



Dear Parents,

The United States of America is undertaking its decennial (every ten years) Census in 2020. As the U.S. Bishops remind us: "Our country conducts a Census every ten years to count the number of men, women, and children residing in the United States. Census data helps direct more than \$800 billion annually to key programs designed to advance the common good, strengthen families, and reduce poverty. The Catholic Church and other service providers rely on the national Census to provide an accurate count in order to effectively serve those in need."

As Catholics, we believe that the dignity of every human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. When we answer the Census and help our neighbors do so too, we declare that we are part of "we the people" and we refuse to be excluded from the critical resources and political representation that we deserve.

Our community benefits from everyone being counted, and we have one chance in a decade to get it right. The 2020 Census' impact on our communities and our nation is profound. It shapes everything from whether we have fair political representation in Congress to whether our roads, hospitals, schools, and fire departments have the funding they need to support our health and well-being for the next decade. A full, accurate count lays the foundation for a healthy democracy and communities where families thrive and flourish.

Your census information is confidential, and we have a legal and moral responsibility to take part. When you fill out the Census, your personally identifiable information will not be shared with any other government agency. Your information is confidential and protected by ironclad federal laws. It is important to note that, by law, each person living in the United States is required to participate in the Census.

It is important that everyone participate in the Census, including everyone in our immigrant communities who may not have been counted in the past Census. We need your help in mobilizing our community to participate and be counted in 2020.

How to respond:

Online: www.2020census.gov

Phone:

- English: 844-330-2020
- Spanish: 844-468-2020
- Or go to <https://2020census.gov/en/contact-us.html>, for more phone numbers.

Please help us in this important effort to get our children and faith community counted.

Sincerely,

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