CATHOLIC POPULATION COMPARED TO TOTAL POPULATION
Catholics represent less than nine percent of the population in the 38 counties which comprise the Diocese of Jefferson City. While there is a growth in the overall population, the number of Catholics has been decreasing slightly.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS
The celebration of the sacraments reflects relative stability or a gradual downward shift in the celebration of infant baptisms, first communions, confirmation and marriages. However, we have seen a 29% decline in Mass attendance since 2001. Every October, parishes are asked to count Mass attendance. The graph on the next page illustrates those numbers for the parishes in a deanery. There are eight deaneries in the diocese.