



## **CHA's Ecclesiology and Spiritual Renewal Program for Health Care Leaders**

Participant Guide

APRIL 14 – 19, 2024



*We Will Empower Bold Change to Elevate Human Flourishing.<sup>SM</sup>*

## THE SHARED STATEMENT OF IDENTITY *for* THE CATHOLIC HEALTH MINISTRY

*We are the people of Catholic health care, a ministry of the church, continuing Jesus' mission of love and healing today. As provider, employer, advocate, citizen – bringing together people of diverse faiths and backgrounds – our ministry is an enduring sign of health care rooted in our belief that every person is a treasure, every life a sacred gift, every human being a unity of body, mind and spirit.*

We work to bring alive the Gospel vision of justice and peace. We answer God's call to foster healing, act with compassion and promote wellness for all persons and communities, with special attention to our neighbors who are poor, underserved and most vulnerable. By our service, we strive to transform hurt into hope.

### AS THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALTH CARE, WE COMMIT TO:

- + Promote and Defend Human Dignity
- + Attend to the Whole Person
- + Care for Poor and Vulnerable Persons
- + Promote the Common Good
- + Act on Behalf of Justice
- + Steward Resources
- + Serve as a Ministry of the Church

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to CHA's Ecclesiology and Spiritual Renewal Program for Health Care Leaders. This week-long experience offers a unique perspective on the Catholic health ministry and the Church's global work.

Through advanced readings, experiences of prayer and ritual, onsite presentations, visits with representatives of offices of the Vatican/Holy See and experiencing the sacred sites of Rome and Assisi, we hope you will:

- Come to a deeper understanding of a personal call to serve in the health care ministry
- Explore the relationship between personal spirituality, organizational spirituality and the capacity to lead others in the healing ministry
- Understand what it means to be a ministry of the Church
- Gain greater insight into the spirit, structure and functioning of the Roman Catholic Church
- Experience community with other leaders of Catholic health care and develop lasting relationships
- Return home renewed and empowered to lead your organization and colleagues to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ

This book will serve as a helpful guide for your experience, offering important details about our time together. We encourage you to become familiar with its contents and to bring it with you to Rome.

Advanced readings and a digital copy of this guide can be accessed by utilizing the QR code on this page.

We look forward to seeing you in Rome,

*Diarmuid Rooney*  
Diarmuid Rooney

Vice President, Sponsorship and Mission Services







## Agenda-at-a-Glance

This agenda includes daily schedules and also references the level of activity required for each day. Please refer to the Attire Guide for suggestions on dress for each day's activities.

### PHYSICAL ACTIVITY RATING GUIDE

**LEISURELY**  
Easy pace, little walking and few stairs

**MODERATE**  
Moderate pace, greater distances covered, walking over uneven surfaces, stair climbing and embarking and disembarking motor coaches

**CHALLENGING**  
Vigorous pace, frequent movement, extensive walking over uneven surfaces, hiking, stair climbing where elevators are not available, embarking and disembarking motor coaches

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14



- 3:00 p.m. Welcome and General Orientation for Registered Participants and Registered Guests (*Ludovisi*)
- 3:45 p.m. Break
- 4:00 p.m. Opening Eucharist for Registered Participants and Registered Guests
- 5:00 p.m. Break
- 5:15 p.m. Program Opening for Registered Participants
- 5:30 p.m. Presentation: "Setting the Context for Ministry" for Registered Participants
- 7:00 p.m. Reception/Dinner for Registered Participants and Registered Guests (*Borghese*)

### MONDAY, APRIL 15



- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast for Registered Participants and Registered Guests (*Borghese*)
- 8:30 a.m. Opening Prayer for Registered Participants (*Ludovisi*)
- 8:45 a.m. Presentation: "Spirituality: Personal and Institutional" for Registered Participants
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Presentation: "To Serve Within the Catholic Church" for Registered Participants
- Noon Lunch for Registered Participants and Registered Guests (*Borghese*)
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation, "U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See" for Registered Guests and Registered Participants (*Ludovisi*)
- 2:45 p.m. *Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon on your own.*
- 5:00 p.m. Board motor coaches for a private tour of Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests
- 6:00 p.m. Private tour of Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum for Registered Participants and Registered Guests
- 8:00 p.m. Reception and light supper at the Vatican Museum for Registered Participants and Registered Guests
- 9:00 p.m. Board motor coaches to return to Westin

## TUESDAY, APRIL 16



- 6:15 a.m. Coffee and box breakfast available for Registered Participants and Registered Guests (*Hotel Lobby*)
- 6:45 a.m. Board motor coaches for Assisi for Registered Participants and Registered Guests
- 7:00 a.m. **Depart for Assisi**
- 10:30 a.m. Eucharist at Church of Santa Chiara
- 11:00 a.m. Self-directed retreat in Assisi, with optional walking tour with Br. William Short, OFM
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch on own and free time
- 2:45 p.m. Meet in the Lower Piazza at Basilica of San Francesco (to walk to motor coaches)
- 4:00 p.m. Depart for Rome
- 6:30 p.m. Arrive at Westin
- Please enjoy dinner and an evening on your own.*

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17



- 6:00 a.m. Breakfast for Registered Participants and Registered Guests (*Borghese*)
- 7:00 a.m. Board motor coaches for the Papal General Audience in St. Peter's Square for Registered Participants and Registered Guests
- 7:15 a.m. **Depart for St. Peter's Square**
- 10:00 a.m. Papal General Audience in St. Peter's Square
- Noon *Enjoy lunch and free time on your own. Return to Westin at your leisure.*
- 4:00 p.m. Reflection and integration (*Ludovisi*) for Registered Participants
- 6:00 p.m. Board motor coaches for dinner at Al Ceppo for Registered Participants and Registered Guests
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Al Ceppo for Registered Participants and Registered Guests

## THURSDAY, APRIL 18



- 5:30 a.m. Breakfast for Registered Participants and Registered Guests (*Borghese*)
- 6:00 a.m. Board motor coaches for Mass at St. Peter's Basilica for Registered Participants and Registered Guests
- 6:15 a.m. **Depart for St. Peter's Basilica**
- 8:00 a.m. Mass in St. Peter's for Registered Participants and Registered Guests
- 9:15 a.m. Walk from St. Peter's to Palazzo Cardinale Cesi for Registered Participants  
Board motor coaches to return to Westin for Registered Guests
- 10:00 a.m. Preparatory Briefing for Dicastery visits for Registered Participants
- 10:30 a.m. Meetings with Dicasteries:  
Dicastery for Integral Human Development  
Dicastery for Doctrine of the Faith  
Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life
- 1:00 p.m. Light lunch, Palazzo Cardinale Cesi for Registered Participants
- 2:15 p.m. Board motor coaches and return to the Westin for Registered Participants
- 3:00 p.m. *Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon on your own.*
- 6:30 p.m. Gather to board motor coaches for dinner at Casina Valadier for Registered Participants and Registered Guests (*Hotel Lobby*)
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner at Casina Valadier for Registered Participants and Registered Guests



6:30 a.m.	Breakfast for Registered Participants and Registered Guests (Borghese)
8:00 a.m.	Opening Prayer for Registered Participants (Ludovisi)
8:15 a.m.	Presentation: “Go Forth to Love and Serve the Lord” for Registered Participants
9:00 a.m.	Break
9:15 a.m.	Integration Activity for Registered Participants
10:30 a.m.	Gather to walk to Santa Maria della Vittoria for Prayer Service and Commissioning, for Registered Participants and Registered Guests (Hotel Lobby)
11:00 a.m.	Prayer Service and Commissioning, St. Patrick’s
Noon	Lunch at the Westin for Registered Participants and Registered Guests (Borghese)

*Program content, presenters and times are subject to change.*



**Helpful Tips by Day**

*Please note that dress for the program is “smart casual” unless otherwise noted for specific events.*

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**Welcome, General Orientation and Opening Eucharist – Smart casual**

This event is for registered participants and registered guests.

**Program Opening – Smart casual**

This event is for registered participants.

**Reception and Dinner – Smart casual**

This event is for registered participants and registered guests.

► **Smart Casual Dress**

**For Men:**

- Business casual pants, including all cotton, wool and blends, e.g., Dockers, Lands’ End, Haggar and similar brands. No shorts or blue jeans, please.
- Business casual shirts, including collared shirts or button-down shirts. Shirts with no collars are appropriate only if they are not T-shirts.
- Appropriate footwear – dress shoes and shoes with rubber soles are appropriate, especially with required walking on uneven pavement and up and down stairs, etc. Please do not wear flip-flops of any kind.
- Please do not wear apparel items with slogans.

**For Women:**

- Business casual pants, including all cotton, wool and blends.
- Dresses and skirts are appropriate, **but please remember your knees and shoulders must be covered to enter any holy site.**
- Business casual shirts, including collared shirts or button-down shirts, are appropriate as are sweater sets, jackets, etc. **Please remember your shoulders must be covered to enter any holy site.**
- Please do not wear apparel items with slogans.
- Appropriate footwear – low-heeled dress shoes, shoes with rubber soles are appropriate, as are low-heeled sandals. Please do not wear flip-flop sandals of any kind. Remember we will often be walking on uneven pavement, up and down stairs, etc.

## Monday, April 15, 2024

### Morning Program – Smart casual

This event is for registered participants.

### Lunch and Presentation – Smart casual

This event is for registered participants and registered guests.

### Private tour of Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum – Smart casual

This event is for registered participants and registered guests, will involve walking on uneven pavement and stairs. **Remember to keep shoulders and knees covered in order to enter the Sistine Chapel.**

## Tuesday, April 16, 2024

### Assisi – Comfortable/casual dress

This event, for participants and registered guests, will involve strenuous walking on uneven pavement and stairs and exposure to the elements for the majority of the day. Please bring hand sanitizer, hats, sun block or umbrellas as required. It is generally cooler and foggy in the morning, so you might consider bringing a lightweight jacket. **Remember to keep shoulders and knees covered in order to enter all holy sites.**

#### ► Comfortable/casual dress

#### For Men:

- Business or casual pants, including all cotton, wool and blends, e.g., Dockers, Lands' End, Haggar and similar brands. Jeans and “cargo pants” are also appropriate. No shorts, please.
- Casual shirts include collared shirts or button-down shirts. Shirts with no collars are appropriate only if they are not T-shirts.
- Appropriate footwear – comfortable shoes including tennis shoes, sneakers, athletic shoes and shoes with rubber soles are appropriate, especially with required walking on uneven pavement and up and down stairs, etc. Please do not wear flip-flops of any kind.
- Please do not wear apparel items with slogans.

#### For Women:

- Casual pants, including all cotton, wool and blends. Capri length pants are appropriate. No shorts are permitted.
- Dresses are appropriate, **but please remember your knees and shoulders must be covered to enter any holy site.**
- Skirts are appropriate, but again, they must cover the knee.

- Casual shirts, including collared shirts or button-down shirts, are appropriate as are sweater sets, jackets, etc. **Please remember your shoulders must be covered to enter any holy site.**
- Appropriate footwear – low-heeled shoes, tennis shoes, sneakers, athletic shoes, shoes with rubber soles are appropriate, as are low-heeled sandals. Please do not wear flip-flop sandals of any kind. Remember that we will often be walking on uneven pavement, up and down stairs, etc.
- Please do not wear apparel items with slogans.

## Wednesday, April 17, 2024

### Papal General Audience – Comfortable/casual dress

This event, for registered participants and registered guests, will involve strenuous walking on uneven pavement and stairs and exposure to the elements for the majority of the day. Please bring hats and sun block or umbrellas as required. **Remember to keep shoulders and knees covered in order to enter holy sites such as the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.**

### Debriefing and Integration – Smart casual

This event for registered participants, takes place in the Ludovisi at the Westin Excelsior.

### Dinner at Al Ceppo – Smart casual

## Thursday, April 18, 2024

### St. Peter's Basilica – Professional dress

This event is for registered participants and registered guests. **Remember to keep shoulders and knees covered in order to enter St. Peter's Basilica for Mass.**

### Dicastery Meetings – Professional dress

This event, for registered participants, will involve walking on uneven pavement and stairs. Remember to keep shoulders and knees covered in order to celebrate mass at St. Peter's Basilica.

### Dinner at Casna Valadier – Professional dress

This event is for registered participants and registered guests. Please note: Weather permitting, there will be an outdoor welcome reception prior to dinner.

#### ► Professional dress

#### For Men:

- Suit, dress shirt and tie
- Dress slacks, sport coat, dress shirt and tie



- Dress shoes – rubber-soled shoes are appropriate

**For Women:**

- Suit with skirt or slacks with coordinating top
- Skirt or dress slacks with coordinating top, with or without a jacket/sweater/blazer or a sweater set
- Dress with or without a jacket/sweater
- Dress shoes – uneven pavement and stairs, so low-heeled and rubber soles appropriate

**Friday, April 19, 2024**

**Program – Smart casual**

This event is for registered participants.

**Santa Maria della Vittoria – Smart casual**

For registered participants and all guests, this event will include moderate walking on uneven pavement. Remember shoulders and knees must be covered. Please consider sun block, hats or umbrella as needed.

**Closing Lunch – Smart casual**

This event is for registered participants and registered guests.



Faculty Biographies



**Lori Ashmore-Ruppel, MAPS**

**Lori Ashmore-Ruppel** serves as senior director, mission services, management at the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA). In her tenure with CHA, Ashmore-Ruppel has also served as director, sponsor services, and as a research associate. In these capacities, her focus was on the planning and facilitation of the Sponsor Formation Program for Catholic Health Care and research in the domains of ethics, mission, and formation.

Ashmore-Ruppel contributes to the management, alignment and development of measurable outcomes for programs and projects within the mission department. Furthermore, Lori is involved in resource development, facilitation and content presentation for the department, aiming to enhance the overall effectiveness and integration of all programs and offerings, with a particular emphasis on sponsorship and formation.

Lori’s responsibilities encompass advancing the department’s work through research, writing and managing major departmental programs and projects. She coordinates the planning, production and implementation of sponsor programs, including the Sponsor Formation Program for Catholic Health Care. This program aims to equip current and prospective members of the ministerial juridic person with the necessary skills to fulfill their roles as stewards of the health ministry within the Catholic Church. Additionally, Lori actively participates in CHA’s Foundations of Catholic Health Care Leadership, contributing her expertise to support leaders across the ministry.

Ms. Ashmore-Ruppel received her master’s degree in pastoral studies from Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis and a graduate certificate in non-profit leadership and management from the University of Missouri - St. Louis. She has a bachelor’s degree in human services from Fontbonne University in St. Louis.



**Brian Kane, Ph.D.**

**Brian M. Kane** is senior director of ethics for the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA). Dr. Kane serves as a resource for CHA members, including theologians, ethicists and executives within the ministry, as well as CHA staff and other individuals and groups with shared interests.

He is responsible for developing programs and materials on clinical and organizational ethics and assisting in promoting Church relations between the ministry and individual bishops, as well as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). He writes a regular column for *Health Progress*.

Prior to joining CHA in September 2019, Dr. Kane was dean of the division of liberal arts and social sciences and director of international academic affairs at DeSales University, Center Valley, Pennsylvania.

In his role at DeSales, Dr. Kane managed the academic programs of one of five divisions and was responsible for negotiating, assessing and maintaining the academic international partnerships of the university. He was also legal representative to Italy and the Vatican and served as representative to the Salesian communities in Arusha, Tanzania; Bangalore, India; and Guwahati, India.

In addition, he was consultant to the ethics program at Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network, Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he conducted clinical ethical consults, advised on policies regarding bioethics, assisted with ethics education and served on the Institutional Review Board (IRB).

Dr. Kane writes and lectures on issues in bioethics, health care and Catholic moral teaching. Publications include *The Blessing of Life: An Introduction to Catholic Bioethics* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2011); and *Just War and the Common Good: Jus ad Bellum Principles in Twentieth Century Papal Thought* (Catholic Scholars Press, 1997). Articles include “Pacifism” for the *Encyclopedia of Catholic Social Thought* (Scarecrow Press, 2008); and, for the National Catholic News Service, “Patriotism” (January 2002), “Is Just War Impossible?” (November 2001), “Vacations and Spirituality” (August 2001), “New Catholic Marriage Traditions” (June 2001), and “GenX Catholics” (October 2000).

Dr. Kane received his bachelor of arts degree in English literature, peace studies and religious studies from Manhattan College (1983); his master of theological studies degree in social ethics from Boston University (1985); and his doctorate in Catholic moral theology from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. (1994). In 2021, Dr. Kane was awarded the title of Honorary Fellow at Australian Catholic University in recognition of his expertise in bioethics, palliative care and end-of-life decision making.



**Diarmuid Rooney, M.S.Psych., M.T.S., D.Soc.Admin**

**Diarmuid Rooney** currently serves as the vice president, Sponsorship and Mission Services at the Catholic Health Association of the United States.

In service to our members, Diarmuid provides leadership and oversight to the Mission Services department through coordination of Mission Integration, Leadership Formation, Theology and Ethics, Ministry Formation and Sponsorship, to promote a vision and understanding of Catholic health ministry as an essential ministry of the Catholic Church.

Diarmuid serves as a spokesperson for CHA on Sponsorship and Mission issues, in conjunction with president and chief executive officer, and maintains effective relationships with other national organizations and CHA members. In addition, he serves as a member of the association’s core leadership group and senior management.

Prior to joining CHA in 2018, Diarmuid served for eight years as vice president, formation and communication technology, at the Ministry Leadership Center in Sacramento, California. The Ministry Leadership Center was established in 2004 to expand and enrich executive health care leaders’ commitment to the Catholic tradition’s mission, vision and values. His key focus was co-designing and facilitating innovative leadership formation programs that transformed leaders personally and professionally, enabling them to deliver cultural transformation for their organizations. Previously, Diarmuid was regional director of mission formation for Providence St. Joseph Health & Services in Oregon (16,000 associates), where he provided organizational leadership for cultural transformation to sustain the work of the founders and ensure the presence of core values in all aspects of today’s ministry.

During his active role in ministry since 1991, he worked with the Christian Brothers and was a Benedictine monk in Ireland. He trained as a clinical psychotherapist at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Dublin. He co-founded and directed a community-based counseling and psychotherapy center, where he provided individual and group therapy, facilitation and organizational consultancy. He subsequently served as director for the Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Burlingame, California, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy.

His professional experience includes cultural analysis, organizational development, clinical psychotherapy, retreat direction, pastoral counseling and program development specific to adult education. He holds master’s degrees in both theology, from the Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University, and clinical psychotherapy, University College Dublin, School of Medicine. Diarmuid is particularly interested in how these disciplines impact the culture of spirituality in the workplace. He also holds degrees in business and social administration (University College Dublin); philosophy and politics (University College Dublin) and is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu, The Honor Society of Jesuit Institutions of Higher Education.





Sunday, April 14

**General Orientation**



*As we open our time of pilgrimage together, the prayer leader will guide us with an introduction and opening prayer. After watching a brief video, you will be invited to close in prayer together with the following:*

God of all, we thank you and praise you for the glorious gift of your Spirit in the world. We rejoice in your call to serve in this ministry of health care. Send us your spirit of wisdom and discernment. Give us ears to hear and eyes to see you in our ministry and time together. Give us humility to name where we fall short of your glory. Be with us, and fill us with joy as we extend our hands in love. Let our light shine in the name of your son, Jesus, our brother in healing.

AMEN



To access Shared Statement of Identity video utilize this QR code.

**Program Opening**

**Promote and Defend Human Dignity**

*Settle yourself into a presence of prayer and prepare to listen to the gospel of Matthew. Then consider these questions for reflection. You will be invited to share briefly with a neighbor.*

**Reflection Questions**

In your personal experience within the Catholic health ministry, how have you felt that your dignity was respected?

What examples of respect for the dignity of all persons have you witnessed in Catholic health care?

*After sharing, we will close in prayer together:*

Christ has no body but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassionately on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body but yours. AMEN.

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Monday, April 15

### **Act on Behalf of Justice**

*Throughout today we will reflect together on the ways we are called to “Act on Behalf of Justice.” Not only is it an essential component of Jesus’ life and ministry, but of our own work in Catholic health care. After a brief introduction and a reading from the U.S. Catholic Bishops, you will be invited to consider the following questions for reflection.*

### **Reflection Questions**

Do I strive to be mindful of how my choices build up or tear down social justice and the common good? How?

How am I shaping my organization to pursue justice near and far?

Dan Schutte

Verses 1, 2

1. A-wake from your slum-ber! A - rise from your  
 2. We are sons of the morn-ing; we are daugh-ters of

1. sleep! A new day is dawn-ing for all those who weep.  
 2. day. The One who has loved us has bright-ened our way.

1. The peo-ple in dark-ness have seen a great light. The  
 2. The Lord of all kind-ness has called us to be a

to Refrain

1. Lord of our long-ing has con-quer-ed the night.  
 2. light for his peo-ple to set their hearts free.

Refrain

Let us build the cit-y of God. May our tears be  
 turned in - to danc - ing! For the Lord, our light and our  
 love, has turned the night in - to day!

Verse 3

3. God is light; in him there is no dark-ness.  
 3. Let us walk in his light, his chil - dren,  
 3. one and all. O com-fort my

Text: Based on Isaiah 9; 40:1-9; 1 John 1.  
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Wednesday, April 17

**Promote the Common Good**

**Opening Prayer, Wednesday Morning**

*We will open our day with prayer en route to the papal audience.*

**Prayer Integration, Wednesday Afternoon**

“The common good is realized when prevailing economic, political and social conditions allow groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment.” *Economic Justice for All: Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy*

*As we focus today on the Common Good, we listen to Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians and will use the following questions for reflection as we begin to integrate our experience. After some silent reflection time, we will close together in prayer.*

**Reflection Questions**

How have you experienced the Body of Christ this week?

How has this experience of the broader community changed you?

What role can your personal gifts and talents play in realizing the Common Good?

**Closing Prayer:**

Lord, our God:

Open our hearts, that we may embrace a richer understanding of your Holy Word and of Catholic social tradition — its teaching, thought and practice.

Deepen our appreciation for the common good, give us a vision of how justice and peace, love and truth, can come together harmoniously in the ministries we serve.

Be with us, O Holy one, that everything we do here may hasten the fullness of your reign. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

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## Resources

### The Westin Excelsior, Rome



**Via Vittorio Veneto, 125**  
**Rome, 00187 Italy**  
**Phone: 39-06-47081**  
**Fax: 39-06-482-6205**

- Check-in: 3:00 p.m.
- Check-out: Noon

#### Key Amenities

- High-speed internet access
  - Guest rooms: wireless, wired
  - Lobby and public areas: wireless
  - Meeting rooms: wireless, wired
  - Enhanced High Speed: Video chat, download large files + stream video
- Fitness center
- Indoor pool

#### Property Details

- Six floors, 281 rooms, 35 suites
- Twelve meeting rooms

#### Hotel Services and Amenities

- All public areas non-smoking
- Car rental nearby
- Concierge desk
- Evening turndown service
- Foreign exchange nearby
- Full American breakfast
- Housekeeping service daily
- Laundry on-site
- Limousine service
- Newspaper delivered to room on request
- Newspaper in lobby
- Room service, 6:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
- Safe deposit boxes, front desk
- Valet dry-cleaning

#### Business Services

- Copy service
- Fax service, fee for each additional page of outgoing fax
- Messenger services
- Full-service business center
- Network/internet printing
- Overnight delivery/pickup
- Post/parcel
- Translator



## Restaurants and Lounges

**Restaurant Doney** – breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Café Doney** – lunch, cocktail hour

**Orvm Bar** – lunch, cocktail hour



## Attractions and Landmarks

- Spanish Steps
- Roman Forum and Palatine Hill
- Colosseum
- Villa Borghese Art Gallery
- Palazzo Barberini
- Saint Peter Church
- MAXXI, National Museum of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Art
- French Academy in Rome
- The Baths of Diocletian



## Ecumenical Rome

This handout offers a listing of some synagogues and other Christian churches in Rome you may wish to visit. Please consult their websites for information and worship schedules.

### St. Paul's Within the Walls

Via Napoli 58  
00184 Roma

St. Paul's is on the corner of Via Nazionale and Via Napoli

[www.stpaulsrome.it](http://www.stpaulsrome.it)

St Paul's Within the Walls American Episcopal Church of Rome, built in 1873, was the first non-Roman Catholic church to be built inside the walls of Rome. It now houses a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural congregation and is home of the Joel Nafuma Refugee Center.



### Rome Baptist Church

Piazza di San Lorenzo in Lucina 35  
00186 Roma

[www.romebaptist.org](http://www.romebaptist.org)

Founded in 1963 by the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Missionary Board, the Rome Baptist Church is located in a 16th-century building in a piazza just off the Via del Corso.





## St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Scotland

Via Venti Settembre 7  
00187 Rome

Halfway between the Piazza della Repubblica and Palazzo del Quirinale

[www.presbyterianchurchrome.org](http://www.presbyterianchurchrome.org)

St Andrew's Church is a congregation of the Church of Scotland in Rome, Italy, belonging to the Church's Presbytery of Europe. The congregation began in the early 1860s with a small group of Scots and American Presbyterians who met in the neighborhood of the Spanish Steps.



## Great Synagogue of Rome

Lungotevere Cenci 15  
00186 Roma

[www.romaebraica.it](http://www.romaebraica.it)

The Main Synagogue is a place of worship for Roman Jews on the banks of the Tiber, near Isola Tiberina. It is a large building that supports an aluminum-coated pavilion cupola. It dates back to the early 20th century and was designed by the architects Armani and Costa.



## The Catholic Church At-A-Glance

### February 2024

Figures represent the U.S. Catholic Church through 2021 unless otherwise indicated and episcopal appointments announced through November 2021.

### Laity

There are **70,025,576** Catholics in the United States (21% of the U.S. population) and **1.360 billion** Catholics worldwide.

### New Church Members

- Infant Baptisms: **498,264**
- Adult Baptisms: **27,778**
- Received into Full Communion: **45,116**

### Dioceses and Archdioceses

In the United States, there are **194** archdioceses/dioceses, the Archdiocese of the Ministry Services, USA, and the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter:

- **144** Latin Catholic dioceses
- **33** Latin Catholic archdioceses
- **16** Eastern Catholic dioceses
- **2** Eastern Catholic archdioceses
- **1** Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
- **1** Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter

### Clergy and Religious

#### U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is an assembly of the hierarchy of the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

#### Cardinals

There are **16 U.S. Cardinals**

Six Cardinals currently lead U.S. archdioceses

- *Cardinal Blase J. Cupich* - Chicago
- *Cardinal Daniel DiNardo* - Galveston-Houston
- *Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan* - New York
- *Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory* - Washington, D.C.
- *Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley* - Boston
- *Cardinal Joseph William Tobin, CSSR* - Newark, New Jersey

**Three** U.S. Cardinals are not currently diocesan bishops

- *Cardinal Raymond L. Burke* – Patron of the Order of Malta
- *Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell* – Prefect of the Dicastery for the Laity, Family, and Life
- *Cardinal James M. Harvey* - Archpriest of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside-the-Walls

**Six** U.S. Cardinals are retired

- *Cardinal Roger M. Mahony* - Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles
- *Cardinal Adam J. Maida* - Archbishop Emeritus of Detroit
- *Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien* - Archbishop Emeritus of Baltimore
- *Cardinal Justin F. Rigali* - Archbishop Emeritus of Philadelphia
- *Cardinal James F. Stafford* - Major Penitentiary Emeritus
- *Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl* - Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, D.C.

### **Bishops**

There are **434** active and retired Catholic bishops in the United States:

Active Bishops:

- **1** Cardinal Bishop
- **6** Cardinal Archbishops
- **28** Archbishops
- **157** Diocesan Bishops
- **74** Auxiliary Bishops

Retired Bishops:

- **6** retired Cardinals
- **17** retired Archbishops
- **91** retired Diocesan Bishops
- **43** retired Auxiliary Bishops

### **Priests**

There are **34,530** diocesan and religious-order priests in the United States.

- **24,219** diocesan priests
- **10,311** religious-order priests (Jesuits, Dominicans, Franciscans, etc.)

### **Seminarians**

There are **3,570** seminarians enrolled in the United States.

- **2,769** enrolled in diocesan seminaries
- **801** enrolled in religious-order seminaries

### **Permanent Deacons**

There are **19,261** men who are ordained as permanent deacons in the United States. A permanent deacon is a man, either married or single, who is ordained to the order of deacons, the first of three ranks in ordained ministry. They assist priests in administrative and pastoral roles.

### **Vowed Religious**

Sisters: **36,513**

Brothers: **3,439**

### **Catholic Education**

Total Catholic elementary and high school enrollment: **1,691,435** students

Elementary Schools: **4,821** schools educating **1,184,185** students

High Schools: **1,249** schools educating **533,131** students

Colleges and Universities: **228** institutions educating **735,780** students

Non-residential Schools for the Disabled: **48** schools educating **3,741** students

Public School Students Receiving Religious Education:

Elementary School students: **1,602,728**

High School students: **432,348**

### **Catholic Health Care**

Hospitals: **544** Catholic hospitals treated **78,035,088** patients

Other Health Care Centers: **681** centers treated **5,657,853** patients

Specialized Homes: **1,287** assisted **526,812** residents

Residential Care of Children: **338** locations assisted **18,661** residents

### **Social Services**

In 2022, the Catholic Charities network, covering the United States and five territories, served more than 15 million people in need at more than 3,900 network sites. More than 45,000 staff members and 215,000 volunteers join forces to bring comfort, dignity and hope to their neighbors in need. Catholic Charities is the largest provider of social services. Catholic Charities is the leading national provider of food and nutrition, behavioral and mental health services, affordable housing, disaster relief and refugee/immigration support.

### **Food and Nutrition:**

Millions of Catholic Charities agencies for a warm meal and food to feed their families. This critical need often serves as the first step in accessing other essential services.

- **968** Food pantries supported
- **12.5** million kids' meals provided at childcare, after school and via summer lunch
- **58,900** Families assisted with SNAP benefits

### Disaster Services:

For more than 60 years, Catholic Charities has assisted survivors in their recovery from natural disasters.

- **100,000** people received disaster recovery assistance
- **59** new disasters CCUSA responded to in 2022
- **\$9 million** disaster aid distributed

### Affordable Housing:

Catholic Charities agencies are among the nation's largest providers of affordable housing as well as emergency and temporary housing. Catholic Charities owns/operates over 38,000 units of permanent housing.

- Over **600,000** clients accessed homelessness services
- **12,283** seniors housed

### Social Enterprise and Workforce Development:

Employees of social enterprises make significant gains toward economic self-sufficiency and stability in housing and income while decreasing their reliance on government benefits.

- **\$36.6 million** annual revenue from social enterprise
- **2,300** professional certificates/credentials earned
- **28,000** people served through social enterprise

### Integrated Health:

We support our agencies as they serve the most vulnerable of our society by finding new treatment platforms and service models

- Over **600,000** people received behavioral health and wellness services
- Over **8,000** Catholic Charities wellness and behavioral staff
- **12,820** clients connected to primary care providers

### Refugee/Immigration Services:

CCUSA supports agencies across the Southern Border as they serve more than half of all asylum seekers who arrived in the United States last year.

- **119** Catholic Charities agencies provide services to migrants
- **627,860** individuals received immigration services

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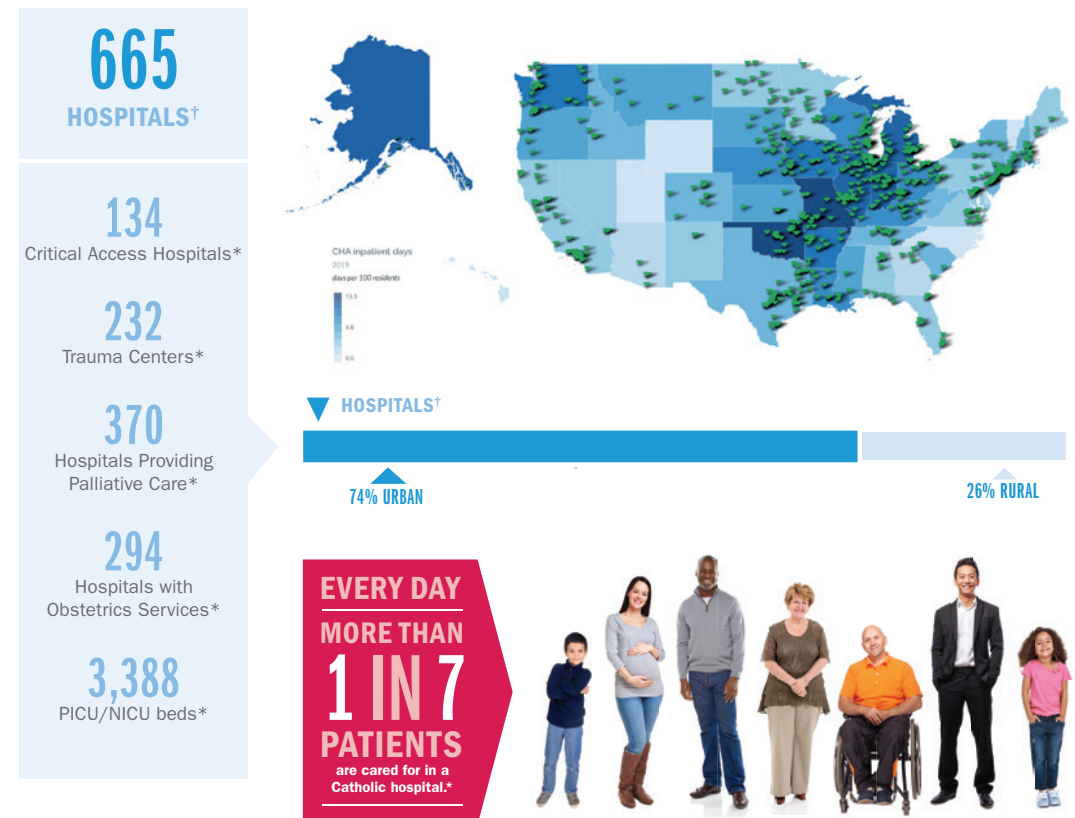
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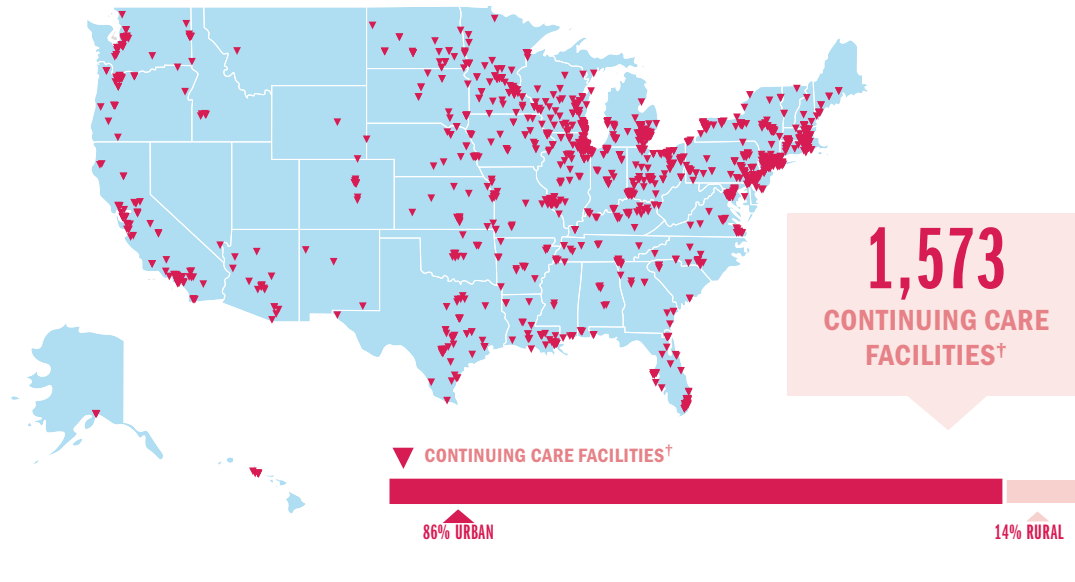
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Full-Time Employees\*

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## Index of Common Terms

### A

#### Apostle/Apostolic/Disciple

Literally “one sent.” Normally this refers to the 12 men chosen by Christ, to be the bearers of his teachings to the world. Apostolic generally refers back to the 12 apostles. In the church it characterizes certain documents, appointments or structures initiated by the pope or the Holy See. Disciple is one who follows the teachings of Jesus.

#### Apostolate

The ministry or work of an apostle. In Catholic usage, a term covering all kinds and areas of work and endeavors for the service of God and the church and the good of people.

#### Apostolic Camera

A “chamber” or office in the Roman Curia headed by the Chamberlain (Camerlengo) of the Holy Roman Church, whose chief responsibility is the administration of the church during the interim between the death of a pope and the election of a successor. Cardinal Eduardo Martinez Somalo is currently Chamberlain of the Holy Roman Church.

#### Apostolic Constitution

This is a solemn, papal document with legislative authority dealing with important matters of faith or church life affecting the whole church or a sizable part of it. An apostolic constitution was used to promulgate the revised Code of Canon Law in 1983.

#### Apostolic Exhortation

This is a papal document that, while not legislative in nature, promotes church teaching. Examples include exhortations issued by the pope following a synod of bishops.

#### Apostolic Letter

An apostolic letter is a papal letter usually sent to a particular group of persons, for example, a group of bishops, rather than to the entire church. It is not a legislative text.

**Apostolic Nunciature**

The offices of the Holy Father's representative or ambassador to the church in a country and then to the government in that country.

**Apostolic Succession**

The handing on of apostolic preaching and authority from the Apostles to the church through their successors, the bishops.

**Archbishop**

Title given automatically to bishops who govern archdioceses.

**Archdiocese**

The chief diocese of an ecclesiastical province.

**Auxiliary Bishop**

A bishop assigned to a Catholic diocese or archdiocese, to assist a diocesan bishop.

**B****Basilica**

A church to which special privileges are attached. It is a title of honor given to various kinds of churches.

**Beatification**

Final step toward canonization of a saint.

**Bishop**

The chief priest of a diocese. Bishops are responsible for the pastoral care of their dioceses. In addition, bishops have a responsibility to act in council with other bishops to guide the church.

**C****Canon Law**

The codified body of general laws governing the church.

**Canon**

Greek for rule, norm, standard, measure. Designates the Canon of Sacred Scripture, the list of books recognized by the church as inspired by the Holy Spirit. Also refers to individual laws with the Code of Canon Law.

**Canonization**

A declaration by the pope that a person who died a martyr or practiced Christian virtue to a heroic degree is in heaven and is worthy of honor and imitation by the faithful. Verification of miracles is required for canonization (except in the case of martyrs).

**Cardinal**

Cardinals are appointed by the pope and constitute a kind of senate of the church, and aid the pope as his chief counselors.

**Catechesis**

Religious instruction and formation for persons preparing for baptism (catechumens) and for the faithful in various stages of spiritual development.

**Cathedral**

The major church in an archdiocese or diocese. It is the seat of the local bishop.

**Catholic**

Greek word for universal. First used in the title Catholic Church in a letter written by St. Ignatius of Antioch to the Christians of Smyrna about 107 A.D.

**Chancellor**

The chief archivist of a diocese's official records. Also a notary and secretary of the diocesan curia or administrative office.

**Charisms**

Gifts or graces given by God to persons for the good of others and the church.

**Church**

The people of God spread throughout the world; the local church is that of a particular locality, such as a diocese. The church embraces all its members—on earth, in heaven, in purgatory.

**Clergy**

Collective term referring to male persons who have been ordained as deacons, priests or bishops.

**College of Cardinals**

The College of Cardinals is made up of the cardinals of the church, who advise the pope, assist in the central administration of the church, head the various curial offices and congregations, administer the Holy See during a vacancy, and elect a new pope. The term "cardinal" is Latin for "hinge," indicating the importance of this role in guiding the universal church.

**Collegiality**

The shared responsibility and authority that the whole college of bishops, headed by the pope, has for the teaching, sanctification and government of the church.

**Contemplative**

A religious man or woman who devotes his or her entire life in the cloister to prayer and reflection.



## **D**

### **Deacon/Diaconate**

The diaconate is the first order or grade in ordained ministry. Any man who is to be ordained to the priesthood must first be ordained as a transitional deacon. Deacons serve in the ministry of liturgy, of the word and of charity. The Permanent Diaconate is for men who do not plan to become ordained priests. The program is open to both married and unmarried men.

### **Dean/Vicar**

The title of a priest appointed by the bishop to aid him in administering the parishes within a certain vicinity, called a “deanery.” The function of a dean involves promotion, coordination and supervision of the common pastoral activity within the deanery or vicariate.

### **Dicastery**

A general term used to refer to the various departments that make up the Roman Curia or administrative offices of the Vatican. The term refers to the various congregations, pontifical councils, tribunals and other offices that are part of the Vatican’s administrative structure.

### **Diocesan Curia**

The personnel and offices assisting the bishop in directing the pastoral activity, administration and exercise of judicial power of the diocese.

### **Diocese**

A particular church; a fully organized ecclesiastical jurisdiction under the pastoral direction of a bishop as local ordinary.

## **E**

### **Eastern-rite (Oriental) Church**

Term used to describe the Catholic churches which developed in Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa. They have their own distinctive liturgical and organizational systems. Each is considered equal to the Latin rite within the church.

### **Ecclesiastical**

Refers to official structures or legal and organizational aspects of the church.

### **Ecumenical Council**

A council called by the pope of all bishops of the church. These councils are usually called to discuss specific matters of interest to the church.

### **Ecumenism/Interdenominational/Ecumenical Movement**

A movement for spiritual understanding and unity among Christians and their churches. The term is also extended to apply to efforts toward greater understanding and cooperation between Christians and members of other faiths.

## **Encyclical**

A pastoral letter addressed by the pope to the whole church.

## **Eschatology**

Doctrine concerning the last things: death, judgment, heaven and hell, and the final state of perfection of the people and the Kingdom of God at the end of the world.

## **Exarch/Exarchy**

A church jurisdiction, similar to a diocese, established for Eastern-rite Catholics living outside their native land. The head of an exarchy, usually a bishop, is an exarch.

## **Excommunication**

A penalty of censure by which a baptized person is excluded from the communion of the faithful for committing and remaining obstinate in certain serious offenses specified in canon law. Even though excommunicated, a person still is responsible for fulfillment of the normal obligations of a Catholic.

## **G**

### **God**

The infinitely perfect Supreme Being, uncaused and absolutely self-sufficient, eternal, the creator and final end of all things. The one God subsists in three equal persons, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

### **Grace**

A free gift of God to human beings, grace is a created sharing in the life of God. It is given through the merits of Christ and is communicated by the Holy Spirit. It is necessary for salvation.

## **H**

### **Hierarchy**

In general, the term refers to the ordered body of clergy, divided into bishops, priests, and deacons. In Catholic practice, the term refers to the bishops of the world or of a particular region.

### **Holy See**

The diocese of the pope, Rome. The pope himself or the various officials and bodies of the church’s central administration—the Roman Curia—which act in the name and by authority of the pope.

### **Humanae Vitae**

A 1968 encyclical by Pope Paul VI on married love and procreation.

## **I**

### **IHS**

In Greek, the first three letters of the name of Jesus.

**Intercommunion**

The agreement or practice of two ecclesial communities by which each admits members of the other communion to its sacraments.

**J****Jesus**

Jesus Christ is the person called Jesus of Nazareth. Christian faithful recognized him as the incarnation of God and as the Christ, the Anointed One, who was crucified on a cross, rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. As the Son of God, he is known as the second Person of the Trinity. The name of Jesus derives from the Aramaic and Hebrew Yeshua and Joshua, meaning Yahweh is salvation.

**Juridic Person**

Roughly the equivalent of a civil law corporation, having both rights and obligations. It is established either automatically by canon law or by decree of the competent ecclesiastical authority. Its connection to the Church lies in an ongoing relationship with the local bishop(s), with whose approval it cannot be considered Catholic. The most common examples of public juridic persons established by law are dioceses, religious institutes, and the Holy See. (See Code of Canon Law, cc. 113123.). A common example of public juridic persons established by decree are the ones established for health care in the United States.

**K****Keys, Power of the**

Spiritual authority and jurisdiction in the church, symbolized by the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Christ promised the “keys” to St. Peter as the leader of the church.

**L****Laicization**

The process by which an ordained man is relieved of his obligations and is returned to the status of a lay person.

**Layman/Laywoman/Layperson**

Any church member who is neither ordained nor a member of a religious order. When the Second Vatican Council spoke of the laity, it used the term in this more common meaning.

**Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR)**

Organization of major superiors who represent more than 90 percent of the active women religious in the United States.

**Liturgy**

The public and official prayer and rites of the Church. Derived from Greek, it refers to “the work of the people.” Its aim is to bind the faithful to God, and thus, it is the communal gesture of praise and glorification of God, whose unbounded love heals the world and is offered universally.

**M****Magisterium**

The official teaching office of the church.

**Mass**

The common name for the eucharistic liturgy of the Catholic Church. Synonyms: Eucharist, celebration of the liturgy, eucharistic celebration, sacrifice of the Mass, Lord’s Supper.

**Metropolitan**

The archbishop of an archdiocese in a province. He has limited supervisory powers and influence over the other dioceses and bishops in the province.

**Military Ordinariate (Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A.)**

Non-territorial diocese for American Catholics and their dependents who are in the military or affiliated with the armed forces.

**Mitre**

A headdress worn at some liturgical functions by bishops, abbots and, in certain cases, other ecclesiastics.

**Monastery**

An autonomous community house of a religious order, which may or may not be a monastic order. The term is used more specifically to refer to a community house of men or women religious in which they lead a contemplative life separate from the world.

**Monsignor**

An honorary ecclesiastical title granted by the pope to some diocesan priests. In the United States, the title is given to the vicar general of a diocese. In Europe, the title is also given to bishops.

**N****Newman Apostolate**

An apostolate to the community of college and university Catholics, now commonly known as “campus ministry.”

## O

### Ordain/Ordination

The proper terms in Catholic usage for references to the conferral of the sacrament of holy orders on a deacon, priest or bishop.

### Order/Congregation/Society

Religious order is a title loosely applied to all religious groups of men and women. A society is a body of clerics, regular or secular, organized for the purpose of performing an apostolic work. Congregation is any group bound together by common rules.

### Ordinary

Diocesan bishops, religious superiors and certain other diocesan authorities with jurisdiction over the clergy in a specific geographical area, or the members of a religious order.

## P

### Papal Infallibility

The end result of divine assistance given to the pope, wherefore he is prevented from the possibility and liability of error in teachings on faith or morals.

### Papal Representatives

The three types of representatives of the Roman Pontiff are:

1. Legate - An individual appointed by the pope to be his personal representative to a nation, international conference or local church. The legate may be chosen from the local clergy of a country.
2. Apostolic Pro-Nuncio - In the United States, the papal representative is sent by the pope to both the local church and to the government. Although he holds the title of ambassador, in U.S. law he is not accorded the special privilege of being the dean of the diplomatic corps. In countries where he is dean of the diplomatic corps, his title is Apostolic Nuncio.
3. Permanent Observer to the United Nations - The Apostolic See maintains permanent legates below the ambassadorial level to several world organizations. Since the Papal Legate does not enjoy the right to vote within the organization, his title at the United Nations is that of Observer.

### Parish

A specific community of the Christian faithful within a diocese, which has its own church building and is under the authority of a pastor who is responsible for providing them with ministerial service. Most parishes are formed on a geographic basis, but they may be formed along national or ethnic lines.

### Pontiff/Pontifical

In the pre-Christian Roman Empire, "pontiff" referred to a high priest. The title was later used to refer to the Bishop of Rome, the pope. The term may be rooted in the Latin for "bridge builder." Pontifical has to do with the pope.

### Presbyteral Council

Also known as the priests' council, this is the principal consultative body mandated by the Code of Canon Law to advise the diocesan bishop in matters of pastoral governance. It consists of bishops and priests serving the diocese.

### Primacy

Papal primacy refers to the pope's authority over the whole church.

### Province

A territory comprising of one archdiocese, called the metropolitan see, and one or more dioceses called suffragan sees. The head of an archdiocese, an archbishop, has metropolitan rights and responsibilities over the province. Also a term for a division of a religious order under the jurisdiction of a provincial superior.

## R

### Religious Priest/Diocesan Priest

Religious priests are professed members of a religious order or institute. Religious priests live according to the rule of their respective orders. In pastoral ministry, they are under the jurisdiction of their local bishop, as well as the superiors of their order. Diocesan priests are under the direction of their local bishop. They commit to service within their local diocese.

### Roman Curia

The official collective name for the administrative agencies and courts, and their officials, who assist the pope in governing the church. Members are appointed and granted authority by the pope.

### Rome, Diocese of

The City of Rome is the diocese of the pope, as the bishop of Rome.

## S

### Sacrament

An outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace.

### Second Vatican Council

A major meeting of the bishops of the world convened by Pope John XXIII to bring about a renewal of the church for the second half of the 20th century. It ran from 1962 to 1965 and produced important documents in liturgy, ecumenism, and communications among other areas. It is the most recent example of an ecumenical council.

**Secular Institutes**

Societies of men and women living in the world who dedicate themselves to observe the evangelical counsels and to carry on apostolic works suitable to their talents and opportunities in everyday life.

**See**

Another name for diocese or archdiocese. The Diocese of Rome is often referred to as the Holy See, the seat of the bishop of Rome.

**Shrine**

Erected to encourage private devotions to a saint, it usually contains a picture, statue or other religious feature capable of inspiring devotions.

**Sponsorship**

Sponsorship is a structured relationship through which the sponsor, in the name of the Church, directs and influences a ministry that meets an apostolic need and furthers the mission of Jesus.

**Superior**

The head of a religious order or congregation. He or she may be the head of a province or an individual house.

**Synod**

A gathering of designated officials and representatives of a church, with legislative and policymaking powers.

**T****Theologate**

An institution which provides the last four years of study for candidates for priesthood.

**Theology**

The study of God and religion, deriving from and based on the data of divine revelation, organized and systematized according to some kind of scientific method.

**Titular Sees**

Dioceses where the church once flourished but which later died out. Bishops without a territorial or residential diocese of their own, e.g., auxiliary bishops, are given titular sees.

**Tribunal**

A tribunal (court) is the name given to the person or persons who exercise the church's judicial powers.

**U****United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)**

Episcopal conference of U.S. bishops. The membership is comprised of diocesan bishops and their auxiliary bishops. The conference decides matters of ecclesiastical law and issues policy statements on political and social issues.

**V****Vatican Congregation**

A Vatican body which is responsible for an important area in the life of the church, such as worship and sacraments, the clergy, and saints' causes.

**W****Witness, Christian**

Practical testimony or evidence given by Christians of their faith in all circumstances of life—by prayer and general conduct, through good example and good works, etc., being and acting in accordance with Christian belief, and actual practice of the Christian faith.

**Z****Zucchetto**

Skull cap worn by the pope (white), bishops (purple) and Cardinals (red).

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