



## The Proof is in the Pudding

# Post-Vatican II Statistics Prove It!

### In the USA:

#### Active Priests:

1965 - 58,000

2002 - 45,000

#### Ordinations:

1965 - 1,575

2002 - 450

#### Priestless Parishes:

1965 - 549 (about 1%)

2002 - 2,928 (about 15%)

#### Seminarians:

1965 - 49,000

2002 - 4,700

#### Sisters:

1965 - 180,000

2002 - 75,000

#### Brothers:

1965 - 12,000

2002 - 5,700

#### Jesuits:

1965 - 5,277

2002 - 3,172

#### Franciscans:

1965 - 2,534

2002 - 1,492

#### Christian Brothers:

1965 - 2,434  
2002 - 959

**Redemptorists:**

1965 - 1,148  
2002 - 349

**Catholic High Schools:**

1965 - 1,566  
2002 - 786

**Catholic High School Students:**

1965 - 700,000  
2002 - 386,000

**Parochial Grade Schools:**

1965 - 10,504  
2002 - 6,623

**Parochial Grade School Students:**

1965 - 4.5 million  
2002 - 1.9 million

**Infant Baptisms:**

1965 - 1.3 million  
2002 - 1 million

**Adult Baptisms (conversions):**

1965 - 126,000  
2002 - 80,000

**Catholic Marriages:**

1965 - 352,000  
2002 - 256,000

**Annulments:**

1965 - 338  
2002 - 50,000

**Regular Mass Attendance - study #1:**

1958 - 74% of Catholics (Gallup Pole)  
1994 - 26.6% (Notre Dame study)

**Regular Mass Attendance - Fordham University study:**

1965 - 65% of Catholics  
2000 - 25%

**Misc.** (source, National Catholic Reporter)

77% believe Catholics don't have to attend Mass on Sunday

65% believe Catholics can divorce and remarry

53% believe Catholics can have an abortion

10% accept the Church's teaching on birth control (source, Notre Dame poll)

70% believe the Eucharist is a "symbolic reminder" of Our Lord (New York Times poll)

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