



# Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

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Office of the Chancellor

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Pastors, Parochial Administrators

FROM: Very Reverend Christopher House  
Chancellor

DATE: September 2019

SUBJECT: 2019 October Count

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It is time, once again, for the 2019 October Count. Please use the tally sheet attached to this e-mail memorandum for the 2019 October Count. The weekends to be counted are:

- October 5-6, 2019
- October 12-13, 2019
- October 19-20, 2019
- October 26-27, 2019

If you have more than one parish, please copy the tally sheet and complete one for each parish you serve.

There are two tables on the tally sheet. The top table is to record attendance at regularly scheduled Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. The second table is for special Masses that are regularly celebrated or celebrated only occasionally (Mass in Spanish, Life-Teen Masses, etc.)

NOTE – if you have not counted the seating capacity of your parish church for a while, consider counting it this year. Please allow 22 inches per person. If you have changed the weekend schedule in the last year, October 2018-September 2019, kindly note that as well. This is valuable data in parish pastoral planning.

Please return the tally sheet by **Thursday, November 7, 2019** to Very Reverend Christopher House at the address above or e-mail to [tgwardys@dio.org](mailto:tgwardys@dio.org).

Thank you for your assistance in completing this year's October count. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.