriages</b>	
Catholic	526
Interfaith Marriages	164
Total Marriages	690
<b>Deaths</b>	1,188
<b>Total Catholic Population</b>	230,945
<b>Total Population</b>	5,147,721

*Source(s):*

*2021 Official Catholic Directory*