

Statistical Data from the Pontifical Pastoral Ministry for Vocations to the Priesthood: Priestly Life and Ministry

Nation	Annual statistics of the Church		2005	2006	2007	2008
United States of America	ASE p.146	Incardinated priests	28.630	28.142	27.838	27.644
		Ordinations	374	377	402	382
		Deaths	657	655	604	645
		Defections	163	94	68	70
		Other reason	-42	68	76	45
		Total	28.142	27.838	27.644	27.356

ASE p.171	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Diocesan priests	31.201	31.197	31.115	30.895	30.618	30.125	30.037	29.906	29.821

ASE p.179	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Ordinations	427	407	383	410	376	374	377	402	382

ASE p.186	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Deaths	630	662	711	679	607	657	655	604	645

ASE p.194	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Defections	85	70	177	137	120	163	94	68	70

ASE p.202	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Religious priests	17.087	17.135	16.476	15.940	15.779	15.167	14.691	14.312	14.138

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