

# DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS in TENNESSEE

## DIOCESAN STATISTICS

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*The Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee was established on January 6, 1971 by Pope St. Paul VI. The diocese comprises the counties of Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, McNairy, Madison, Obion, Shelby, Tipton, and Weakley in the State of Tennessee.*

*There are 1,561,304 people living in the diocese; the Catholic population is 61,793. The diocese comprises 42 parishes, 6 missions, 1 university, 6 high schools (3 private, 2 diocesan and 1 parish), 18 elementary schools (10 parish, 6 diocesan, and 2 private). The total number of students under Catholic instruction, including parish faith formation, is 11,266.*

*The total number of priests in the diocese is 91. There are 81 diocesan priests and 10 religious priests. Sixty-one diocesan priests are active in ministry in the diocese; two diocesan priests are active in ministry outside the diocese. Seventeen priests are retired, sick or absent. There are 9 extern priests. The diocese is also served by 74 permanent deacons, 38 religious brothers, 37 religious sisters and 71 lay ministers.*