

APPENDIX B

**Projected Diocesan Priest Availability 2008 – 2018
Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

The following chart provides a 5-year and 10-year estimate for full time diocesan priests projected to be available for service in parishes in the Diocese of Springfield for the next ten years. The projections were made based on data available 11/05/09.

Total Priests	Active Priests	Ages 30-49	Ages 50-69	Age 70+	Retired Priests		Number Of Deaths (Projected)	Ordinations (Projected)	Ordination Average	Decline in Active Priests
1998	1998									
140	109				31					
2008	2008						1998-2008	1998-2008	10 yr. Avg.	1998-2008
110	82	23	43	16	28		40	15	1.5	-25%
2013	2013						2013	2013		2008-2013
91	72*	18	44	17	32		(20)	(7)		-12.5%*
2018	2018						2008-2018	2008-2018		2008-2018
85	61*	24	46	19	36		(40)	(15)		-25%*

These projections are based on a 10-year average 1998-2008 including:

1. 10-year average of newly ordained
2. 10-year average number of deaths
3. 10-year average decline in active priests

*Based on average decline

Current Statistics – November 2009

75 active diocesan priests serving in the diocese

5 active diocesan priests serving outside of the diocese

131 diocesan parishes

80 active diocesan priests (source: Diocesan Pastoral Directory)

14 religious priests serving in 5 diocesan parishes (source: Diocesan Pastoral Directory)

Catholic Population 156,000 (source: Official Catholic Directory)

1 priest for 2,080 Catholics

October Count 2008 – 62,600 Catholics attend Mass each weekend in October

1 priest for 835 Catholics