

## Have you ever wondered.....?

In the Prayer of the Faithful, we frequently pray for vocations to our Archdiocesan Seminary. We'd like to share the most recent statistics with you, so you will understand why your prayers are so necessary for this intention.

Total Priests in the Archdiocese of Boston: 614

Senior/Disabled Priests: 233 (Average age 81)

Active Priests: 381, or only 62% of our priests are active (Average age 59)

Active Priests in Assignment: 354, or 93% of all active priests

Total parishes in our Archdiocese 290

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Matthew 9: 38

## **Prayer for Vocations**

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands.

So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus.

Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love.

We, the baptized, realize our call to serve.

Help us to know how.

Call forth from among us diocesan priests, deacons, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.

With our hearts you continue to love your people.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen.