

Diocese of Biloxi



State of the Diocese Report *for Fiscal Year Ending June 2019*

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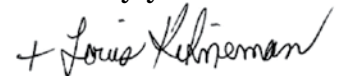
Dear Parishioners,

As I have traveled throughout the Diocese of Biloxi, I have been deeply heartened and encouraged by the communities of faith I have encountered in our parishes, missions, schools, and ministries.

The Spirit of our Lord, Jesus Christ, is very much present and alive in our midst. I am especially encouraged by our people who want to grow in their faith and their love of Jesus Christ and their desire to become His disciples.

The call of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 28:19 "...to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit..." we are taking to heart as a diocese and as a Church. I have seen that the Love of Jesus Christ is at the center of who we are and all we do. Jesus is calling us to continue to live out that love in each of our parishes, missions, schools, and ministries.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



PARISH LIFE

56,718
Registered Parishioners

21,744
Families

SACRAMENTAL LIFE



Baptisms
823



First Communions
783



Confirmations
638



Marriages
190



Funerals
670



DEANERIES OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BILOXI

NORTHERN DEANERY

Bassfield
St. Peter Parish

Hattiesburg
Sacred Heart Parish

Laurel
Immaculate
Conception Parish

Lucedale
St. Lucy Mission

Monticello
St. Lawrence Mission

Waynesboro
St. Bernadette Parish

Columbia
Holy Trinity Parish

St. Fabian Parish

Leakesville
Holy Trinity Mission

Lumberton
Our Lady of Perpetual
Help Parish

Poplarville
St. Joseph Mission

Wiggins
St. Francis Xavier Parish

Hattiesburg
Holy Rosary Parish

St. Thomas Aquinas
Parish

Tylertown
St. Paul the Apostle Mission

WEST COAST DEANERY

Bay St. Louis
Our Lady of the Gulf Parish

Pass Christian
Our Mother of Mercy Parish

St. Rose de Lima Parish

Holy Family Parish

Clermont Harbor
St. Ann Parish

Pearlington
St. Joseph Chapel

Dedeaux
Sacred Heart Parish

Picayune
St. Charles Borromeo Parish

Kiln
Annunciation Parish

Waveland
St. Clare Parish

Pass Christian
Most Holy Trinity Parish

White Cypress
St. Matthew the
Apostle Parish

CENTRAL COAST DEANERY

Delmas
Our Lady of
Chatres Mission

Gulfport
St. James Parish

St. John the
Evangelist Parish

St. Joseph Parish

St. Therese Parish

Lizana
St. Ann Parish

Long Beach
St. Thomas the
Apostle Parish

EAST CENTRAL COAST DEANERY

Biloxi
Nativity B.V.M.
Cathedral Parish

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Our Mother of Sorrows
Parish

Blessed Francis
Xavier Seelos Parish

St. Mary Parish

St. Michael Parish

Vietnamese Martyrs Parish

D'Iberville
Sacred Heart Parish

EAST COAST DEANERY

Gautier
St. Mary Parish

Hurley
St. Ann Mission

Latimer
Christ the King Mission

Moss Point
St. Joseph the Worker Parish

Ocean Springs
St. Alphonsus Parish

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish

Pascagoula
Our Lady of Victories Parish

Sacred Heart Parish
St. Peter the Apostle Parish

Vancleave
Holy Spirit Parish

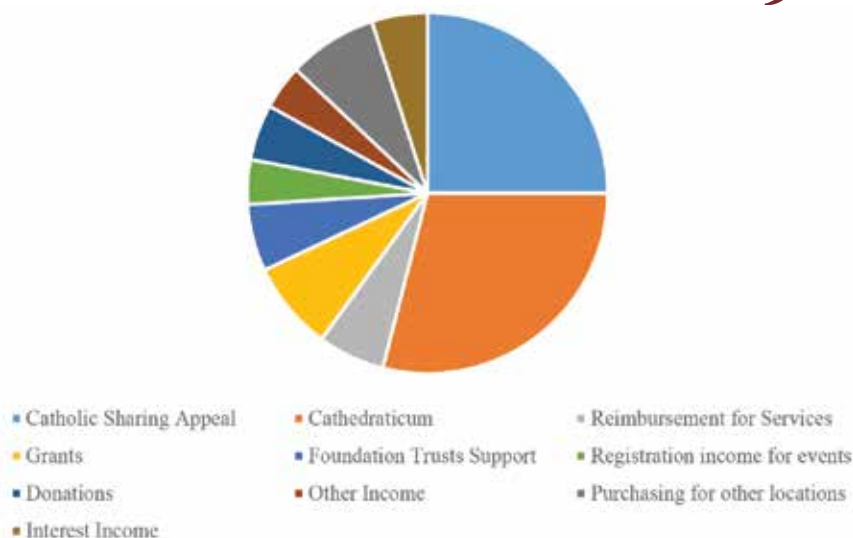
Revenues Actual 2018-2019

Catholic Sharing Appeal	25%
Cathedraticum	29%
Reimbursement for Services	6%
Grants	8%
Foundation Trusts Support	6%
Registration income for events	4%
Donations	5%
Other Income	4%
Reimbursement for other locations	8%
Interest Income	5%

Expenses Actual 2018-2019

Salaries and benefits	22%	Maintenance, Property insurance and utilities	4%
Support to Parishes/Schools/Catholic Charities/de l'Epee		Printing, binding and mailing	2%
Charities/de l'Epee	37%	Purchases for other locations	2%
Professional services and fees	4%	Depreciation	2%
Vocations	6%	Supplies and Materials	2%
Retired Clergy benefits	12%	Interest Expense	1%
Other Expenses	4%		
Business Travel, Meals and Youth Events	2%		

INCOME ACTUAL 2018 - 2019



EXPENSES ACTUAL 2018 - 2019



43 Parishes

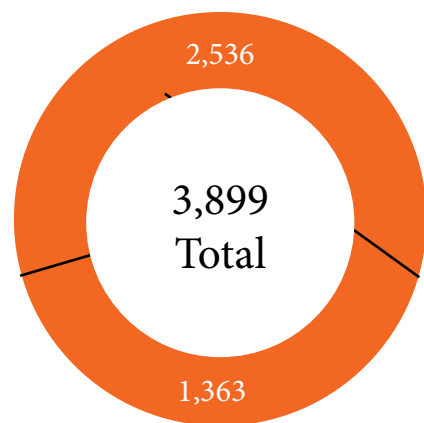
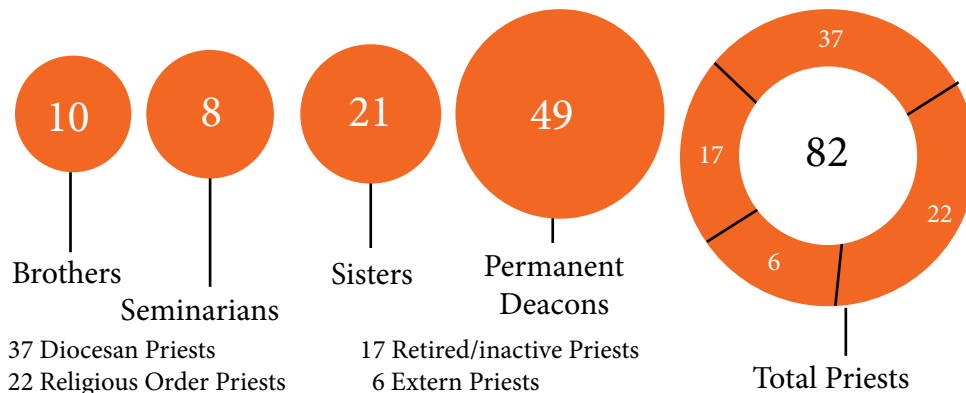


8 Missions



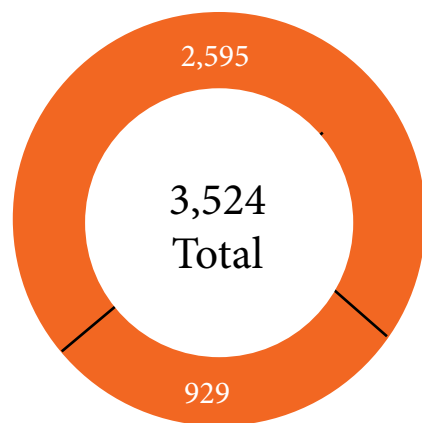
2 Chapels

15 Schools (14 Diocesan Schools & 1 Private School)



Catholic School Enrollment

PreK – Elementary	2,536
High School	1,363



Parish Religious Education

Elementary School Age	2,595
High School Age	929

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION

The Office of Evangelization to date has offered Information Sessions for the Schools, and Diocesan Staff.

We have also had the following encounters for 2019:

- Introduction to Forming Intentional Disciples on February 16 with 300 people saying yes to Jesus
- District Professional Development Day for our schools on August 7, 500 teachers in attendance
- Priest Convocation and Deacon Convocation in October
- Ananias Leadership Workshop November 15-16 with 162 in attendance.
- The Office of Evangelization upcoming encounter is **Called & Gifted**. The office will continue to promote the Church's call to Evangelization by providing vision and formation for leaders going into 2020.

Ministries of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi

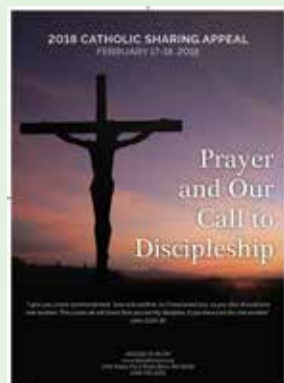
In the Gospel of Matthew, as the Lord Jesus was about to ascend to the Father, He gave the Great Commission to the Apostles, commanding them to **“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt. 28:19)**. We, as the Church in Southern Mississippi, are called to this commission in our daily lives today. In light of this call we move more intentionally toward discipleship in Jesus, as we start to view our daily work in light of this call.



Motivated by the teachings of Christ, **Catholic Charities of South Mississippi** works to help our brothers and sisters in Christ, by providing the basic necessities of life and creating hope. By feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and serving those imprisoned by poverty, isolation, disaster or educational challenges, we serve according to the Gospel values of justice, mercy, and charity. We are called to offer kindness, respect, and dignity to all that we serve.



de l'Epée provides spiritual well-being, promotion of independence and inclusion in the community for the deaf, hard of hearing and disabled. Through communication and understanding we promote the Gospel teachings to follow in our Lord's footsteps. Only through accurate communication and understanding of culture can people with disabilities be included in all aspects of life and further their desire to become Intentional Disciples.



The Lord's call to follow Him and become His disciples also calls us to be good stewards of the gifts that He bestows on each of us, as individuals, as well as the community of believers that is the Church. **The Office of Stewardship and Development** works to teach, and to put into practice the Spirituality of Stewardship that helps us in our journey towards being Intentional Disciple of the Lord Jesus.

The Office of the Chancellor has as its primary mission the preservation of the history and artifacts of the Diocese of Biloxi. This mission, a mission of service, is at the core of intentional discipleship as it helps to preserve the teachings of the Church for future generations of disciples.

Gulf Pine CATHOLIC



The Office of Communications is the voice of the Diocese of Biloxi and its shepherd, Bishop Louis F. Kihneman III. Through the use of social media and the diocesan newspaper, *The Gulf Pine Catholic*, we promote the good works of the Church being accomplished by our parishes, schools, entities, and organizations. One of our primary goals is to assist in the communication and raising awareness of our call to discipleship.

The Office of Finance, being mindful of God's blessings and gifts to His Church, is called to demonstrate discipleship by practicing of good stewardship of the financial assets of God's Church in the Diocese of Biloxi. It is our goal to always be faithful to the teachings of Christ and to be faithful in the stewardship of the gifts of His people in the ministry of the Church.



Our Catholic schools strive daily to create awareness to our call to be disciples of Jesus by immersing faculty, staff, and students, in the teachings and practice of our Catholic Faith. Faith-formation is at the core of the mission of all our schools and activities. Led by the **Office of Catholic Schools** offering workshops on forming Intentional Disciples, all members of the Catholic school leadership at each campus are consciously choosing to pray, learn, and show their faith through actions and to teach our students to “be not afraid” to be a witness to our Lord Jesus.



The Office of Religious Education provides ongoing discipleship training for Catholic school religion teachers and parish catechetical leaders. We partner with our Catholic schools and parish leadership to help form our youth, young adults, and lay faithful in the ongoing exercise of having a well-formed conscience in our communities and in society as a whole.

The family is the domestic Church and the primary place of formation of values, consciences and discipleship in the Lord Jesus. **The Office of Marriage & Family Life Ministries** works to affirm, support, and strengthen all facets of family life by providing programs for spiritual enrichment, healing, and renewal so that each person in the family can draw closer to Christ and move deeper into discipleship with Him.



The Office of Youth Ministry, along with the nuclear family, is at the heart of forming discipleship in our youth and young adults. In our ministry we work to help all understand what a disciple is, and what living as a disciple looks like in our society today.



The Office of Evangelization promotes the Church's call to Evangelization by providing vision and formation for leaders; coordinating diocesan evangelization initiatives, and helping parishes explore creative new ways for deepening, re-awakening, and sharing of our Catholic Faith.



The Office of the Diaconate has teamed with the Office of Evangelization and the Core Team of Forming Intentional Disciples in presenting Intentional Discipleship workshops to the Deacons of the Diocese of Biloxi. The Intentional Discipleship Ministry is being integrated into our Diaconal Ministry through homilies at parish Masses and parish programs. The formation of Intentional Discipleship is being included in the Academic Syllabus of all future Diaconate formation Classes.