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MEMORANDUM

To: Pastors and Parish Staff Members
From: Deacon Rick Wells, Chancellor for Canonical Affairs
Date: January 4, 2024
Re: 2023 Status Animarum, due March 1, 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Attached you will find the revised *Status Animarum* [literally, “state of souls”] form, which is intended to provide a clear picture of your parish and its activities for the calendar year January 1 to December 31, 2023. Information from all diocesan parishes is also totaled and included in our Diocese’s annual Statistical Report from the Secretariat of State, in Rome. Please note the instructions for completing and transmitting this report included below:

Completing the report:

- **Layout of Report:** Following this cover page are three (3) pages total, containing 16 items. Please complete each item as carefully and accurately as possible. Please send the report to the Pastoral Center **no later than Friday, March 1, 2024**.
- **Total registered families/individuals:** Please include the total number of both active and inactive registered families and individuals.
- **Faith Formation and Other Ministries:** For the number of children, teens and adults in your Faith Formation programs and other ministries (#s 11-13), please include the number enrolled/attending at the end of 2023. If you are uncertain of the exact number, please use your current statistics.
- **Average Weekend Mass Attendance:** As in past years, please note that item #3 asks for an “average” weekend Mass attendance. Totals for the periods requested are to be divided by the number of Sundays during that period (Example: The total weekend attendance for all Masses during the period Jun.-Aug. is 15,600. There are 13 Sundays during those three months. Average weekend attendance would be 1,200. This is the number which should be listed on your report).
- **Marriage information:** Please also include “Convalidations” along with marriages in items #9a, b, and c, depending upon the religious status of the parties. If you have any questions about the information requested in this report, please contact me at (727) 341-6832 or by email: rwells@dosp.org.
- **Total Deaths:** We are only requesting the total number of deaths entered into your parish Death Register during the calendar year. There is no need to calculate the number of casket burials and cremations, as in the past.

Submitting the report:

- You may submit this report in one of the following ways:
 - **Mail:** Diocese of St. Petersburg, Office of the Chancellor, P.O. Box 40200, St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0200
 - **E-mail:** You may scan and attach your report in an e-mail to: mtg@dosp.org

If you need an extra copy of the report:

- Go to the diocesan website: www.dosp.org.
- In the menu shown under “Diocese of St. Petersburg”, select “Ministries and Offices”
- A drop-down menu will appear with offices listed in alphabetical order. From the menu, click on “Chancellor for Canonical Affairs”
- On the Chancellor’s Office page, you will find “2023 Status Animarum fillable form” at the bottom of the page, under “Policies and Resources.” You can open the document in PDF format, fill in the data fields online and print. Please keep a hard copy for your parish records.

Thank you for your time and effort. Questions and feedback are always welcome. Have a blessed 2024!

Diocese of St. Petersburg
STATUS ANIMARUM
Due March 1, 2024

For the calendar year Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023

Parish Name _____

City _____

Prepared by _____

Pastor's Signature _____

Date _____

CATHOLIC POPULATION

1. Number of registered Catholic **families**..... _____
2. Total number of registered Catholic **individuals** (*Total of adults, teens, children, infants*)... _____
3. Average total Mass attendance for each weekend during Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2023..... _____
 - a.) Average total weekend attendance for **June - August** _____
 - b.) Average total weekend attendance for **January-May and September-December** ... _____
4. Ethnic population (*Please estimate total **number of individuals** of significant groups*)
 - a.) Black _____ b.) Hispanic _____ c.) Asian/Filipino _____
 - d.) Other significant ethnic groups (*please specify and provide numbers below*):

SACRAMENTS

5. Baptisms during the past calendar year:
 - a.) Infants and small children (ages 0 – 6 years)..... _____
 - b.) Minors and adults (ages 7 and up) (*Please include those baptized through RCIA*)..... _____
 - c.) Total Baptisms (from lines a and b)..... _____
6. Total Received into Full Communion..... _____
(This includes all those previously baptized Christians received into the Catholic Church through a Profession of Faith. Please do not include those listed on line 5b).

7. First Holy Communions..... _____
(This includes children who made their First Holy Communion AND adults who were initiated into the Church through Baptism/Confirmation AND adults received into full communion).
8. Confirmations..... _____
(Please include children, youth and adults from your parish initiated through baptism and those received into Full Communion, even if the confirmation ceremony was held at another parish church)
9. Total Marriages (*including* Convalidations)..... _____
 a.) Both parties Catholic (*including* Convalidations)..... _____
 b.) One Catholic / One non-Catholic Christian (*including* Convalidations)..... _____
 c.) One Catholic / One non-baptized (*including* Convalidations)..... _____
10. Total Deaths..... _____

FAITH FORMATION / YOUTH PROGRAMS

11. Parish Religious Education/Faith Formation—Statistics as of Dec. 31, 2023
(Please indicate total number of students under instruction in a program for children not enrolled in a Catholic school. Only include children actually enrolled in an instructional setting. For example, if your parish does not have classes for High School, do not indicate those who are attending youth ministry groups in this category).

Pre-K _____	Kindergarten _____	Grade 1 _____	Grade 2 _____
Grade 3 _____	Grade 4 _____	Grade 5 _____	Grade 6 _____
Grade 7 _____	Grade 8 _____	Special Needs _____	

Home Catechesis (parents provided curriculum by parish for instruction of children at home) _____

RCIA Adapted for children (*Ages 7-13*) _____

Total High School (9-12)..... _____

Total from above (*All categories under #11*) _____

12. Youth Activities (*Youth involved in some type of youth program, other than religious instruction*)

Total Middle School (6-8) _____ Total High School (9-12) _____

13. Adult Formation (*Approximate number attending any of the following*):

Parish-based marriage instruction..... _____

RCIA (*ages 14 and up*)..... _____

Other (list groups): _____

Total participants in other groups..... _____

MINISTRIES

14. Total number of entries in Sick Register..... _____

(Include total from hospital visits, homebound, ALFs, nursing homes, etc.)

- a.) List names of hospitals, nursing homes, ALFs, and other health-care facilities
located within your parish boundaries *(If the list is extensive, please include it on a separate sheet)*

15. Clergy residing in parish boundaries

(Please list names, addresses and telephone numbers of priests or deacons living within your parish boundaries, whether active or retired, who do not have an official assignment from the diocese. Please indicate if their residence is seasonal.

Also, please place an asterisk next to the names of those priests who actively assist in your parish in some capacity).*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

16. Physical structures:

- a.) Total number of structures where weekday and weekend Masses are offered..... _____

- b.) Please list each location and seating capacity of each:
