

Limited Seats - Get your tickets soon!

# Christmas DINNER

★ AT NORTH BAY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB ★

December 6 @ 6:00PM - \$65 Per Person

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PROCATHEDRAL OFFICE  
MONDAY TO THURSDAY FROM 8:30AM TO 4:30PM

DINNER BY: CHEF JACK TENNANT - LIMITED SEATING MAX 80 PEOPLE

Prime Rib of Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Potatoes, Vegetables, Salad,  
Dessert, and Tea & Coffee

BAR - DEBIT AND CREDIT ONLY



**Everyone  
Welcome!**

Experience a

**Winter Wonderland**

**Something for  
Everyone!**

at the Pro-Cathedral

Catholic Women's League

Annual Christmas Bazaar & Tea

Saturday, November 16th, 2024

From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Parish Hall, 480 McIntyre St. W

**Silent Auction draws at 1:30 p.m.**

**Penny Sale draws at 2 p.m. Tickets only \$2**

Frosty says, "Oh, the weather outside is frightful but come in where the atmosphere is so delightful!"

Tea tickets are only \$8 and available at the door.

Get ready for a holly, jolly happy time!

Wheelchair accessible

entrance on Algonquin Ave. side of the church



NEXT WEEKEND—NOVEMBER 16 & 17

A parishioner has offered to match the  
Roof Loose Collection!

Please be generous as your donations will be  
matched up to \$1,000. Thank you!

Reminder: The challenge is to match the loose collection only – not donations for which people receive credit.

NOVEMBER  
Tickets  
on sale  
now!



PURCHASE TICKETS  
BY VISITING  
[www.rafflebox.ca/  
raffle/procathedral](http://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/procathedral)



50/50  
RAFFLE

This raffle is conducted by the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption,  
a charity in North Bay under License #RAF1355768

**Have a Credit Card but can't purchase  
50/50 tickets on your own computer?  
Call Karen at the Parish Office  
She can do this for you!  
Safe and reliable so you can enter  
the draw each month.**



**A HUGE thank you to St. Joseph-Scollard Hall “Bears Who Care”  
who took a special collection at the school to help us stock our food pantry  
at our Catholic Charities Food Bank.**

**Their collection was amazing and we are so grateful for their support!**



**Thank you Bears!**



## VATICAN - CATHOLIC CHURCH STATISTICS 2024

Vatican City (Agenzia Fides) – As every year, in view of World Mission Sunday, which this year celebrated its 98th anniversary on Sunday, October 20, Fides News Agency offers some statistics chosen to give a panorama of the Church in the world.

### Catholic Church in the World - Summary of Data

To December 31, 2022 the world population was 7.838.944.000, with an increase of 53.175.000 units compared to the previous year. The positive trend is confirmed for all continents, except Europe.

On the same date, December 31, 2022, Catholics in the world numbered 1.389.573.000 units with an overall increase of 13.721.000 Catholics compared to the previous year.

The total number of Bishops in the world increased by 13 units compared to the previous year, reaching 5.353. The number of diocesan Bishops increased (+19) and Religious Bishops decreased (-6). Diocesan Bishops number 2.682, while that of Religious Bishops is 2.671.



The total number of priests in the world continues to decline, reaching 407.730 (-142 in the last year). The number of non-religious priests decreased by 360 units compared to the previous year, reaching 49.414. There was an overall decrease in the number of women religious, reaching 599.228 (-9.730).

Permanent deacons in the world continue to increase (+974), reaching 50.159. The increase was registered in Africa (+1), Asia (+15) and Europe (+267). A decrease was registered in America (-308) and in Oceania (-1).

The number of major seminarians, diocesan and religious decreased this year, they are globally 108.481 (they were 109.895 in the previous year).

In the field of education, the Catholic Church runs 74.322 kindergartens with 7.622.480 pupils; 102.189 primary schools with 35.729.911 pupils; 50.851 secondary schools with 20.566.902 pupils. Furthermore, 2.460.993 pupils study in secondary schools and 3,925,393 in university institutes.

Charity and healthcare centres run in the world by the Church are 102.409 and include: 5.420 hospitals and 14.205 dispensaries; 525 Care Homes for people with Leprosy; 15.476 Homes for the elderly or the chronically ill or people with a disability; 10.589 creches; 10.500 marriage counselling centers; 3.141 social rehabilitation centers and 33.677 other kinds of institutes.

In view of the upcoming Jubilee 2025, and to help understand the trend of variations in the numerical data related to the presence and mission of the Catholic Church in the world, in addition to the usual dossier, this year Fides Agency also published an appendix which summarizes data collected over a period of twenty-five years, those from 1998 to 2022. This includes data on the Catholic population, the number of priests, the number of men and women religious, and the number of baptisms administered worldwide.

From the data collected for the period 1998-2022, it is immediately clear that the number of Catholics worldwide has increased overall over the twenty-five years covered. The data on the percentage of Catholics in the world population is significant: in 1998, 17.4% of the world's population was Catholic. In the latest available survey, this figure is 17.7%. The latter percentage has remained unchanged since 2015, after reaching a brief peak in 2014 (17.8%).

Another important development concerns the number of priests. Overall, the number of priests (secular and religious) worldwide has increased from 404,628 to 407,730 over the twenty-five years covered. While the number of men and women religious has decreased. According to the data, the number of religious brothers has never exceeded 60,000 over the twenty-five years covered. The same downward curve is also evident in the case of women religious, whose number has fallen from 814,779 to 559,228 in twenty-five years.