

## **MARCH 2007 CENSUS RESULTS BY VICARIATE IN ARCHDIOCESE**

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On the second weekend of Lent there was a head count in your parish church. What follows is a report of the information collected.

This initiative is connected to the Synod process and the GIS (Geographical Information System) consultation that was conducted between November 2006 and January this year. The Archdiocese is building a new foundation for pastoral planning and reflection. These are exciting times.

This recent head count across the diocese brought a good response from the parishes and I am happy to share the results with you. The full value of any results is recognised only when they are placed in suitable relation to other results.

As this is the first attempt of the archdiocese to conduct such an exercise, looking at these results in isolation is not as meaningful as it will be say, three or five years from now. Then there would be comparison on a purely statistical basis that will chart attendance patterns opening interpretation.

What is important here is that we have made a start and over time, more data about the demographics in our diocese will be gathered. This will help in developing strategies and plans for the future. In October we will conduct a second head count to strengthen the process. The purpose of this exercise is to serve the archdiocese by collecting data to be used for pastoral planning.

NORTHERN	
No. of clergy	22
Average age of clergy	60
No. of Registered Catholics	81,799
Catholics/clergy	3,718
No. Catholics attended Mass/es	17,341 (21.20% )
Total number of Mass times	70
Ratio Catholics/clergy	788
Ratio clergy/Mass times	3.2

**Total Northern Vicariate = 18,269**  
**(21.46%)**

SOUTHERN	
No. of clergy	15
Average age of clergy	51
No. of Registered Catholics	56,893
Catholics/clergy	3,793
No. Catholics attended Mass/es	9,437 (16.59 %)
Total number of Mass times	71
Ratio Catholics/clergy	629
Ratio clergy to Mass times	4.7

CENTRAL	
No. of clergy	4
Average age of clergy	43
No. of Registered Catholics	30,847
Catholics/clergy	7,712
No. Catholics attended Mass/es	4,188 (13.58 %)
Total number of Mass times	29
Ratio Catholics/clergy	1,047
Ratio clergy to Mass times	7.2

No. of clergy	1
Average age of clergy	N/A
No. of Registered Catholics	3,335
Catholics/clergy	3,335
No. Catholics attended Mass/es	928 (27.8 3%)
Total number of Mass times	9
Ratio Catholics/clergy	928
Ratio clergy to Mass times	9

EASTERN	
No. of clergy	11
Average age of clergy	54
No. of Registered Catholics	75,221
Catholics/clergy	6,838
No. Catholics attended Mass/es	8,526 (11% )
Total number of Mass times	62
Ratio Catholics/clergy	775
Ratio clergy to Mass times	5.6

No. of clergy	7
Average age of clergy	63
No. of Registered Catholics	41,365
Catholics/clergy	5,909
No. Catholics attended Mass/ES	<b>8,414 (20.34%)</b>
Total number of Mass times	32
Ratio Catholics/clergy	1,202
Ratio Clergy to Mass times	4.6

### ARCHDIOCESE STATISTICS

No. of clergy	60
Average age clergy	56
Clergy over 60 years old	24
No. of Catholics	289,460
Ratio of Catholics/clergy	4,824

<b>Number of Catholics by Vicariate who attended Mass as a % of total for the Archdiocese</b>		
Northern	18,269	37.41%
Southern	9,437	19.32%
Eastern	8,526	17.46%
Central	4,188	8.58%
Suburban	8,414	17.23%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48,834</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### SUMMARY

Total number of Catholics in Archdiocese	<b>289,711</b>
Total number of Catholics who attended Mass/Eucharistic Service in the Archdiocese	<b>48,834</b>
Total number of Mass times	<b>273</b>
<b>= 16.86%</b>	