The Diocese of Providence exists to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ and the Universal Catholic Church by being the model of Jesus, teacher, sanctifier, and servant and to proclaim the Good News through evangelization, catechesis and service. In recognition of the Reign of God in our midst and in response to the Holy Spirit’s persistent movement, we are called to be the presence of Jesus to all.

The diocese supports many ministries and programs that provide social, educational and spiritual support to thousands in local communities throughout Rhode Island. Ministries within the diocese offer help for the poor, the homeless, to those in hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, and to those seeking the peace of Jesus Christ, that comes from the Joy of the Gospel.

As of 2018, there are approximately 450 men and women religious within the Diocese of Providence, who build up the Kingdom of God by their witness to prayer and service.

As of 2018, there are 102 permanent deacons incardinated in the Diocese of Providence, who assist faithfully in their ministries in the diocese, parishes and institutions.

Since 2010, hundreds of men have had a safe and warm place to sleep during the winter at the Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter. The shelter provides meals and other services including addiction recovery, counseling, employment resources and much more.

Since 2005, $3.35 Million has been raised through donations from parishes, schools and individuals for ‘Keep the Heat On’, a diocesan heating assistance program. 16,089 families and individuals have been provided heating assistance through the program.

In 2018, 103,315 people were assisted by diocesan social services that provided outreach to the homeless, legal services, counseling, food pantries and soup kitchens.

In 2018, $1,953,060 in Tuition Assistance Grants were provided to 3,050 Catholic School Students. There are currently 32 Catholic Elementary Schools and 7 Catholic High Schools in the diocese.

Since 2013, $450,000 has been raised from the Lumen Gentium Awards dinner that supports ministries throughout the Diocese. The awards honor those for their commitment and service to the Catholic Church and the community.

The Diocese operates two top-rated nursing facilities (360 beds) and an assisted living facility (76 beds), providing both short-term rehabilitation and long-term care for those who can no longer live alone.

In 2018, 9,762 hospital and homebound visits were made by clergy and parishes.

In 2018, 24,500 subscribers got to read each week what is happening in the Catholic Church here in Rhode Island and around the world.

What are the conclusions we can draw from this report?  The first is that the Diocese must continue making the structural adjustments we have already begun in responding to the new realities in which we are living. These changes will include clergy assignments, parish configurations, Mass schedules, and educational resources. Every member of the Church should expect to be affected by these changes. Second is that we need to renew our efforts at evangelization – with boldness and creativity – to welcome new members into our Church, to reach out to those who have fallen away, and to nourish and strengthen the faith of the many who are still with us.

Finally, we are called to embrace the future and all that it holds, with steadfast confidence and hope, realizing that Jesus will be with us. He is the cause of our joy. Thus in all that we do, we will “persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of our faith.” (Heb 12: 1-2).

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Providence
BY THE NUMBERS SINCE 2000

STATE POPULATION

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NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS REPORTED

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FAITHFUL SERVANTS
We are blessed with 134 priests in active ministry in the Diocese of Providence along with many retired priests who continue to serve the people of God.

- 22 diocesan priests in active ministry are under 40 years old.
- 37 diocesan priests in active ministry have more than one assignment/ministry.
- 64 diocesan priests in active ministry are 60 years old or older (i.e., just under half of the total number of priests in active ministry).
- 13 diocesan priests aged 70 or older remain in active ministry.
- An additional 9 diocesan priests turn 70 in 2019.

SEMINARIANS
There are currently 13 seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Providence.

COME HOLY SPIRIT
All baptized disciples of Christ need to pray for our priests and for vocations and use their time, talents, and treasure to support their local communities of faith.

SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS

Marriages
Infant Baptisms
First Communions
Confirmations

SCHOOLS AND PARISH RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Catholic Elementary Schools
Catholic High Schools
Catechesis Elementary School
Catechesis High School

PROJECTED ORDINATIONS AS OF 2018

**Source: The majority of data is taken from parish status animarum summary reports, as well as annual diocesan directories and the diocesan Quinquennial Report.**