



The Diocesan RCIA Commission

December 16, 2015

To: All Priest *attached*
From: The Diocesan RCIA Commission
Re: 2014-2015 RCIA Survey Tabulation
Cc: Deacons, Coordinators of the RCIA, PCPLs

Dear Monsignor/Father,

Peace!

I am happy to share with you the final tabulation of the RCIA survey for the year 2014-2015. All parishes responded except for one. Again, it should be noted that missions have the option to combine their number with their administering parishes.

This past year, the Holy Spirit brought in 1,230 members into the Body of Christ as fully initiated Catholics. Of this number, 398 were catechumens, 393 came from various Protestant traditions and 439 were adult uncatechized Catholics who received Confirmation and Eucharist for the first time [RCIA #400]. The previous year's *initiati* totaled 1,095 and the year before that was 1,058. Please note that this is only the third year in which we make a survey distinction between candidates from Protestant traditions and candidates who were baptized uncatechized adults [RCIA #400]. The current total reflects an increase of 135 people from last year and 172 from two years ago.

While the *Diocesan Commission on the RCIA* rejoices at this large number, we continue to remind ourselves that our task is not number driven but inspired by simple fidelity to the work in the Lord's vineyard. We do not wish to measure the Lord's work with human numbers.

We are also thrilled to inform you that during that period, approximately 414 persons served as staff/presenters in the initiation ministry (*slightly less than last year*) and 1,255 individuals supported the *initiati* as godparents/sponsors (*a increase of + 98*). This means that more than 2,899 individuals actively co-journeyed through the RCIA last year (*a net increase of +211*).

Please feel free to share these data with your faith community to which you might add your own personal reflections on the experience.

Thanks again and may God bless this very special ministry!

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