

# PRIESTHOOD IN THE UNITED STATES CURRENT STATISTICS (2003)

**43,634** priests in the United States  
(**29,285 Diocesan** and 14,349 Religious)

**Median age of 56**

19,081 parishes in the United States  
3,040 parishes without a pastor

At the current rate, in 20 years we will have 70% fewer priests which will mean that most Diocesan Priests will pastor multiple parishes.

**How will this impact YOU?**

Check these websites for additional information: [www.futurechurch.org/fpm/corpus/prieststats/cara.htm](http://www.futurechurch.org/fpm/corpus/prieststats/cara.htm)

And [www.bc.edu/church21/webcast.html](http://www.bc.edu/church21/webcast.html)

Clergy Crisis, Paul Kolbet, 11/29/07

Statistics from Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate