



DIOCESE OF ERIE

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Diocese of Erie General Statistics (As of January 5, 2026)

	2025	2026
Number of Active Diocesan Priests	87*	77*
Number of Retired Diocesan Priests	37*	37*
Number of Parishes.....	76	76
Number of Permanent Deacons	61	58
Number of Erie Seminarians in Propaedeutic Year	2	2
Number of Erie Seminarians at St. Mark Seminary	3	3
Number of Erie Seminarians in Major Seminary	3	2
Number of Women Religious	165	149
Number of Catholic Schools (excluding universities).....	28	28
Number of Students in Catholic Schools (K-12)	4,585	4,300
Number of Faith Formation Students	4,221**	3,842**
Number of Infant/Child Baptisms (up to 7 years).....	707**	599**
Number of Adult Baptisms (7 years and older).....	146**	150**
Number Received into Full Communion.....	96**	109**
Number of Funerals.....	1,623**	1,419**

*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 previous fiscal/academic year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025).