

Diocese of Fall River: 2024 By the Numbers Making an Impact Across the Diocese

The Diocese of Fall River spans five counties
and 1,194 square miles!

280

Sunday Masses each Weekend

45,759

Attended Sunday Mass,
on average

5,007

Students enrolled in
our Catholic Schools

404

Attended the Diocesan
Catholic Youth Day

1,722

First Communions

120

Men joined the Meat'n'Greet
cookout hosted by the
new Men's Ministry

43,171

Received direct services
from Catholic Charities

240

Women attended
the Annual Advent
Women's Retreat

1,200

Celebrated the
multi-lingual Diocesan Day
of Eucharistic Encounter

1,732

Baptisms

18,402

Prayers and Devotions
offered for priests

Thank you for helping to make a difference!



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*Hope
Lights the Way*

***"They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength,
they will soar on eagles' wings; They will run and not grow
weary, walk and not grow faint." – Isaiah 40:31***

Gifts to the Catholic Appeal Shine the *Light of Hope* Across Our Diocese!

Building Community: Strengthening Parishes

The Cathedral is the seat of the Diocese, but the invitation to bring Christ into the lives of our community happens daily at Parishes across the Diocese. The Diocese of Fall River stretches from the Attleboro's east to North Easton, from Taunton and across Cape Cod and the Islands, through New Bedford and Fall River to the Rhode Island border and all the towns in between, each with its own special culture and community. The Diocese supports the people and the programs at individual parishes by running special programs and providing important resources, services, and training.

Growing Faith: Formation and Evangelization

The Secretariat for the New Evangelization has brought new energy and programs inspired by Bishop da Cunha's vision. Youth and adult ministries have welcomed the office among parishes and groups across the Diocese. Envisioning the future, New Evangelization inspires Catholics to engage in their faith, spreads the Word across the entire community, and welcomes newcomers to the table of the Lord.

Serving Others: Food, Shelter, and Services

The Diocesan ministry Catholic Charities embraces the dignity of every individual by fostering empowerment, resilience, opportunity, and hope. Catholic Charities offers an array of programs to uplift and support individuals and families at every stage of life. The programs provide critical resources such as emergency assistance, counseling and mental health services, food pantries and housing support. The Catholic Appeal helps maintain Catholic Charities shelters across the Diocese, recently helping them partner in building the first ever shelter in Attleboro.

Inspiring Vocations and Strengthening Priests: Clergy Support

The Church depends on the strength and well-being of our priests, who, through ordination, lead and minister to the faithful. The Office of Clergy Support works to strengthen priests so they can form and sustain vibrant parishes. Catholic Appeal gifts support major initiatives, like "Stronger Priests, Stronger Parishes, Stronger Church," which aims to empower priests, staff, and parishioners, ensuring that every aspect of parish life is aligned with the Church's mission of evangelization and service. Bishop da Cunha recognizes, "without the Priesthood, there would be no Eucharist, and without the Eucharist, there would be no Church. By God's design, our very existence as a Church is permanently tied to the Priesthood."

Shaping Futures: Catholic Education

Our Catholic schools are investments in not only the children who attend but also in the future of our Church. They challenge students from across the academic spectrum to reach their God-given potential. Catholic schools provide academic rigor, focus on developing the whole child—mind, heart, and soul—and allow students to experience the living faith. Donations to the Catholic Appeal help schools fund the important work being done at each of the 18 Catholic schools in the Diocese.

To learn more about these ministries and initiatives, please visit: www.catholifoundationsema.org/appeal.

