

State of the Church

{ Summer Series, Talk #1

General World Stats

	World (2016)	US (2018)	SC (2016)	SMMCC
Population	7.35 billion	327.2 million	4,832,482	
Catholic Population	1.30 billion	76.3 million	196,245	4,400 families (13k)
% Catholic	17.67%	23.3%	4.06%	
Increase over previous year	14 million			
Total Priests	414,969 (down 687 priests from previous year)	36,580 (down 998 from 2015) but Priestly Ords up 3	120 Total	3 (4 with retired)
Total Major Seminarians	116,160 (down 683)	3,553 (down 97 from 2015)	16 Total	0
Total Diocesan Major Seminarians	71,117 (up 999)			0
Total Minor Seminarians	101,616 (down 2,735)			1
Total Religious	52,625 (down 1,604)			0
Total Bishops	5,353 (up 49)		1	-
Parishes w/o resident pastor	47,047 (down 2,125)	3,363 (down 170)		-

Source: CARA

Education and Other Services

	World (2016)	US (2018)	SC (2016)	SMMCC
Kindergartens	79k (7.3million)			1
Primary Schools	96.5k (35million)	5,115 (down 187) 1.3m	30	0
Secondary Schools	48k (20million)	1,194 (down 6) 570k		0
High Schools	(2.5million)		4	0
Universities	(3.0million)	226 (steady) 770k	0	0
Hospitals	5,287	552 (up 11) 99.9m served	3	-
Medical Dispensaries	15,937			-
Care Homes	610			-
Leprosy Orphanages	9,552			-
Other	65k			
Kindergartens	79k (7.3million)			1

Source: CARA

Ecumenism

& Greek Orthodox

- ∅ Joint Commission for Theological Dialogue (Ravenna 2007, 2014 more success in Jordan, agreement on past roles of Rome – “protos”)

& Protestants

- ∅ Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification
- ∅ 1999 –Lutheran World Federation and Catholics sign
- ∅ 2006 – Methodists sign
- ∅ 2016 – Anglicans sign
- ∅ 2017 – World Communion of Reformed Churches sign

& LARCUM – Bishops continual interaction

& Vicar for Ecumenism

Doctrine

Support for Change Lower but Still Substantial Among Catholics Who Attend Mass Weekly

Among Catholics, % who say the Catholic Church should ...

	Allow Catholics to use birth control	Allow priests to get married	Allow divorced Catholics who remarry without an annulment to receive Communion	Allow Catholics who are living with a romantic partner to receive Communion	Allow women to become priests	Recognize the marriages of gay and lesbian couples
	%	%	%	%	%	%
All Catholics	76	62	62	61	59	46
Men	73	61	62	64	60	42
Women	79	63	63	58	58	50
Ages 18-29	74	56	56	66	63	58
30-49	79	59	60	59	58	48
50-64	80	69	72	69	65	45
65+	69	63	58	50	51	36
White	80	67	74	69	61	50
Hispanic	70	56	44	49	55	39
College grad+	81	66	72	70	64	54
Some college	80	67	66	68	60	44
H.S. or less	72	57	55	51	55	43
<i>Current marital status</i>						
Married	79	65	64	62	59	42
Not married	73	59	60	60	58	51
<i>Marital history</i>						
Has been divorced	76	70	67	59	63	46
<i>Currently remarried</i>	82	72	71	64	62	45
<i>Currently not married</i>	73	69	64	57	63	46
Has lived with a partner	82	71	68	70	66	52
<i>Mass attendance</i>						
At least once a week	65	48	50	46	45	37
Less than once a week	83	71	70	71	68	52
<i>Monthly/yearly</i>	84	71	70	69	68	50
<i>Seldom/never</i>	83	72	70	74	68	56

Source: Pew Research Center Survey of U.S. Catholics and Family Life, May 5–June 7, 2015. "Has lived with partner" includes those who have, at any point, lived with a romantic partner without being married. Whites include only non-Hispanics; Hispanics can be of any race.

Doctrine Cont'd...

& Confession/Contraception/abortion/gay marriage/homosexual acts/capital punishment etc.

∞ Is it a surprise we are losing people??: Put people who love chocolate into a room with chocolate everywhere and then be surprised when some of them resent the people with rules against chocolate

∞ Christian agreement 100 years ago on pretty much everything moral, but not now

& Need for catechesis at the local level

Sexual Abuse (Cultural)

- ⌘ Domestic numbers – 2016 – 63,000 cases of sexual assault, 95% in the home (Source: HHS)
- ⌘ School numbers – 17,000 cases in 2011-2017 of student perpetrated sexual assault (source AP)
 - ⌘ 4.5 million students 8-11th grade sexual assault and misconduct (mostly teachers and coaches)
 - ⌘ Source SESAME
- ⌘ Reminder of the Dallas Charter in 2002
 - ⌘ Yearly Audits of dioceses for compliance
- ⌘ 2016 Catholic cases – 25 (Source: CARA)
 - ⌘ Between 2004-2016, \$500 million spent in Child Protection (Source: CARA)

Persecution

- ⌘ Religious Liberty – closing of Adoption Agencies and many socials service due to federal laws
- ⌘ Confessional Seal – LA and CA
- ⌘ Life Issue fights (NY, VA, IL)
- ⌘ Worldwide martyr/persecution numbers
 - ⌘ Ramadan 2019, 364 dead, 404 injured in Islamic terrorist attacks
 - ⌘ March 21, 140 dead in predominately Christian area of Nigeria by Boko Haram
 - ⌘ 77yr old French Nun decapitated in Central African Republic (May 12)
 - ⌘ Argentinian doc charged with refusing abortion (May 23)
 - ⌘ Priest and 5 church goers murdered May 13 in Burkina Faso
 - ⌘ Cuba/Chinese/Vietnam/India/Middle East